



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission

Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023, 11:30AM – 12:30 PM

Subcommittee Members:

Subcommittee Chair Estela de los Rios
Subcommittee Vice-Chair Eleanor Evans
Commission Member Cinnamon Clark
Commission Member Rodney Fowler
Commission Member Sheriff Kelly Martinez
Commission Member Dennis Hodges
Commission Member Gina Roberts
Commission Member Angela Elliott Santos

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM
2. Roll Call
 - Present:
Estela De Los Rios, Angela Elliot-Santos, Eleanor Evans, Rodney Fowler, Gina Roberts, David Garcias, Edith Sanchez-Cruz (Sheriff Proxy)
 - Absent:
Cinnamon Clark, Dennis Hodges
3. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Subcommittee on any subject matter within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, but not an item on today's agenda.
 - None
4. Discussion Item: Review of Strategic Plan Action Points (presented by Janie Regier, Equity Impact Manager, Office of Equity and Racial Justice)
 - Chair De Los Rios:
 - Janie wrote out our subcommittee goals.
 - Gave brief recap on the reason for the Public Safety subcommittee and brief list of presenters in the past.
 - Connecting community and law enforcement
 - Going forward become liaisons for civil peace.
 - Commissioner Fowler: Did Sheriff Anthony Ray get to update the new Sheriff on our subcommittee before he left?
 - A: Edit Sanchez-Cruz – Yes
 - Commissioner Roberts:
 - Goals look good, but perhaps broach homelessness, fentanyl deaths, juvenile fentanyl deaths.

- Focus on homelessness, mental health, and drug overdoses. Get more community involvement in these areas.
- Commissioner Evans: In terms of public safety, “How to be safe riding the trolley”, we need to provide something simplistic that everyone can participate in.
 - What is fentanyl?
 - A: Edith Sanchez-Cruz – At the Sheriff department we are already educating the public, the DA department also does presentations, we can provide a presentation.
 - If we can provide education to public about fentanyl that would be great.
- Commissioner Elliot-Santos: Shared personal fentanyl deaths and the impact of taking drugs laced with fentanyl.
 - Working on getting Narcan dispensers in the casinos.
 - If we can go out into the community to educate on fentanyl and the risk of taking a drug laced with fentanyl.
- Chair De Los Rios: We are here to educate the community and ourselves.
- Janie Regier: Gave background on the Strategic Action Plan of the HRC
 - Would recommend moving forward with initiatives the subcommittee takes into consideration with the Strategic Action Plan
- Member of the Public, Tom Packard: Concurs with everything said, especially mental health. understands educating the Sheriffs field officers on mental health responses. Sheriffs’ department should have systematic look at jail deaths.
 - Commissioner Evans: I have received newsletters and updates from the Sheriff’s department.
 - Commissioner Garcias: In terms of Mental Health responses, PERT teams go out with law enforcement, this is controlled by Board of Supervisors (BOS)
 - How many PERT teams go out with law enforcements?
 - Could we increase that amount?
 - Commissioner De Los Rios: Dr. Bergmann gave presentation to this subcommittee and budget for PERT teams. I thought PERT and Mobile Response Team were connected.
 - Janie Regier: Dr Bergmann spoke about Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and not PERT but will reach out to find out more information and share with subcommittee.
- Commissioner Fowler: Regarding Commissioner Evans and Garcias statements, in taking public transportation, going out and experience the trolley and learning what is needed and their point of view in public transport. Such as public restrooms. These are issues we should talk about.
 - Edith Sanchez-Cruz: We should engage MTS security since they have their own law enforcement officers.
 - Commissioner Fowler MTS security just deals with actual stops and nothing more, but more than welcome to learn more from MTS.
 - Commissioner Evans: Agrees with Commissioner Fowler
 - Commissioner Garcias: Regarding public bathroom, if none are provided, then they will go on the public sidewalks/areas instead; reason Hep A became prevalent again like it did several years ago.
 - Commissioner Roberts: Shared a personal story on ordering port-a-potties for a Valley Center event. Not sure how public restrooms is a Public Safety issue.
 - Commissioner Fowler: Thinks it is a public safety issue.
- Member of the Public- Tom Packard: Glad you are reviewing the HRC Strategic Plan and moving forward with it. It mentions Root Causes, but I have not heard anything on that topic. PERT has a long response time. MCRT funding has been increased, but not fully staffed, a big issue is 911 calls, people know they can call 911 operators who have received training to assess situations regarding law enforcement response or a mental

health response, perhaps getting stats on mental health calls.

- Chair De Los Rios, need more information and presentations on PERT, Fentanyl and MTS security.
 - Edith: I would suggest Fentanyl education first, Sheriff department can present when you are ready. Then PERT and MTS.
 - Edith Sanchez-Crus and Commissioner Elliot-Santos will co-present on Fentanyl education for the July meeting.
- Commissioner Roberts: Going forward, can we extend meetings from 60 minutes to 90 minutes to be able to discuss more issues?
 - Cindy Jones: Suggests having Public Safety subcommittee meeting on same day as HRC meeting of July 18, tentative time 1:00 PM
- Commissioner Roberts: Motion move meeting to third Tuesday of the month and for it to be 90 minutes. Seconded by Rodney Fowler.
 - July 18th we will add to agenda for future meetings and vote.

5. Discussion Item: Continued planning for Town Hall on Jail Deaths

- Potential action to vote on whether to move forward with a Town Hall on Jail Deaths
 - Commissioner Roberts: There are many organizations working on Jail Deaths, we should observe and comment and move on to something that we can be more effective with.
 - Commissioner Fowler: Everyone in the County that is in law enforcement knows they are being scrutinized.
 - Commissioner Garcias: I would like to still have a jail tour and understanding from the Sheriff department, what the 7 jails medical procedures are for pre-existing conditions for inmates.
 - Edit Sanchez-Cruz: Jail tour dates will be sent to HRC commissioners soon, will give processes during tours as well.
 - Commissioner Elliot-Santos: We should not drop jail deaths altogether, but perhaps we can have a commissioner member join one of the other organizations/meetings to be a representative.

6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM