



King County
Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
Community Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight
Meeting Summary

Friday, October 27, 2017
12:30 - 2:30PM
Chinook Building Conference Center, Room 124

Committee Members Present

- Honorable David Baker, Position 1, Co-Chair
- Sili Savusa, Position 5, Co-Chair
- Tamika Moss, Position 7
- Mia Gregerson, Position 8 (on the phone)
- Abel Pacheco, Position 9 (on the phone)

Committee Members Absent:

- Liz Campbell, Position 11
- Reverend Steve Baber, Position 4

King County Staff

- Deborah Jacobs, Director – Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
- Toshiko Hasegawa, Communications Manager – Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

Guest

- Joe Nguyen, IT Analyst – Microsoft, prospective CAC applicant

1. **Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 12:49 p.m. by Co-Chair Sili Savusa. Deborah mentioned to the committee that she is officially assigning Toshiko as the lead staff working with the CAC.
2. **Let's Connect.** Sili Savusa turned the floor over to Toshiko Hasegawa to guide meeting participants in an icebreaker exercise. Each person present took a turn saying what they gave up to make it to the meeting, or what they would have been doing otherwise.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The committee adopted the minutes from September 22, 2017 by acclamation.
4. **Updates**

- **Equity & Social Justice**

On October 15, 2017, Tamika Moss received a response from Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Pugel requesting to meet with her to determine the best format in which he can respond on behalf of KCSO, and to ensure all are aware of the efforts currently being made and planned for the future. The committee interpreted this e-mail as KCSO not being familiar with how to submit an ESJ Strategic Plan and decided the next course of action would be to suggest for Matias Valenzuela of OESJ and Jim Pugel/Sheriff Urquhart of KCSO meet directly to discuss ESJ expectations, and for Tamika Moss of the CAC and Toshiko Hasegawa of OLEO to also be present to support this process. Toshiko and Tamika are to coordinate with Matias to make a response to the Sheriff's Office and meet with them by mid-December. Deborah is to find out how many other departments are out of compliance with the ESJ Strategic Plan.

- **King County Executive**

Toshiko reported that the letter of support to KC Exec Dow Constantine was sent by Tamika Moss on behalf of the CAC. She has not yet received a reply. Mayor Baker mentioned he was willing to spearhead an effort to do a joint letter of support from contract cities to send to Dow. No motion or vote on this action item took place.

- **Process for future Letters of Support**

Toshiko shared a document outlining a recommended process for letter writing as a result of a miscommunication that took place regarding the aforementioned ESJ & KC Exec joint letter projects. Toshiko mentioned that many people don't see each other's edits because instead of "reply all", they only "reply" directly to her. Mia mentioned that's because if they "reply all", it would make the thread an official meeting, because decisions are being made, and all such forums must be made public. Deborah responded that all e-mails are open to public disclosure, so she's not sure that's the case, but would find out for sure whether "reply all" violates the open meeting act.

5. Outreach Updates

- **Pamphlets**

Toshiko shared the OLEO brochures with the group. David Baker recommended sharing them with contract cities PD's and City Halls for distribution and took 15 to bring to Kenmore City Hall and said he'd be in touch for more.

- **Letters in support of OLEO**

Toshiko mentioned there are a total of 8 letters of support sent in to KC Exec Dow Constantine in support of OLEO. 11 others are being worked on.

- **Campaign Season Guidelines**

Toshiko informed the committee that some members have struggled with balancing their role on the CAC with their extra-curricular political activism, and urged the members to recuse themselves from political advocacy around the Sheriff's race as it is incumbent upon the CAC to demonstrate impartiality.

6. Process for Officer Involved Shootings

Deborah presented a document outlining KCSO's process in responding to officer-involved shootings. She said the information in the document has been vetted through KCSO for accuracy. Deborah asked the committee to consider whether the questions on the back of the page were the right ones to ask from the public perspective. Mayor Baker asked who attends the Use of Force review board. Deborah responded that one OLEO staffer is allowed to attend but OLEO would like to have the right to have more than one attend. Sheriff Urquhart has said that the Review Board should be open to the public. There was mention that POG President Steve Eggert writes a lot of the policy for KCSO and questions were raised about whether that's a conflict of interest.

7. Contract City Annual Report – Comprehensive Analytical Review

CAC applicant Joe Nguyen made a Powerpoint presentation to the committee.

- Contract Cities are smaller, spend less money and have fewer officers.
- Beaux Arts village pays \$25,000 for an officer to drive through one square mile
- Larceny drives 43% of crime in contract cities.
- Cities with higher crime rates also spend more money, but correlation does not mean causation.
- Which contract cities are reporting on views? Who is being stopped? What is an "on view" to each department? Deborah will inquire and follow up at the next meeting.

Mia described that there are other factors that impact data: legalization of marijuana, school districts – when policies are changing and how they're funding SRO's, the impact of their presence in communities, DV specialists at PD's, proximity to jail, rapid ride service – such as the C route vs. the A, B, D routes, if community members ask for interpreters and get turned down, animal control services.

Joseph asked the CAC to keep in mind that qualitative data is more important than actual quantitative data. What is the story behind the numbers? Deborah would like for Joe to present to Robin Rask of KCSO and potentially bring it to the County Council's Law & Justice committee. Deborah suggested we bring in SU CRJS Professor Dr. Matthew Hickman to present on the concept of "over policing" in communities.

8. Nominations Update

Toshiko informed the group that Joe Nguyen's application has been advanced to the next stages in the process and that four other people are interested in the learning more about joining. Mayor Baker suggested we approach the Muckleshoot Tribe about a tribal member or representative joining the committee.

9. Planning & Scheduling for 2018

Due to time constraints, Toshiko said she would provide a form electronically to the CAC for them to fill out and return via e-mail. Deborah mentioned that elections for 2018 Committee Chairmanship would take place in January, 2018.

10. December 2017 Meeting Plans

The committee expressed an interest in doing an end-of-year party, but the regular meeting date is inconvenient and too close to the actual holiday. Mayor Baker said he's out of town the first two weeks of December. Toshiko will e-mail a doodle poll to find a date/time that works best for the group. Mia mentioned we could invite all people who wrote letters in support of OLEO and have a listening session at that time. David Baker suggested Four Seas as a location. Toshiko will investigate locations close to lightrail, metro with a parking lot.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2:30