**Connecticut General Assembly** 

# **Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force**

Daryl McGraw, Co-Chairperson



c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500 Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Ct 06106

#### **Public Awareness Subcommittee**

Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Daryl McGraw (Chair), Deputy Chief Maggie Silver, Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo, Dr. Danielle Cooper (UNH) Others: Bishard Ericder, Andrew Clark, Deb Planchard, Tamana Lanior, Henri Alphonse, Makerzie Orwez

Others: Richard Frieder, Andrew Clark, Deb Blanchard, Tamara Lanier, Henri Alphonse, Makenzie Ozycz

**I.** Convene meeting and welcome

a. Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 10:09 am.

- b. At the request of Chair McGraw task force members & guests introduced themselves.
- **II.** Approval of 11/10/20 meeting minutes *a. Minutes from 11.10.20 meeting were approved via voice note.*
- III. Discussion: November Young Adult Listening Sessions
  - a. Dr. Cooper mentioned the possibility of more student testimonies from UNH being sent in. Chair McGraw asked if we have received any written testimony yet. Deb Blanchard replied that she has received three so far.

Tamara Lanier asked if there was any follow up from the students to stay in touch with the task force. Chair McGraw replied that the offer was made at every listening session, some UNH students did show interest. Tamara then pitched the idea for a smaller subcommittee of youth voices.

Richard Frieder pitched the idea for dialogue sessions, and responded that a survey is being administered by Everyday Democracy for the September listening sessions. Dr. Cooper responded that hearing from officers as a practice in dialogue might be helpful, in reference to UCONN PM listening session. Chair McGraw asked Richard if he has done any dialogue sessions yet, and have they been beneficial. Richard replied they are worth doing.

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- **IV.** Discussion: Possible recommendations for full Task Force to consider including in December 31, 2020 preliminary report
  - a. Andrew Clark made the recommendation that we include the Listening Session reports to the preliminary report. Chair McGraw agreed, with the emphasis on disability related testimony.
- V. Other business
  - a. Youth Work Group under 18 Listening Session/s The CT Juvenile Justice Alliance has shown interest in this initiative. Deputy Chief Maggie Silver also has contacts at UCONN in the Connecticut College Awareness & Preparation program that have shown interest in this initiative. Dr. Cooper spoke with the city of New Haven public schools, youth groups, and social action committees for young people that have shown interest in this initiative.

Chair McGraw identified next steps as sending out an invite to subcommittee members to start planning under 18 Listening Session/s.

- VI. Schedule date and time of next meeting a. Date for next meeting TBD via Zoom
- VII. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

#### Please click the following link to access the Virtual task force meeting: ZOOM Link