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**Committee Meeting Minutes  
Police Interactions Committee**

**Protection of Individuals with Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force  
July 6, 2021**

**Conducted via WebEx**

**Minutes**

Task Force Member Attendees: Bianca Carmago, Leigh Richie, Kathy Hunt-Muse, John Keigher, Darlene Perry, Colonel Akil Smith

Not present: Kathleen Bankhead, Fred Chinn, Bianca Carmago (second half of meeting)

1. Call to order
  - Meeting was called to Order at 3:36 pm – Leigh Richie, Member and Committee Chair
  - Roll Call completed with certification of number of members to constitute a quorum
2. Approval of June 21, 2021 meeting minutes
  - Leigh Richie, Chair asked that the committee give some time to review the minutes before voting and suggested edits based on her recollection. Edits were also provided by Kathy Hunt-Muse.
  - Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Leigh Richie, Member
  - Second of the Motion made by John Keigher, Member
  - Ayes have it and 0 Nays
3. Finalize and approve recommendations to present to the full task force:
  - Leigh Richie indicated that she would share her screen with the committee so that they could continue to work on the recommendations and thanked Kathy Hunt-Muse for her input as well as pointed out changes that had been made since the June 21, 2021 meeting. These changes were made to add more details. Leigh proposed going through each recommendation again to review for completion or revisions
  - The committee reviewed recommendation one and discussed deleting IL Guardianship and Advocacy as the identified responsible party. More time was given for committee members to review the recommendation
  - Darlene Perry spoke to not limiting the recommendation to just mental health concerns to which Leigh commented that all disabilities were included a bit earlier in the slide
  - John Keigher offered to have ILETSB as one of the responsible parties
  - Kathy Hunt-Muse indicated that she could assist with document clean-up after the call
  - The committee reviewed recommendation two and indicated that the committee had spent a considerable amount of time on this area last meeting. With Kathleen Bankhead's absence there

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is not the same ability to have a fruitful conversation which would help achieve middle ground. Kathy Hunt-Muse suggested listing IGAC as a responsible party for this area.

- Colonel Akil Smith referenced his experience in the field and trying to determine appropriate accommodations in the field. Indicated that in the judicial process there are opportunities to establish accommodations. Adding these processes in the field would hold up fieldwork progression. Mr. Smith queried what the previous meeting conversation was in relation to how officers would identify and offer accommodations
- Leigh Richie responded with her recollection about how this recommendation was developed and indicated that there were some members who wanted to take the recommendation a few steps further
- Darlene Perry asked clarifying questions about Col. Smith's reticence to the recommendation to which Mr. Smith responded with further concerns about the recommendation especially for
- Leigh Richie offered that the recommendation was written in such a way that is was broad and ideally there would be an advocate at the station who could meet with the citizen and determine what the citizens needs would be then make recommendations to law enforcement
- Leigh Richie indicated that they could add to the recommendation the need for resources and inquired if this addition could help alleviate Col. Smith's concerns
- Kathy Hunt-Muse expressed concerns about the recommendation and how to operationalize it especially considering how many locations persons involved with law enforcement are taken to upon arrest. Suggests structuring the recommendation to be able to be further developed
- Leigh Richie suggested that perhaps the committee needs to review the recommendation again and determine if they want to advance it to the whole task force
- Darlene Perry indicated that the recommendation as written seems to only address persons with ID/DD and not other impairments. She queried the rationale for removing physical impairments
- Kathy Hunt-Muse indicated removal of the physical impairment designation was inadvertent and indicated that perhaps that language should be reintroduced
- Darlene Perry made another suggestion about advocate availability upon citizen arrival to the police station versus somewhere in the criminal justice process (when they arrive vs. while they are at the police station). She suggests making it more general
- Leigh Richie posed concern about the language change morphing the original intention of timeframe to consult with an advocate
- The committee returned to conversation about the language concerning physical disabilities and batted around thoughts on reintroducing the language
- Darlene Perry stressed the importance of listing the disabilities to be addressed and Kathy Hunt-Muse posed the language was inappropriate for certain physical disabilities.
- Gia Orr, task force administrator asked the committee some clarifying questions about tasking IL Guardianship and Advocacy Commission with the oversight or creation of an advocate at stations and suggested that there be consideration for GAC's bandwidth and human capital currently and what that could look like for the future to handle organizing advocates with headcount and budgetary increases
- The committee members provided responses and Leigh Richie suggested coming back to that recommendation in the interest of time. Gia Orr offered to share what other committees were offering in the same realm as well
- The committee began to review recommendation three. John Keigher asked who the responsible party/parties would be and suggested a few agencies as well as methods for dispersing communication. The committee continued to ponder this and the resource disbursement that should also be created to meet the needs of the citizen in their particular county/region versus blanket statewide information only
- The committee moved on to review recommendation four regarding training.
- John Keigher made some suggestions about delivery of training like Mobile Training Units and in-service trainings within agencies

- Darlene Perry queried about adding language that references evaluating the training and effectiveness of the training to ensure it is meeting its intended purposes. Kathy Hunt-Muse asked a follow-up question about if periodic reviewing of training courses occurs already for courses
- The committee batted around language revisions and inclusions to shore up the recommendation
- The committee began to review recommendation five. Leigh Richie suggested that CAHOOTS be detailed out so that task force members understood its meaning. John Keigher suggested that instead of being detailed about one model, that the blanket term co-responder models be utilized as is the practice utilized by other entities
- The committee batted around additional language revisions and referenced adding other examples that are available in addition to CAHOOTS.
- Leigh Richie asked the committee their thoughts about Kathy Hunt-Muse’s query about including ICJIA as a responsible party for recommendation five
- The committee began to review recommendation six. John Keigher provided background information on the training and availability of CIT officers. He referenced encouraging cooperation between entities to ensure that there are a sufficient number of CIT officers on each shift. Leigh Richie asked questions about encouraging officers to participate in training
- Darlene Perry asked if there are any particular reasons why there are not CIT officers trained everywhere and John Keigher provided information to support reasons why there was not, but also referenced that there are more training opportunities available and given the times more officers have interest in the training
- Leigh Richie steered the committee back to recommendation 2 to see if there was any consensus on whether to keep this on the list and suggested language to add that may address concerns
- Darlene Perry indicated she wanted to keep the recommendation and the committee members continued to review and suggest language and rationales that could be included
- Leigh suggested entertaining a vote on the recommendations but acknowledged there was some additional material to add. She stated they would go through each recommendation and take a Motion on each
- Motion to approve recommendation one, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
  - Second to the Motion, John Keigher, Member
    - Ayes have it, Nays-0
- Motion to approve recommendation two, Darlene Perry, Member
  - Second to the Motion, Leigh Richie
    - Ayes-4 Nays- 1
- Motion to approve recommendation three, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
  - Second to the Motion, Darlene Perry, Member
    - Ayes have it, Nays-0
- Motion to approve recommendation four, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
  - Second to the Motion, Colonel Akil Smith, Member
    - Ayes have it, Nays-0
- Motion to approve recommendation five, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
  - Second to the Motion, Leigh Richie, Member
    - Ayes have it, Nays-0
- Motion to approve recommendation six, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
  - Second to the Motion, John Keigher, Member
    - Ayes have it, Nays-0

#### 4. Public Comment

- None

5. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Hunt-Muse, Member
- Second the Motion, John Keigher, Member
- Ayes have it and the meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm