

**Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission  
Mental Health and CIT Subcommittee  
May 14, 2015, 7:30PM  
Room 8, Fairfax County Government Center**

Meeting began at 7:30

Committee Members Present:

Del. Marcus Simon  
Pete Earley  
Robert Cluck  
Gary Ambrose  
Jim Diehl  
Ron Kidwell  
Kevin Bell

Members Absent:

Bob Vernola  
Michael Buckler

Others Present:

Clayton Medford  
Del. Vivian Watts  
Rev. Alvie Milton  
Diane Engster  
Gordon Dean  
John Lovaas (Commission alternate)  
Daria Akers  
David Mangano  
Claudia Arko  
Andrea Tetreault

Welcome and introductions

Del. Simon said he hopes to build consensus around specific actionable recommendations the Board of Supervisors can act on. Members gave brief summaries of their backgrounds and experiences that led them to volunteer to serve on the subcommittee. Members of the public introduced themselves. Del. Simon said that if any members of the public would like to serve to make that known.

Del. Vivian Watts asked to join the subcommittee and there was no objection.

Mr. Bell briefly outlined two documents presented to the subcommittee – the Board Agenda Item and Crisis Intervention Training: Fairfax Implementation Facts, and the budget needs that he believes will accompany the subcommittee’s recommendations.

Mr. Earley said the presence of Judge Dennis Smith in the process would be very helpful. Del. Watts volunteered to sit down with Judge Smith as she is a member of the Criminal Law Subcommittee of the General Assembly.

The subcommittee discussion moved into the scope.

The subcommittee decided to include the Sheriff's Office. Del. Simon said that the Board does not control the policy of the Sheriff and these would be unsolicited recommendations. Mr. Kidwell said the Sheriff would welcome the recommendations.

Discussion was held on the different methods of CIT in the Police Department and the Adult Detention Center, and diversion and intercept programs. Mr. Earley agreed to provide documentation on intercept programs.

Del. Simon said scope should include Sheriff's Office, review of previous reports and initiatives proposed and not implemented. Mr. Cluck said he will provide report on Fairfax's effort to create a sequential intercept model.

Del. Simon said that II.A. should include Fairfax County

Without objection, the subcommittee asked that a member of FCPD be appointed to the subcommittee.

Discussion was held on II.B. – policies for identifying vulnerable individuals  
Members discussed what happens when someone calls 911 when a family member is having a mental health crisis, the availability of CIT-trained officers, emergency room visits and knowing when to visit CSB or emergency room,

Mr. Earley agreed to get details on programs in Miami and San Antonio/Bexar County.

Discussion was held on II.C. – CIT training of officers  
Mr. Ambrose will provide a document on CIT essential elements produced by Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services.  
Del. Simon said II.C. reads: subcommittee should learn what is the ideal level of CIT training.

Discussion was held on II.D. – requiring CIT-trained officer to be at scene where force may be used  
Members discussed the origin of the item and what the purpose behind it might be. Del. Simon will speak with Chairman Hershman regarding this item.

Discussion was held on II.E. – responding to medical emergencies  
Without objection, a request was made to have staff from Mobile Crisis present to the subcommittee at a future meeting.  
Members again discussed the need to include Sheriff's Office in the scope of their work and recommendations.

Mr. Earley recommended looking at successful models like Bexar County and develop recommendations on that instead of only analyzing gaps in service in Fairfax County.

Discussion moved to III.

Del. Simon said Sheriff's Office should be added to this item as it is in item I.

Discussion moved to Item IV. on the Agenda

VFOIA review was handled by Mr. Medford at the beginning of the meeting. Del. Simon repeated any members of the public can become full members just contact Mr. Medford.

Discussion moved on process and meeting schedule and presentations.

Members requested a presentation from FCPD Ryan Morgan (CIT trainer).

Members requested a presentation from a representative from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office – Mr. Kidwell agreed to make that request.

Members requested a line officer that deals with the ground-level execution of CIT training and policies.

Members requested a presentation from Mobile Crisis about how that interacts with CIT. (Mr. Ambrose will provide Mr. Medford the name)

Members requested a presentation from a consumer of mental health services.

Next meeting will include presentations from FCPD, FCSO and the Mobile Crisis team at CSB and be held at 7:30pm on May 28. Subsequent meetings are tentatively scheduled for 7:30pm every other Thursday through July.

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