

Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board

October 12, 2015

Minutes

Attendees:

Knezovich, Ozzie (SCSO)	Tower, Jeff (SCSO)	West, Bob	Parker, Chuck
Nollette, John	Crockett, Kelly	Davisson, Mike	Johnson, Skip
Winn, Kenneth L	Marlett, Larry	Papich, Tiffanie	Lewis, Mary
Peetz, Brandi	O'Neill, Leigh	Mackenzie, Tom	Samadi, Mehrdad

Guests (some signatures were not legible, spelling may be incorrect):

Gregory, Mark (SCSO)	Olsen, Rost	Ryals, Mitch	Wright, Ron
Lee, Rob	Wright, Cecily	Charleston, John	Maclay, Scott
Maksimov, Vitaliy			

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

The minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

Guest Speakers: Jacqueline Van Wormer, Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council (SRLJC), Melanie-Angela Neuilly (PhD / WSU), & Joseph DeAngelis (PhD / U of I):

- Presentation of the many models of oversight, following is a brief overview of the discussion. If you would like the presentation in full please contact Jacqueline Van Wormer at WSU and she will forward.
 - What is citizen oversight
 - Organizational process that allows individuals to review or monitor law enforcement conduct
 - How does citizen oversight emerge
 - Catalyzed by critical incidents
 - External pressure
 - Favored by public, but resisted by law enforcement
 - Models of oversight
 - General considerations
 - Increase transparency, thoroughness, & objectivity of internal investigations
 - Improve police policies and solutions
 - Increase public trust and confidence in local law enforcement
 - Forms of oversight:
 - Citizens Review Board
 - Non-police, volunteers
 - Receive complaints, appeals, policies
 - Holds public hearings or forums
 - Potential strengths & weaknesses:
 - Strengths:
 - Transparency
 - Objective
 - Community input
 - Neutral forums
 - Weaknesses:
 - Volunteers
 - Least amount of resources & budget

- Lack independence
 - Systematic policy analysis
 - Police Auditor & Monitor (i.e. inspectors general)
 - Paid professionals
 - Participate in internal investigations
 - Conduct broad systematic reviews of law enforcement
 - Potential strengths & weaknesses:
 - Strengths:
 - Time and experience
 - More authority than citizens board
 - More proactive analysis
 - Weaknesses:
 - Less information, not common
 - More expensive
 - Looked at skeptically
 - Full Investigative Model (strongly resisted by law enforcement)
 - Non police agency
 - Investigations may parallel or replace police or Internal Affairs investigations
 - May serve as the main intake point for community complaints
 - Potential strengths:
 - Trust
 - Large amount of resources
 - Experience
 - Hybrid Model
 - Combines two or more models
 - Most oversight agencies, involve hybrid features
 - Citizens Advisory Board
 - Communication bridge between sheriff and local community
 - Gather input through public hearings
 - Provide advice on police initiatives and policies
- Policy Considerations
 - Pressure to implement external oversight rarely subsides
 - Oversight types vary and there is no expert consensus on the best model
 - Depends on:
 - Stakeholders buy in
 - Types of local law enforcement issues
 - Agency resources
 - Competence of staff
 - Level of support from all stakeholders
- Mixed approach is best
 - Robust internal mechanisms of control
 - External oversight, particularly professionalized models
 - Situation specific needs assessment
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Forms/Documents Reviewed:

- Web Page (created and maintained by Mark Gregory):
CAB reviewed with Mark. Great progress has been made; we will continue to work on it before it goes live.
- Bylaws:
 - Article VI, Section J: Approved Change
“All new CAB members will be required to attend and successfully complete the Spokane County Sheriff Citizen’s Academy along with a Sheriff “Ride-along.” These must be accomplished within one year of acceptance on the board.”
 - Article VII, Section A: Approved Change
*“and noted as an “Executive Session”
“A rotating schedule of venue for the meetings will be between the Sheriff’s conference room, at the downtown Public Safety Building and the Spokane Valley Precinct, located at 12710 E. Sprague Avenue.”*
 - Article IX, Section A: Approved Change
“A list will be maintained for prospective members. New members will be considered from this list with seniority derived by application date. New members must meet membership criteria.”
 - Article XI, Section B: Approved Change
“their biographies,”
- Training Schedule:
Group reviewed the calendars. There are great training ideas within the calendars. The CAB will discuss on a case-by-case basis when we have time to continue furthering our educational opportunities.
- Brochure:
Need to change the spelling on John Nollette’s name.
Well liked by the CAB, great look and feel.
- Press Release:
Remove “and conducted on the 2nd Monday of every month.” CAB approved with change.
- CAB Application:
Change employer to employer throughout page 1.
Delete the Parent or Guardian Signature line (we don’t allow applicants under 18 on the board) on page 2
- Complaint Form:
Releasing the letter attached to the form to the public. Need future meeting on the changes to the actual form (i.e. Complainant’s to Complainant’s, Employee(s) to Employee(s), & true & correct statement on last page)

Document Controls: Bob will be adding page numbers and version numbers to the file names of all CAB forms/documents.

Executive Session called at 8:50 pm to distribute the car/bicycle incident the CAB will be reviewing over the next few months

Future Meetings:

- Councilmen Pace letter
- Complaint Form Changes
- Public Disclosure Training/Expert

Meeting adjourned at 9.24 pm

Next Meeting:

November 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Valley Precinct

Minutes Submitted by
Leigh O'Neill, Secretary