



Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing

May Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 5:30 – 7:30p

Via Zoom

Livestream Link: <https://youtu.be/HtVBkLcu-CI>

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lakayana Drury, Andrew Kalloch, Amy Anderson, Britt Masback, Yolonda Salguiero, Vadim Mozyrsky, Marcia Perez, Elliott Young, Taji Chesimet, Ja'Mari Etherly, Ann Campbell, Andre La Roche

Minutes

<p>Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the committee introduce themselves and the subcommittees they sit on; Youth, Racial Equity, Settlement Agreement and Policy and Behavioral Health. • Meeting opens with an acknowledgement and moment of silence for Ahmad Aubrey and George Floyd. • Lakayana Chair of the committee reaffirms PCCEP’s commitment to building trust and being bridge builders between all members of the community and the Portland Police Bureau (PPB).
<p>Subcommittee Reports for May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the first PCCEP Zoom meeting from April. Discussed the status hearing from groups who presented at the court hearing. Got updated from the Behavioral Health Subcommittee as it began its relaunch. Lastly, discussed data and what the committee is looking to do with data. • Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the PCCEP policy process. Working with Word is Bond and the Multnomah Youth Commission on crafting a recommendation around restorative justice. Brainstormed how to engage youth with PCCEP and build relationships by connecting with local organizations. • Racial Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held a discussion with Meg Juarez of Civic Life who oversees the community safety program at the City. Learned about what they’re doing in the community and how they’re moving to be a more holistic approach to safety. Also heard from Marlon Marion from PPB on community engagement updates. Continuing community engagement by connecting with organizations such as AMAC, Civic Life and Portland United Against Hate. ○ • Settlement Agreement and Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held a discussion with PPB during the subcommittee May meeting to discuss the revising the Bureaus Stop Data collection form. Next steps will be to draft a few recommendations for PPB • Behavioral Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed some issues with the COCL report and changing the language of the behavioral health question that’s in the PCCEP Recommendation Template. Is



asking for the full committee to take a vote on changing the language. Heard from Shawn Campbell of the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) on what their working on and the recommendations their crafting for PPB on how to improve their trainings. Next steps will be to review the PPB Strategic Plan and request for time at the next steering committee meeting to discuss updates to the process of PCCEP paperwork. Next subcommittee meeting will have guest speaker Lt. Casey of the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU).

COVID Updates

- COVID Updates from Portland Police Bureau (PPB)
 - Asst .Chief Frome gave a “high altitude view” of how PPB has been working in the COVID crisis.
Enforcement of stay at home order and social distancing guidelines. The Governor and Mayor made it clear that PPB is to primarily do education. Not enforcing violations.

Drop in reported crimes at first, slowly creeping back.
Some categories of crimes are higher this year compared to this time last year. Commercial burglaries and vandalism is up in the downtown core.
What is happening with “sweeps”. Is there a general policy of not sweeping?
Two ways a campsite would be addressed HUCRIT, outside of police bureau, maintain the one point of contact. Use map to evaluate if camps need intervention. HUCRIT has not been doing clean up currently due to CDC guidance.
PPB can do an emergency abatement, if there is a campsite that they can link to specific crimes, severe sanitation problems and general unsafe conditions.
At some locations in Central Precinct some camps were moved due to these conditions.
Q. Is PPB doing enhanced patrols in the Pearl district?
Began about a week and a half ago primarily north of Burnside, Old Town/Chinatown and Pearl district to river. The enhanced patrols are designed to have a visible police presence in areas that people are reporting increasing crime. There was outreach from the BHU and the Service Coordination Team. Two groups have made over 200 contacts letting people know what services are available to people.
Almost every day PPB encounters crime in that area. There are press releases on PPB site. Drug dealing, registered sex offender, parolee in possession of a gun.
Amy is thankful for the police on the bikes, sees it improving general behavior. There are probably 100 tents in the Old Town area. Her observation is that police are doing a good job. Officers are being kind and courteous. Encourages other PCCEP members to come do a walking tour of that area of Downtown.
- PCCEP Comment
 - Public Comment

Community Outreach

- Community Outreach Updates
- Lakayana. One of the biggest challenges is community engagement and how to measure that. PCCEP isn’t currently tracking all the engagement. Individual members do outreach all the time.

Meeting last week with AMAC and MHA, who are “amici” to the settlement agreement. Lakayana, Andrew, Vadim and Marcia attended from PCCEP. They got last minute invitations to a previously scheduled meeting for the post status hearing meeting from



	<p>February. Appreciated the invitation but weren't completely clear about the purpose of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMAC presented a 5-page recommendation document. The document has been shared with the full committee. Lakayana believes that these meetings should be public and include all PCCEP members in the future. One outcome was an agreement to meet quarterly with the AMAC and MHA as a larger committee and an ask for AMAC and MHA to meet with subcommittees to talk about specific populations or issues. • Need to work through the proposal to find out what is feasible given that this is a volunteer committee. • PCCEP has a role to play in making Portland a more just and equitable place, but it is one role and it's circumscribed. PCCEP is trying to do its part. It's important to keep this in mind and set expectations that are commensurate with the role of the volunteers on PCCEP. • Heartened to hear that AMAC and MHA were open to using their outreach to help with the mission of community outreach. We can get more done as a group than we can individually. Looking forward to more collaborative relationship. • Hoping MHA and AMAC will participate in meetings. • Racial Justice Committee had a meeting with Civic Life and learned more about what they are doing. Committee members also met with the Oregon Justice Resource Center. Discussed ways to improve Racial Justice committee approach. Also discussed what it would look like to build a fundamental acknowledgement of the history of policing in Portland. OJRC shared their perspective. • Dan asks to speak to AMAC meeting. He reminds group that the Court directed PCCEP and AMAC and MHA to come up with metrics for success to use to evaluate progress with we return next year. • Request to make the 5-page proposal from AMAC public. Lakayana is consulting with City Attorney. • Amy points out that a lot of what is in the proposal is in the bylaws. Concerned that some of the proposals were unrealistic. (i.e. twitter followers etc.). She didn't find much in the proposal beyond what is already in the plan. She feels we need to go back to the plan. It should be about people with behavioral health concerns. The proposal had a long list of organizations to outreach to, recommends expanding list to other organizations as well. Wants to remind people why they are here: Settlement Agreement and the PCCEP Plan. • Elliott sees it differently. He spoke to AMAC and MHA long term involvement and input to the creation of PCCEP. Charge to PCCEP is broadly about policing, one of the issues is people suffering with mental health crisis there are other populations, including homeless people and people of color. Encourages looking broadly at constitutional policing. Some of the recommendations are helpful for engaging all those communities.
<p>Use of Force</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of force data discussion with Portland Police Bureau • Elliott presents on data. Shares great dashboard. Notes that, like all data, can be interpreted in different ways. Dashboard can be found here: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/695167 Some key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great variation over the last two years. One question is why such great variation between quarters is there. Is there a reason for the declines or increases?



- Looking at demographics. In last two years 49% of the use of force incidents over the last two years (about 15% people who are suffering a mental health crisis). Stunning figure when you consider 2-3% of Portlanders are unhoused.
- What would the statistics look like if there was proportionate policing.
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Force inspector Jeff Nia presented on data for PPB. Showed the force data report.

- Trying to capture the data required by the Settlement agreement and PPB policies. The scope of the questions on the reporting form are pretty robust.
- These do not include use of deadly force.
- Supervisors and managers are asked to review and evaluate the use of force and fill out an after-action report.
- Then a Lt. or Capt. Reviews the after-action reports. Then they go to the office of the Force inspector who again reviews.

Invited Guest: Samuel Sinyangwe cofounder of Project Zero talked about the two data points most commonly used to assess use of force

- By population -What is your risk of being subject to police use of force based on race.
- By custody: What is the risk of police using force once you are in custody.
- Understanding where the disparities exist helps us understand what kinds of changes need to be made to address the disparity.

Samuel shared a resource with the group: <http://useofforceproject.org/>

- PCCEP and the community had a robust discussion of data. Including questions about current training. Brian Parman from PPB spoke to the training and suggested that the training division leadership could add more in terms of future training plans.
- Robert King asked the PCCEP what area did they think would be most impactful for PCCEP to address? Do the members feel they have enough information to inform the recommendations beyond the work done in the Settlement Agreement?
- Comments focused on the importance of PCCEP pushing the envelope. The importance of redefining what policing means. Recognizing the intercultural dynamics that impact the outcomes for communities of color and others who are disproportionately impacted by police violence.
- Want to focus on outcomes:
 - Use of force incidents decline
 - Officer involved shootings decline
 - Disproportionate policing of houseless people and people of color and people experiencing behavioral health issues be proportionate to their numbers in the community.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm