



King County

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017
9:30 am - noon

DPD Conference Room 1050
710 Second Avenue, 10th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Matt Adams, Safia Ahmed, Kim Ambrose, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Tom Hillier, Paul Holland, and John Strait (Co-Chair)

Board Members Attending By Phone: Sophia Byrd-McSherry

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and welcomed those present.

2. Approval Minutes

The minutes of the Board's January 5, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Chair's Report

The chair updated the members on the status of the survey being developed to collect information for the annual report. He also noted that the King County Executive's Office is continuing to search for a board member to fill the position reserved for a representative of "a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on issues concerning military veterans." This is the position that was vacated by Leo Flor.

4. Department of Public Defense Report

Lorinda Youngcourt and members of her leadership team discussed the following topics:

- Agenda for the upcoming strategy forum including:
 - Team building, strengthening the department and removing unnecessary silos;
 - Intern program, noting that interns are expected to make up 50% of the new attorneys coming into the department; and
 - DPD's involvement in King County initiatives.
- Holistic Defense – what is it and how could it work in King County
- Assigned counsel – members requested Burns Peterson attend the March 2nd meeting to address questions about the assigned counsel panel
- Juvenile sealing and sexual registration initiatives
- King County Employee Engagement Survey – Mary Louis presented DPD's responses and next steps for the 2016 survey;
- Youth detention issues – Anita Khandelwal presented information about the interrogation of juveniles in youth detention without a defense attorney present; the disproportionality of youth of

color in the county detention system; and the holding of juveniles charged as adults in the adult jail where they do not receive the services provided to youth in the juvenile detention facility. In response to this presentation and a request for support from the board, the members:

- Voted to support recommendations (a) that law enforcement should not interrogate youth in the juvenile detention facility without a defense attorney present and (b) juveniles who have been charged as adults should be held in the juvenile detention facility not in an adult facility.
- Voted to support the juvenile sealing and sexual registration initiatives that were described by Lorinda Youngcourt.
- Intern program – La Mer Kyle-Griffiths provided a review of the 2016 intern program and plans for the 2017 intern program.

Before taking action on the above recommendations relating to the interrogation and detention of juveniles, the chair will contact the King County Prosecutor to understand law enforcement's perspective on these issues.

5. 2016 Annual Report

Marc Boman led a discussion about the next steps in the 2016 annual report preparation.

6. Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at approximately 11:35 a.m.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.