

Town of Brunswick, Maine

POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

**Thursday, April 29, 2021
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Police Chief Scott Stewart, Councilor Jim Mason, Councilor Dan Ankeles, Councilor Kathy Wilson, Linda Asher-Ford, Flora Hull, Jason Gould, Troy Henninger and Claudia Watson

Absent: None.

Approval of meeting summary from April 15, 2021:

Claudia Watson motioned to approve the minutes from April 15, 2021 as submitted. Chief Stewart and Linda Asher-Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Recommendations to discuss:

Proposed recommendation from Claudia Watson regarding mental health and crisis intervention training (CIT)

Claudia has prioritized the 4 recommendations she has for mental health and CIT training.

- **Data tracking program for mental health calls**

Chief Stewart responded that he is working on this with NAMI. Jason Gould and Councilor Mason commented

- **Crisis Intervention Team**

Chief Stewart responded, and the committee agreed to recommend this to the Town Council.

- **Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Chief Stewart asked questions, to which Claudia responded. The committee agreed to recommend this to the Town Council. Comments were made by Councilor Ankeles, Troy Henninger, Chair Gould and Claudia Watson.

- **Add a trained clinician to work with the Brunswick Police Department, ideally additionally a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, but also available for debriefing secondary trauma occurring with both police and members of the public**

Chair Gould asked questions, which Chief Stewart answered. Councilor Ankeles asked a question, to which Chief Stewart responded. Flora Hull and Linda Asher-Ford made comments and asked questions, which were responded to by Chief Stewart.

Proposed recommendation from Linda Asher-Ford regarding implicit bias training and assessments measuring its effectiveness

- **Find a way to measure (audit) the impact or effectiveness of Implicit Bias Training**

Linda explained the research that led to her recommendation, and heard comments and questions from Chair Gould and Troy Henninger. The committee agreed to recommend this proposal to the Town Council.

Public Comments: None.

Councilor Mason would like a process for the public for complaint resolution (showing issue was addressed), and would like to discuss it with Chief Stewart. Chief Stewart responded. Chair Gould asked Councilor Mason to draft a recommendation for committee discussion. Claudia Watson and Linda Asher-Ford commented. Councilor Ankeles commented

Next Meeting: May 13, 2021, 5:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.