



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission

Public Safety Subcommittee Minutes

July 18, 2023, 1:00PM – 2:30 PM

Subcommittee Members:

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

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 1:24 PM
2. Roll Call
 - **Present:**
Rodney Fowler, Kelly Martinez, Gina Roberts, David Garcias, Angela Elliott Santos
 - **Absent:**
Estela De Los Rios, Eleanor Evans, Dennis Hodges
3. Land Acknowledgement
 - Janie Regier read the land acknowledgement.
4. 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
5. Action Item:
 - Align remaining Public Safety Subcommittee Meetings to occur on the same day as the Leon L. Williams Human Relations Commission Meetings for 2023
 - Expand meeting length from 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes.
 - Motioned for both items by Gina Roberts, seconded by David Garcias.
 - Vote:
 - Rodney Fowler – aye
 - Kelly Martinez – aye
 - Gina Roberts – aye

- David Garcias – aye
- Angela Elliot Santos – aye

- Motion Passes

6. Presentation: Impact of Fentanyl in San Diego County and Public Safety Response (Presented by: Commission Member Angela Elliott Santos and Edith Sanchez Cruz, Community Inclusion Director, San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.)
 - Presentation by Sheriff department, Captain Pat Shannon
 - Julie Wochuk, Program Manager/Chemical Dependency Counselor and Kassandra Mason, LMFT, Behavior Health Director at Southern Indian Health Council spoke on the body's reaction to fentanyl and opioids.
 - Lieutenant Ford briefed the subcommittee on Harm Reduction Kits history within the Sheriff department and Community. Kits are available at sheriff stations and substations, no questions asked. Kits were provided to those in attendance.
 - The above presentation is attached
 - Comments:
 - Commissioner Elliot Santos encourages people to reach out for assistance if you know anyone that is using drugs or needs help. Thanked guest speakers.
 - Sheriff Kelly Martinez reiterates that these are people, and we need to do all we can to get the drugs and dealers off the street.
 - Commissioner Fowler thanked the Sheriff department for their presentation. Shared personal story of growing up and raising children around drug users and needing to move, but understanding others aren't always capable of moving homes.
 - Commissioner Garcias Q: How is the coordination with other municipalities? Doing more on outreach? Do you give kits to other departments?
 - Answer – Sheriff Martinez: We offered to other agencies, some have chosen to do accept, some have not. We work with local, state, federal and tribal, it's a collaborative effort. If you have a drug trafficker in your neighborhood, you need to come forward and report them. We all need to work together to solve issue.
7. Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM