



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY INTERVENTION TASK FORCE

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**Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Nicholas DeSiato, Simmone Kilgore,
Cassandra Libal, Aaron Lipski, David Muhammad, Reggie
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3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll call.

Present 13 - Moore, Muhammad, Parish, Weston, DeSiato, Holliman, Libal, Lipski, Neubauer, Todd, Waldner, Watson and Kilgore

Absent 1 - Wesley

Excused 1 - Coggs

Also present:

Lionel King, LEAP

Amos Irwin, LEAP

Neill Franklin, LEAP

Suzanne DeFillips, Dept. of Emergency Communications

3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes from April 5, 2022.

The meeting minutes from April 5, 2022 were approved without objection.

4. Review of a Scope of Work and Data Privacy Agreement from LEAP for a community responder model.

Chair Holliman said that the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) has worked and helped other cities create a community responder model and the task force was to review and approved, if ready, LEAP's Scope of Work and Data Privacy Agreement in assisting the task force with creating recommendations.

Mr. King, Irwin, and Franklin presented. The purpose of the Scope of Work was to assist the task force in developing design and implementation recommendations for a community responder model by the end of September. LEAP would provide the above assistance to the task force without financial compensation. A community responder model would assist with diversion and benefit police-community relations.

LEAP would do the following: 1. Obtain calls-for-service data and conduct an analysis to identify existing operations and needs; 2. Engage in initial 1-on-1 conversations with police, fire, dispatch, community groups, and other key stakeholders to study Milwaukee's relevant existing operations and needs; 3. Compare Milwaukee's existing operations and needs with those of jurisdictions already operating community responder models to inform design and implementation recommendations; 4. Lead portions of each task force meeting to present status and results from data analysis and stakeholder meetings, ask the task force key questions to guide the work, and field questions from the task force. (Allotted time to be decided by the task force.); 5. Answer questions posed by task force members, either in meetings or via email, as time and resources permit; and 6. Prepare a brief report summarizing design and implementation recommendations by September 30, 2022 (or the date decided by the task force).

The task force would do the following: 1. Assist LEAP in connecting with city and county agencies in order to successfully obtain data and arrange conversations; 2. Assist LEAP in connecting with community groups to successfully arrange conversations; 3. Allot time in each task force meeting for LEAP to provide updates, ask questions, and answer questions; 4. Consider LEAP's design and implementation recommendations in drafting the task force's own recommendations; 5. Allow LEAP an opportunity to provide feedback on a draft of the task force's own recommendations while changes are still feasible.

Ms. DeFillips inquired about providing proper high level training so that call takers would make proper dispatching assessments.

Member Lipski said that it was important to protect the image of the City and inquired about LEAP's commitment, funding capacity, and use of HIPAA protected information.

Members further questioned about the recommendations process, communication responder partners, and time frame towards final recommendations.

Mr. King, Irwin, and Franklin responded. They would work with dispatch to determine eligible call types and a triage model. LEAP would make recommendations, provide a model, would advocate for training, but did not do training. LEAP was passionate with its line of work, has much financial support from large and private donors, was not a political organization, was committed to provide technical assistance to Milwaukee at no costs, usually would charge cities to solidify those cities' commitment, Milwaukee was an important city for LEAP to work with, and they believed Milwaukee would be committed to follow through. LEAP would provide initial set of recommendations to the task force, the task force would make edits, and LEAP would work with the task force to author final recommendations. LEAP would identify the qualifications for community

responders and would collaborate with cities to identify them and resources. Cities have housed community responders within city employment fully or in-part (quasi-city employment) or outside city employment through a third party. The Data Privacy Agreement was intended for cities to protect their data from being illegitimately shared or misused. Review of the Data Privacy Agreement could occur in parallel with departments preparing its data. LEAP would provide descriptions of the data that would be needed. Personal data being sought would not be under HIPAA protected health information.

Chair Holliman said that LEAP would assist the task force with recommendations and expertise towards a community responder model only, and LEAP would submit the necessary information to departments for follow-through on data.

Members discussed adequately extending the task force's deadline (July 31, 2022) to give allow the City to review the Data Privacy Agreement (via City Attorney's Office) and for LEAP time to conduct its work.

Members moved approval of LEAP's Scope of Work and Data Privacy Agreement, subject to City Attorney Office review. There was no objection.

Mr. King inquired about the entity that would ultimately review and approve final recommendations, proper contacts to work with, such as the Police Department and 9-1-1 call dispatch, and if the task force had any issues with LEAP discussing its project with the Community Justice Council (CJC). Mr. King added that part of their work was to work with and get buy-in from stakeholders such as the CJC.

Members said that the City's Common Council would review and approve the task force's final recommendations, MPD Chief of Staff Nicholas DeSiato would be the proper initial contact to work with LEAP, there was no objections with the CJC, additional stakeholders would also be shared with LEAP to connect with, and information should be sent to clerk staff for dissemination to members or departments.

Mr. Lee said that any information that needed to be shared to the full task force could be sent to him and Chair Holliman for proper forwarding and that LEAP can contact and work with departments directly as necessary.

5. Work groups.

A. Report or updates

Mr. Lee said that he did not received any updates from work groups and that he was not aware of their activities, which may be minimal.

i. Domestic Violence

ii. Homelessness

Member Libal said that the work group has not met since the last update, had discussed working with MPS and DNS to coordinate training for their staff, and work was happening behind the scenes.

iii. Mental Health

Member Watson said that the work group met 2 times, was waiting on the recommendation to work with LEAP to help the work group organize what they were doing, were looking at some partnerships and opportunities for prevention work, and have not made any recommendations yet.

iv. Substance Use

Member Lipski said that the task force lost the chairs for the Domestic Violence and Substance Use work groups and no one was leading them.

Chair Holliman said that LEAP would complement or replace some of the efforts of the work groups and that work groups should continue to meet as necessary.

B. Establish additional work groups

There was no discussion.

C. Other

There was no other discussion.

6. Discussion or review of task force process.

A. Recommendations

Task force recommendations to coincide with LEAP's scope of work process.

B. Final report and deadline

The task force recommended to extend its final report deadline to December 31, 2022 without objection.

C. Conference or retreat gathering

Member Moore said that a retreat gathering would be ideal for the task force to take a deep dive into LEAP's initial recommendations, the Wingspread retreat center in Racine would be a possibility, he would check on the center's availability perhaps for October, and he would follow up with the City Clerk's Office to address open meeting requirements.

D. Other

There was no other discussion.

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

A. STAR Program (Denver, CO)

B. Vera Institute of Justice

C. Other

Chair Holliman said that information regarding these programs would be explored further, as needed, by the task force and LEAP.

8. Next steps.

A. Agenda items for the next meeting

To be determined.

B. Set next meeting date and time

To be determined.

9. Adjournment.

Members and clerk staff discussed Mr. Lee working with chair Holliman to send the LEAP Data Privacy Agreement to the City Attorney's Office for review and adding new members to fill vacancies (2 alders and Suzanne DeFillips from DEC).

Members recommended to make changes and add additional membership, as discussed. There was no objection.

Mr. Lee said that legislation via sponsorship by Ald. Milele Coggs (remaining alder on the task force) was needed to make changes to the task force membership, preferably there should also be legislation to approve LEAP's Scope of Work and Data Privacy Agreement, and he would work with chair Holliman and LRB to prompt the required legislation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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