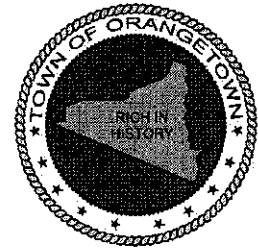


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Town of Orangetown Police Reform Committee Minutes – October 20, 2020

In Attendance:

Special Guest, District Attorney Tom Walsh
Special Guest, Patrick Frawley, Chief District Attorney
Teresa Kenny, Orangetown Supervisor
Donald Butterworth, Chief of Police
Denis Troy, Town Councilman
Don Hammond, Nyack Mayor
Dominic Crispino, First Assistant District Attorney
Barbara Gionta, First Assistant District Attorney
Tanya Gayle, Nyack NAACP & Office of the Public Defender (virtual)
~~Nicole Hines, Center for Safety & Change~~
John McGowan, County Legislator, Youth Court & Pearl River resident
Brandon D. McLauchlin, Pastor of St. Charles AME Zion Church (virtual)
Willie Outlaw, Tappan Resident
Nicholas S. Whalen, Orangetown Sergeant & PBA President
Elizabeth Brancati, Deputy Town Attorney
Special Guest, Robert Magrino, Town Attorney
Michael Shannon, Police Captain
Michael Lawler, Deputy Town Supervisor
Allison Kardon, clerk

1. Special Guest District Attorney Tom Walsh – *DA's office will give a county-wide perspective on law enforcement, share general ideas to meet needs of 21st century, incarceration programs to help people get back on track.*
2. Member recommendation of additional members/stakeholders. *Mental Health Professional; find leaders/outreach to the Latino community - Nick Whalen will contact and communicate with Mayor Don Hammond; Pride Center and Nyack Center-Mayor Hammond will contact; Invite the Behavioral Health Response Team-Ray Florida so he can explain their services.*

3. Request for information and documentation from the Orangetown Police Department and Rockland County Police Academy for review? From other agencies? ***Captain Shannon will gather information.***
4. Contact person in Orangetown Police for members to submit requests for information. ***Captain Shannon – mshannon@orangetown.com . OPD is an accredited agency.***
5. Future Events/Meetings:
 - a) Virtual/Village Hall/other locations? ***Mayor Hammond will inquire about Nyack Center and YMCA. Pastor McLauchlin offered Fellowship Hall in Sparkill. Local Libraries.***
 - b) Other suggestions to obtain public comment/input: survey monkey? ***Supervisor Kenny suggested sending a survey out to the community to allow them to comment and offer ideas. Need responses to Supervisor's questions from NYS Police Reform and Reinvention booklet (see attached).***
 - c) Participation and/or cooperation with trusted community organizations? ***Ask the Mental Health Committee of the Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim Crow to make a presentation—Mayor Hammond will follow up (email attached). Also, ask a representative from the PRIDE Center to speak and/or join the committee.***
6. Other Questions/Suggestions/Ideas/comments? ***Mayor Hammond will consider inviting a coach/teacher from Nyack School District; Mayor Hammond suggested that we have more community members join; Chief Butterworth explained that NYS/DCJS is making recommendations for a Use of Force policy.***
7. Future Meetings:
Nov 10th, 6 pm, Town Hall Multipurpose Room
Dec 1st, 6 pm, Town Hall Multipurpose Room

Allison Kardon

From: Daphne Joslin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Orangetown Supervisor
Cc: Gabrielle Hamilton
Subject: Police Reform Committees/ Task Forces

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To whom It May Concern:

We are the Mental Health Committee of the Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim Crow, a diverse group of mental health professionals and Rockland County residents. We are currently investigating the intersection of mental health events experienced by Rockland County residents and resulting police interventions in an attempt to make recommendations for policies that more safely meet the needs of both residents and first responders.

Governor Cuomo's Executive Order # 203: New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative dated June 12, 2020, states that police departments must demonstrate reforms and plans in place by April 2021 to lower the incidence of violent interactions that lead to poor outcomes.

This order indicates that mental health professionals and peers with "lived experience" should be invited to participate in each of these committees. It is imperative that this process be transparent, but at this time it is not clear who is making this decision, who is being picked, and why.

We are currently investigating several different models that are being used in different areas of the country to address mental health crises and would like to offer to meet with you to share what we have learned. We are committed to ensuring the development of effective and safe approaches to mental health emergencies that implement partnerships between police, mental health professionals and peers.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daphne Joslin, PhD, MPH, Co-Chair, Nyack
Gabrielle Hamilton, LMSW-R, Co-Chair, Ossining
Jacquelyn Drechsler, MSW, Clarkstown
Julie Finefrock, LMSW
Monowara Begum, MD, Orangetown
Rena Finkelstein, Orangetown
Samuel Lamb, MSW
Sandy Wolf, MPA, Suffern
Sonia Wagner, LCSW, Valley Cottage

Supervisor Kenny's Request for Information

1. Does the OPD or other law enforcement agencies in Rockland County utilize other agencies to address situations that fall within the expertise of other professionals (i.e. responding to calls involving individuals with mental illness); If not, has this been considered? (page 12)
2. Related to #1, do the 911 operators have the ability, resources and/or training to divert calls to other mental health agencies? (page 17)
3. While we no longer have community policing in Orangetown, has there been any consideration to bringing it back? (page 23)
4. What diversion programs does the Town have and are there others we can consider? (page 36).
5. What training is in place for de-escalation? (page 40)
6. Do we have any community outreach programs? (page 43)
7. What reporting requirements and/or internal review do we have for use of force incidents (page 57)
8. Do we have a General Order that requires officers to report misconduct of other officers? (page 60)
9. Does the Town have an easy, accessible process for the public to report complaints of misconduct? (page 67)
10. Does OPD maintain "stop data" from traffic stops – where, when, why, ticket given, gender or race (page 73)?
11. What training is in place to avoid potential bias incidents? Is there ongoing training? (page 98)
12. Do we have programs in place to support officer wellness and well-being? (page 103)