

# CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD ON POLICE PRACTICES

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

### Point Loma Library

3701 Voltaire Street, Community Room

San Diego, CA 92107

#### Members Present:

Sandra Arkin

Dian Black

Harry Bonnell

Benetta Buell-Wilson

Dan Frazee, Chair

Jim Herrera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Godwin Higa

James Kaese, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Jude Litzenberger

Yuki Marsden

Lucy Pearson

Barbara Penn

Nancy Vaughn

Stuart Simmons

Kathryn Vandenheuvel

Caroleen Williams

William Yee

#### Members Excused:

Jim Bray

Darrel Harrison

#### Members Not Excused:

David Brown

Briggett Mitchell

#### Prospective Members Present:

Mike Freedman

Jim Hurl

Bill Beck

Robin Kaufman

#### Prospective Members Excused:

Jeff Iverson (LOA)

Shannon Jaccard

Eric Miller

#### Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, Citizens' Review Board

Sharon Marshall, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Brian Ahearn, Lieutenant Internal Affairs, San Diego Police Department

Richard Metz, Police Detective, San Diego Police Department

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Frazee at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **MINUTES APPROVAL:** October 26, 2010 approved with correction made concerning the attendance of Bill Beck. Nancy Vaughn Abstained in the approval of the minutes due to the attendance showing that she was absent.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sharon Bair – Ms. Bair requested to know about the Citizens' Bill of Rights and the process of the document as well as, requesting the number of disability cases the Board has seen?
- IV. **PRESENTATION: Brain Injury Research**

**Dr. Cynthia Boyd, Neuropsychologist with the Department of Defense**

**V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

A. Members' Training Reports:

- Goodwin Higa & Bill Beck– Child Abuse Training @ Miramar
- Michael Freedman – Ride-a-long with Mid-City (2<sup>nd</sup> Watch) witnessed a curfew sweep and a Juvenile Hall booking
- Nancy Vaughn – Went to Menu Training on Cyber Security Search & Seizure

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

A. Policy Committee – Jim Bray

- Pert trained officer @ stadium events during field investigations, Lt. Ahearn to take the lead on this.
- Develop policy on use of force with people with disabilities in the field, what kind of language to insert in protocol, will be needed and goal procedure addendum, Lt. Ahearn to take the lead on this.
- Circumstances to include Police Officers or Complainants record should be decided on case by case basis.
- Clarify force based on accident/incidental, Jim Kaese, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair to take the lead.

B. Training Committee – Darrel Harrison

- Officer Safety Training to start in January

C. Outreach Committee – Nancy Vaughn – None

D. Recruitment & Retention Committee – Sandra Arkin

- The Committee met on October 28 and discussed the following
  - 62 applications were received. However, Most of them did not result in the diversity we strived for. The next time a press release is sent out, follow up phone calls to media which have a targeted audience as their readership would be a good idea.
  - A more comprehensive look at the Red Binder should be offered after the initial six month training period. Additionally, a comprehensive session on case review and report writing will be offered again after PMs have been on a Team for at least three months. Team Leaders will be reminded that one of their jobs is to train PMs on how to review cases and write reports.
  - We modified the overview for the interview questions and the questions themselves.
  - 28 people will be interviewed. The Committee determined that, since at least eight CRB members will be leaving within the next two years, it would be appropriate to have at least 12 to 15 Prospective Members in this class.
- Interviews were held on November 17, 18 and 19. On the interview panel were Sandra Arkin, Danell Scarborough and either Patrick Hunter or Scott Fulkerson. The panel determined that they could send the agreed upon 12 to 15 people to background checks. Lt. Ahearn and the Mayor's office have confirmed that the background checks and appointments could be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> and training will begin in January.

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – None**

**VII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Dan Frazee - None**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Danell Scarborough**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**X. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 PM**

**\*\* Materials Provided:**

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**\* Supplemental Attachments:**