



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### COMMUNITY INTERVENTION TASK FORCE

**ARNITTA HOLLIMAN, CHAIR**

**Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Ald. Nik Kovac, Ald. Chantia Lewis,  
Nicholas DeSiato. Stephen Hargarten, Cassandra Libal, Aaron  
Lipski, David Muhammad, Mary Neubauer, Joshua Parish,  
Jamaal Smith, Leon Todd, Nicole Waldner, Amy C. Watson,  
and Brenda Wesley**

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Wednesday, January 12, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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**1. Call to order.**

*The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.*

**2. Roll call.**

**Present** 13 - Kovac, Coggs, Lewis, Muhammad, Smith, DeSiato, Libal, Lipski, Neubauer, Todd, Waldner, Watson and Wesley  
**Excused** 3 - Parish, Hargarten and Holliman

**Also present:**

*Aaron Cadle, LRB*

**Member Lewis was nominated and elected as chair for the meeting, in the absence of chair Holliman, without objection.**

**3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from November 29, 2021.**

*The meeting minutes from November 29, 2021 were approved without objection.*

**4. Update on CCFN 210785, Resolution amending Common Council Resolution File Number 201519 relating to the MPD Diversion Task Force.**

*Chair Lewis said that CCFN 210785 had passed Common Council approval, the name of the task force was now the Community Intervention Task Force, the final report deadline was extended to April 30, 2022, the originating legislation now included a prevention component as recommended by the task force, an additional task force member spot was added to reflect a community member with extensive violence prevention experience, and that Reggie Moore would soon be appointed as the new member.*

**5. Development of a mission statement.**

*Members reviewed the task force mission statement, preferred that reference to a trust component was better at the front of the statement, and had no other revisions.*

*Member Lipski moved approval, seconded by member Kovac, of the task force mission statement as follows:*

*Committed to building public trust for residents, the Community Intervention Task Force will actively seek out alternative and new solutions for calls for service that support community social, emotional, and physical well-being through prevention strategies, education, and direct or emergency services.*

*There was no objection.*

**6. Review of task force structure, decision-making, and recommendations process.**

*a. Establishing work groups and work group participants*

*Members reviewed work group suggestions based upon either a horizontal or vertical structure.*

*Member DeSiato commented. He advocated to adopt a horizontal structure that would form work groups based on subject matter with each work group looking at its unique data and issues. A vertical structure would be more holistic and look at data and issues across the board.*

*A majority of members said that they would prefer having a horizontal structure and set of work groups, despite some overlap; for there to be subject matter experts in each respective work group; and for there to be the ability to invite persons outside of the whole task force to partake in the work groups.*

*Member Smith moved approval, seconded by member Wesley, to establish work groups based on a horizontal structure, as discussed. There was no objection.*

*Members discussed work group types that were categorized as either vertical or horizontal and the merit of keeping certain vertical work groups, such as Community Outreach and Engagement and Data and Research, as their own work groups.*

*Member Lipski presented a diagram to show that the proposed vertical work groups would become elements of each horizontal work group instead of being their own work groups.*

*Member Neubauer moved approval, seconded by member Smith, to establish the work*

*groups of Domestic Violence, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use and that each work group incorporate the components of Prevention and Education, Community Outreach and Engagement, Data and Research, and Systems Response. There was no objection.*

*Members established work group participants as follows:*

*Domestic Violence: Aaron Lipski (co-chair), Jamaal Smith, Chantia Lewis  
Homelessness: Cassandra Libal (chair), Nicole Waldner, Leon Todd  
Mental Health: Mary Neubauer (chair), Brenda Wesley, Amy Watson, David Muhammad  
Substance Use: Nik Kovac (chair), Mary Neubauer, Aaron Lipski*

*Member Lipski said that he would talk to chair Holliman on finding a co-chair for the Domestic Violence work group.*

*Member Lipski moved approval, seconded by member Neubauer, of work group participants. There was no objection.*

*b. Other*

*There was no other discussion.*

**7. Review of research on comparable cities and best practices.**

- a. Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative (Atlanta, GA)*
- b. NLC Reimagining Public Safety Toolkit*
- c. Los Angeles County Alternative Crisis Response Preliminary Report and Recommendations*
- d. Amherst Community Responder Report*
- e. Other*

*Member Smith said that he wanted to call attention to the PAD initiative in Atlanta due to its comparable demographics to Milwaukee's; perhaps for each work group to look at the same areas of focus and necessary resources that PAD's care team had with harm reduction, case management, housing, transportation, and food assistance; and for each work group to potentially review PAD's implementations in Atlanta.*

*Chair Lewis said that all work groups should look at these reports further and focus on or incorporate any elements that would be relevant and applicable to their work, she was part of the NLC board and was familiar with the NLC Reimagining Public Safety Toolkit, the toolkit had a balanced framework, the youth voice and compensation to the community for their involvement were two things that stood out for her from the toolkit which the work groups should consider, and that a young person should be included in each work group.*

*Member Watson said that the Amherst Community Responder Report, although at a smaller scale being a smaller city, contained decision points and useful information that should be looked at further; the LA report also had useful takeaways and elements already in place; and both reports were broad in nature and looked at establishing call types and different alternatives responses that could handle a variety of calls.*

*Member Lipski moved approval, seconded by member Smith, to add the reports discussed as task force toolkit items. There was no objection.*

**8. Review of call data relative to intake, type, dispatch, response, and outcome.**

*Mr. Lee said that previous BHD Crisis Response data and statistics were forwarded to members and well as new CART data from MPD.*

*Member DeSiato said that the new CART presentation document contained further CART data, polices, procedures, SOPs, total numbers regarding calls for service, and dispositions since 2017.*

*Members said that a thorough review of the new CART presentation and additional BHD crisis mobile teams data, including outcomes, should occur at the next meeting.*

*Member Muhammad said that BHD was working on producing further information and would present next time.*

*Member Neubauer moved to hold review of call data for CART and BHD crisis mobile teams to the next meeting. There was no objection.*

*Chair Lewis said for members to forward questions to clerk staff to collect, for clerk staff to forward again current reports to members for their review, and for there to be a deadline for members to forward their questions.*

**9. Review of next steps.**

*a. Set next meeting date and time.*

*Next full task force meeting to be determined offline based on the availability of members.*

*Work groups should meet on a more consistent basis.*

*b. Agenda items for the next meeting.*

*Agenda items to include presentations on call type data for CART and BHD crisis mobile teams and further establishment of work groups relative to incorporation of other participants.*

**10. Adjournment.**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.*

*Chris Lee, Staff Assistant  
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