



King County

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017
9:30 am - noon

DPD Conference Room
710 Second Avenue, 15th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

MINUTES

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

Board Members Attending By Phone: Sophia Byrd McSherry and Jeffery Robinson

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the Board's April 13, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. Chair's Report

The chair updated the members on the status of the Board members interviews of individuals for the annual report and the survey. All interviews are complete. The survey has been sent to attorneys to vet it for concerns and will be submitted following the vetting. Chair is aiming for a July submittal of the annual report. Chair requested of the Executive that the filling of board vacancies be a higher priority at the Executive level. The Chair also noted that officer elections will be held at the next meeting. Chair congratulated the department, Anita Khandelwal, Twyla Carter, Paul Holland, and Kim Ambrose on the success of the unanimous King County Council approval of the Juvenile Interrogation ordinance.

4. Department of Public Defense Director's Report

Lorinda Youngcourt thanked the board for their service, and discussed the ongoing ESJ workgroup efforts. Lorinda briefed the board on the Food Frenzy initiative. The work of Mary Louis as HRSDM was praised. Five new attorneys have been hired since the last board meeting. DPD is currently filling Communication Specialist, Research and Data Specialist, and PRA Program Manager positions. The incoming intern class planning continues on schedule. The office move planning continues on schedule with no design changes. The department is recruiting TLT's to assist the divisions in their respective moves. HR, Operations, and Finance are addressing scanning prior to the move, to lessen files that need to be physically transported. Lorinda closed with an update on DPD's Strategic Work Group goals. The holistic defense workgroup, chaired by Anita, has created a short list of medium term goals and has been asked to generate a list of 5 to 10 year goals as well as first steps necessary to bring the current list on-line. The Seattle Municipal Court contracting workgroup is continuing negotiations with Seattle. The policy workgroup is generating ideas from DPD staff for system policy changes which will benefit our clients. The Juvenile Case Area group is implementing the expansion of juvenile practice to include sealing and registration lifting. Leadership team members are acting as advocates on Equity and Social Justice Goal Area Work Groups. Employee Engagement workgroups are underway throughout the department facilitated by supervisors or

external facilitators where requested. Operational workgroups for IT, facilities, safety and security planning, etc. are continuing to address standardization of resources.

5. Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at approximately 10:10 a.m.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.