

Police Reform: Community Engagement Working Group
Thursday, October 1, 2020
ZOOM Group Chat

- 19:06:42 From Jordan Lewis : Google Drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yVsQ13VMg8a-5DtQ5vWHLHY465Wgyq1l>
- 19:24:28 From Gwen Buchanan : I need to take a work call - be back
- 19:42:55 From Youssef Elzein, Dayton Ohio : Recruit at each fire station a 24/7 mental health expert, similar to an EMTs??
- 19:44:29 From Marcie Sherman : I wonder if a shooting happened because a mental health expert wasn't there
- 19:45:02 From byron.branch : Marcia - highly unlikely. I believe he had taken a gun from someone and was pointing it at people. Not a whole lot a mental health expert can do against someone holding a firearm.
- 19:45:23 From byron.branch : If the version of events I was told are accurate.
- 19:45:42 From Marcie Sherman : gotcha. Thanks for clarifying.
- 19:46:21 From Gwen Buchanan : Honestly, there is a gap in the system and not sure how it can be resolved and where funds come from to really put an effective support system in place
- 19:46:25 From jythomasjones@yahoo.com : But that is the point exactly! Byron, what sane person would point a firearm at innocent folks, moreover Police?
- 19:47:02 From brian.johns : He began shooting at passing cars before police or anyone else (mental health professional) even showed up
- 19:47:06 From byron.branch : Good question. At that point, as a society, we will have to collectively decide who is the best trained to approach that particular situation.
- 19:47:24 From Youssef Elzein, Dayton Ohio : I recommend the City, budget available, recruits at each fire station a 24/7 mental health expert, similar to an EMTs.
- 19:48:15 From Marcie Sherman : Do police have access to NS forms that are filled out at court?
- 19:48:22 From Scott Bellavia : Would we need to find a mental health staffing agency? Are we recommending that the city create a mental health agency?
- 19:48:53 From brian.johns : ive never heard of a NS form
- 19:49:01 From byron.branch : me neither. what does N.S stand for?
- 19:49:12 From Jordan Lewis : Scott, that detail would be decided by the City Manager's Office.
- 19:49:15 From Marcie Sherman : I guess that answers my question. :)
- 19:49:23 From Scott Bellavia : Good to go
- 19:49:30 From brian.johns : :) what does NS stand for?
- 19:49:44 From Shelley Dickstein : I believe it is more effective for the city to collaborate with a mental health org rather than recreate something we have no expertise with.
- 19:50:13 From jythomasjones@yahoo.com : Shelly, I absolutely agree. b
- 19:50:19 From byron.branch : Mrs. Dickstein, I believe that would also be best. We don't need to reinvent the wheel.

19:51:56 From jythomasjones@yahoo.com : To City Manager. But we must be intentional about who we contract with, i.e. diversity, rural knowledge. Perhaps the community should be part of the awarding process?

19:51:58 From Scott Sliver : Perhaps our recommendation is that there are mental health professionals ready to deploy alongside or separate from DPD when warranted.

19:52:19 From Dion : My question regarding the collaboration with a mental health agencies, because of the shortage of certified specialist already, would they be able to handle the increase with the partnership with the city and DPD?

19:52:28 From Scott Sliver : And we answer why that is important

19:52:31 From Gwen Buchanan : Agree with Shelley on all points

19:54:03 From Scott Sliver : Intentional "Strategic partnerships" developed between mental health professionals and the city and DPD.

19:54:23 From Dion : Does our Common Pleas court have a Mental Health court or mental health docket? I believe this exist in juvenile court

19:54:37 From Serida : yes

20:01:20 From Gabby Horney : Do police officers have routine Trauma Informed Care Training?

20:02:43 From Jordan Lewis : Gabby, I believe the department has invested in training from the Upaya Center, which touches on Trauma-Informed Care. They are rolling that training out this month.

20:02:57 From Gabby Horney : Thank you!

20:06:24 From Marcie Sherman : Sounds like a good change, Shannon.

20:12:12 From amaha : ASE!!! thats real Bishop!

20:17:45 From dkgre : Amen!

20:17:51 From Marcie Sherman : Joel, that's a great point. I think there are two ways to deal with police bias. 1) change their bias (2) minimize interactions between police and the black community

20:28:03 From Will Smith : correct, we have had listening sessions with 3 or 4 people. As long as there are people that want info we can do it