



King County

Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2017
9:30 am - noon

Washington State Convention Center
Level 6, Ballroom #6E
705 Pike Street
Seattle, WA 98101

MINUTES

In attendance – Marc Boman, Safia Ahmed, Kim Ambrose (Vice Chair), Sharon Armstrong, Tom Hillier, Paul Holland (Chair), Sophia Byrd McSherry, Jeff Robinson, and John Strait (via phone). Jennifer Giambattista (Metropolitan King County Council staff).

1. **Welcome:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 and welcomed those present.
 2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Board's June 8, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted following questions to clarify paragraph 4 concerning the three (3) civil attorney positions.
 3. **Chair's Report** – Chair, Vice Chair, and Lorinda met last week to establish expectations for their working relationship and Director's Reports to the Board. Board Members conducted exit interviews with departing leadership team members Floris Mikkelsen and Tom Griffiths. Gail Stone reported to the Chair that work is on-going to fill the current vacant veteran's seat on Board.
- **Department of Public Defense Director's Report** –
 - DPD's leadership team plans to engage a consultant to assist/facilitate in the development of a strategic business plan as mandated by King County. The consultant will be selected from recommendations made by KC Performance Strategy & Budget, KC Continuous Improvement, and the Washington Defender Association (who recently undertook the same process). This is an ideal time to modify the leadership structure to support a new strategic plan. Anita and La Mer will be named co-Deputy Directors in interim.
 - Second round SCRAP managing attorney interviews are scheduled for the first week of August. Goal of identifying the successful applicant by August 31st.
 - DPD facing stumbling blocks with KC Facilities & Maintenance Division on acquiring Kent expansion space. PDAB to be updated at next meeting.
 - DPD's data indicates that criminal filings and juvenile filings are down from 2016, largely due to the policies of KCPAO. Data reports will become a regular part of the Director's Report beginning at the next PDAB meeting.
 - Vice Chair asks about state of ITA. Lorinda explains single bed hospital issue, and the Auburn "escorted attorneys" scenario. Discussion of ambulance transportation for in person court

appearances versus video court. DPD and KC Department of Community and Human Services are meeting to discuss potential changes to the involuntary treatment process and procedures which would provide for more community treatment options without court proceedings. Vice Chair offers board support in any way possible. Sharon Armstrong speaks to general failings of community mental health funding. Jeff Robinson points to potential \$800 million in criminal justice grants from NYPD seizure moneys (being spearheaded by Cyrus Vance). Jeff will provide more information at the next PDAB meeting as he is meeting with Vance in NYC next week.

- DPD's Research and Data Analyst, Stev Weidlich, started two (2) weeks ago. He is working on becoming familiar with Legal Files, HOMER, and various Court and Jail databases. His work will be used to make informed business decisions as well as push for criminal justice reform. Stev will attend the next PDAB meeting for introductions.
- Intern training is complete and they are assigned out to the divisions. HR and the Training Team are beginning to recruit 2018 interns per the new work plan. All 2017 Rule 9 interns who apply for a graduate lawyer position will be interviewed. DPD plans to make graduate lawyer position offers by 2nd week of October. Board requests that DPD obtain written exit survey of all 2017 interns. DPD will start six (6) of the 2017 graduate lawyers on August 21st. They will receive a full week of training at the department level before reporting to their divisions.
- Sharon Armstrong introduces discussion of cash bail reform. Lorinda is serving on the Seattle Criminal Justice Coordinating Council with City Council members, DAJD, Seattle PAO, the Mayor's Office, SMC Presiding, and others who have agreed to work on bail reform for SMC. Anita is spearheading district/superior court bail initiatives. A statewide push for bail reform is underway. Strait asks if we use TRAC to monitor juveniles, Strait is personal friend with CEO of TRAC, there are concerns with how TRAC uses the information. Strait has some ability to influence TRAC policy.
- Chair asks about Training and Assistant Training Director roles, Lorinda reports that Andre hit the ground running with Cultivating Harmony. He will be responsible for Intern Hiring and Training as well as New Attorney Training. The Training Director will keep a broader view of all training across classifications.

4. Executive Session – board enters executive session at 10:43, next meeting August 3rd @ DHB

5. Adjourn