



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR MEETING MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 3, 2021 4:30pm Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Alexcia Cox, Criminal Justice Subcommittee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

July Co-Chair Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

July Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting minutes for July 14, 2021, were reviewed and approved. Kayla Elson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, shared that Alisha Singh will no longer participate as a member of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee Recommended Ideas

Kayla Elson introduced the updated recommended ideas. Daniel Eisinger, Criminal Justice Subcommittee Co-Chair, suggested presenting to the Task Force a vague policy idea to establish a pilot program of a crisis intervention team (CIT). The program would help police officers collaborate with social workers or other first responders to respond to mental health crises and situations where they need additional support such as language assistance. He suggested designing the program based on the models of CITs in other jurisdictions and to track the outcomes of the program.

With respect to the other recommended ideas, both co-chairs feel confident that the subcommittee is ready to finalize their recommended policy ideas. Kayla Elson reiterated the importance of ensuring that all the recommendations are actionable and address the mission of the executive order under which the Task Force was formed.

August Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Kayla Elson introduced the draft agenda for the subcommittee meeting on August 11, 2021. The co-chairs decided to create space to discuss the police department recruitment procedures shared by SGT. Rideau as well as any final thoughts on the work of the subcommittee.

Next Steps

Kayla Elson will share with the co-chairs about whether the next Task Force meeting will be in person or virtually.



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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm by Alexcia Cox. The next meeting will be on September 6, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Alexcia Cox, Subcommittee Co-Chair
Daniel Eisinger, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates
Milena Almetica, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Public Attendees:

Elijah

Absent:

Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office