



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mira Mesa Branch Library
8405 New Salem Street
San Diego, CA 92126

Members Present:

Lisa Sorce, Chair

William Beck, 1st Vice-Chair

Douglas Case, 2nd Vice-Chair

Joe Craver

Diana Dent

Taura Gentry

Brandon Hilpert

Thomas Lincoln

Larry McMinn

Joyce Mohrlock

Charlene McAdory

Pieter O'Leary

Mary O'Tousa

Pauline Theodore

Kathy Vandenheuvel

Nancy Vaughn

Martin Workman

Members Absent:

Godwin Higa

Ernestine Smith

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, CRB

William Gersten, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Anastasia Smith, Captain, San Diego Police Department

Marshall White, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

Angelica Navarro - Mora, Detective, Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department

Denise Sandoval, Executive Secretary, CRB

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:** The Chair welcomed the Prospective Board Members to the Board. Each Prospective Board Member was introduced by the Chair. All Prospective Board Members were in attendance at the meeting. The list of the Prospective Board Members are as follows: Sheila Holtrop, Dr. Reinaldo Galindo, Dr. Maria Nieto-Senour, John Sieger, Richard Stanford, and Rebecca Williams.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chair moved to approve the CRB Open Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (speaker slip required): It was noted that there were no public comments.
- V. GUEST SPEAKER (Marla Kinkade, Police Liaison and Dr. Mark Morgan, Director, Psychiatric Emergency Response Team-PERT) PERT is an organization that helps to aid San Diego's law enforcement organizations in the emergency response of psychiatric related cases. To be a clinician for PERT, you must be licensed and have the ability to respond and issue a "5150," or the involuntary confinement of an individual who poses a threat to themselves or others based on their mental stability. There are currently thirty four teams of clinicians that serve with different law enforcement agencies in San Diego. The San Diego Police Department currently has twelve (12) clinicians from PERT. The role of the PERT clinicians is to assist in assessing calls regarding individuals in need of psychiatric care. When a calls come in, PERT clinicians are sent to the scene only after the scene is secure because they do not carry any form of defensive weapon. Out of the nearly seventeen thousand (17,000) calls PERT responds to annually about six thousand and five hundred (6,500) of those cases could be considered someone who is in serious danger. Out of the six thousand and five hundred (6,500) individuals who are a serious danger, only about fifty (50) percent are taken to the hospital and the alternative resources are provided to the other half of these individuals.

PERT is attempting integrate mental health into law enforcement. PERT clinicians attend line up with officers in their assigned SDPD Divisions. The goal of having a clinician within the division is to assimilate PERT's values as a part of law enforcement, as well as help to both familiarize law enforcement officers with mental health terms and clinicians with law enforcement terms and codes. PERT also offers training and certification programs to teach officers how to interact with individuals with mental illnesses and disabilities, how to build trust and consistency, the procedures of clinicians, and much more.

Currently PERT's objective is to reduce the waiting times of individuals who are taken to the hospital. The existing average is thirty four (34) minutes, with some hospitals having over an hour long wait time, because of lack of beds and space. In the last few months, PERT was able to advocate for the importance of faster waiting times, which resulted in the waiting time at a few hospitals being cut in half.

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)
 - A. Continuing Education Committee (Charlene McAdory) – It was reported that the Committee has two new members, Pieter O'Leary and Taura Gentry. It was further reported that the Committee will have a calendar out soon of all events from March until November. The Committee is looking for suggestions and ideas for educational topics as well.
 - B. Outreach Committee (Ernestine Smith and Taura Gentry) – It was reported that the members will be contacted regarding another committee meeting in the near future. The Co-Chair added that it is very important to participate in Outreach to help educate as many citizens as possible about the Board. It was also reported that the Committee will be editing the Outreach pamphlet.

- C. Rules Committee (Doug Case) – It was reported that the Committee recently met and will be meeting again in the near future about operational standing rules.
- D. Policy Committee (Joe Craver) – It was reported that the Committee had four items on its agenda. The first item on the agenda was regarding the Sobering Center. It was further reported that the committee does not have any more information on cameras at the new sobering center.

The second item on the agenda was regarding the police officer training when dealing with the mentally ill. It was reported that the number is currently at about forty percent. The third item was regarding the check on prisoner’s wellbeing while in custody in police vehicles. The Committee will be looking into the policy on what amount of time must an officer check on a prisoner who is in a police vehicle. The last item on the agenda was regarding the prisoner van seatbelt policy. The current policy in place was read. The Committee proposes a motion to make a formal recommendation to the San Diego Police Department to add a fourth section to their current policy that states that if any officer uses any alternative to properly seat belting a prisoner, they must document their actions. The motion to recommend a change to this policy was approved.

- E. Recruitment & Retention Committee (William Beck) – It was reported that there were six Prospective Members joining the Board, with three more who are undergoing background checks through the police department. The dates and locations of the training components for the prospective members were mentioned. The Prospective Members were asked to schedule ride-alongs before March 15th. It was also reported that there will be a debriefing of the Prospective Member’s ride alongs, as well as a training on the case procedures with Internal Affairs.

VII. CHAIR’S REPORT (Lisa Sorce)

- A. CRB Retreat – It was reported that the CRB Retreat will take place on March 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It was reported that the retreat would be focused on strategic planning and brainstorming, as well as creating new committees. The Chair also reported that she attended a meeting with the League of Women Voters where she presented on the role of the CRB.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Sharmaine Moseley)

- A. Executive Director Moseley began her report by reminding the Board of the importance of outreach. It was reported that the Executive Director is looking for suggestions of groups in which she can publicize the work of the CRB. The Executive Director reported that she was invited to attend the Navajo Community Group meeting in April. She also reported that she was invited to speak at California Western School of Law. She invited the Board to attend these two events with her. It was also reported that the Executive Director will be beginning the FBI Academy starting on March 1st.
- B. CRB Caseload Update – It was reported that the Board has a total of eighteen (18) cases to review. It was reported that at the last board meeting the number of closed out cases reported at the last open session meeting was incorrect. In this fiscal year, the Board closed out fifty cases. It was reported that after the closed session meeting, the Board had closed out fifty seven cases. It was reported that Team One has two cases, Team Two has four cases, Team Three has three cases, Team Four has three cases, Team Five has four cases, and Team Seven has two cases. The Board made comments that the number of cases per team reported by the Executive Director may be incorrect. The number of cases will be updated at the next meeting.

- C. The Executive Director reminded Board Members to submit their Educational Opportunity Forms as well. She also reminded that the ride alongs were a very important component to the Education Opportunities.
 - D. Annual Report – The Executive Director reported that she is in the process of finalizing the Annual Report. It was reported that she is halfway done with the report.
- IX. SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Executive Assistant Chief David Ramirez)
- It was reported that the Prospective Members will undergo training at the Academy on March 12. The Board was heavily encouraged to attend the training session as there would be many great resources for the Board.
- X. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT (William “Bill” Gersten)
- The City Attorney had no report.
- XI. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws
- Committee Chair Douglas Case read the proposed revisions to the bylaws. The first amendment to the bylaws was regarding voting in quorum. It was reported that the current bylaws state that Board members can only abstain from voting in two circumstances. The two reported circumstances were if the Board Member had a conflict of interest with the vote or if the Board Member missed part of the presentation. The Committee made the suggestion to allow Board Members to abstain from a vote at any time as long as the Board Member states the reason in which they are abstaining from the vote. Doug Case moved to accept the suggestive change. Joe Craver seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - The second item discussed by the Committee was the section on the Public Comment. Doug Case moved to accept the motion that the Board should not adopt the amendment as there is already a procedure in place for dealing with issues as it arises. Joe Craver seconded the motion. The motion to not accept the amendment to the section of the bylaws on Public Comment carried.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT
- The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Materials Provided

- Minutes from CRB Open Session Meeting of January 26, 2016
- Suggested Revisions to CRB Bylaws