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Members present: Chair Jabulani Gamache, Vice Chair Shireen Hart, Stephanie Seguino, Suzy Comerford, Kevin Garrison, Melo Grant

Not Present: Yuol Herjok

Also Present: Acting Chief Jon Murad

1. Agenda

1.01 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at:

1.02 Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

1.03 Additions or Modifications to Agenda

Motion by Jabulani Gamache, seconded by Stephanie Seguino.

Final Resolution: Motion passes unanimously

2. Commission Actions

2.01 Approve the Minutes from Special Commission meeting on 8/2/2021

Motion by Stephanie Seguino, seconded by Jabulani Gamache, to amend the minutes from Special Meeting 8/2/2021 to include the entire motion of the Resolution to the minutes and approve with amendment.

Final Resolution: Motion passes unanimously



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2.02 Approve the Minutes from the Regular Commission meeting on 7/27/2021

2.03 Approve the Minutes from Special Commission meeting on 7/20/2021

Motion made by Jabulani Gamache, seconded by Stephanie Seguino, to approve minutes from 7/27/2021 and 7/20/2021.
Final Resolution: Motion passes unanimously

3. Public Forum

3.01 The Public is invited to speak regarding issues of interest for the Commissions consideration

The Commission heard from the following members of the public:
None.

4. Presentations

4.01 State's Attorney Sarah George "Alternatives to Arrest."

State's Attorney Sarah George spoke on Alternatives to Arrest.

How does prosecutorial discretion work with police discretion. Goal is to limit the number of people and cases coming into the Judicial System. Finding ways to provide alternatives that actually help and address problems.
Focused on Mental Health and finding alternatives other than jail. Needs the support of the Department of Mental Health.

Please see video for full discussion.

4.02 Prof. Neil Gross on Police Reform.

Sociology Professor at Colby College. Former Police Officer from the City of Berkeley, California for a short time. Working on a book about police reform.

Police Reform around racial disparity in vehicle stops.

NY Times Article

Idea of Procedural Justice Reforms.

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5. Chief's Report

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Acting Chief Murad shared data on total incidents over the past few years, and the types of incidents.
See presentation in agenda

6. Commission Actions

6.01 Future Location of Commission Meetings

Community Center on North Street - obstacles: staffing issues, rental fee, not booking spaces because of COVID increase
Miller Center - no charge, advance notice to account for staff, Commission responsible for technical equipment.

Other spaces waiting on follow-up responses:

DPW meeting space

City Market, South End

Suzy Comerford suggested looking at some schools.

St. Joseph's School in New North End?

Look at the faith community - Advised that when using religious spaces, the space needs to be examined to keep neutral from religious artifacts, etc.

Consider DPW for October's meeting.

6.02 Commission Work Plan

Work Plan attached to agenda.

Next meeting - discuss Jan - June steps to take.

Organizing visitors - work to invite speakers for Sept. meeting.

Melo Grant to work on Brian from NACOLE's availability

Shireen Hart to reach out to SAMHSA for availability.

Follow-up discussion on edits next meeting.

6.03 Body-Worn Camera Video Release Policy

Motion made by Stephanie Seguino, seconded by Suzy Comerford,

Motion to approve the revised body-worn camera footage release policy, with two changes:

1. Change 4 to read: "The Commission shall re-visit this policy in March 2022 to evaluate and assess implementation."
2. Delete: "Any member of the public who wishes to view the blurred footage or redacted audio may request that information in accordance with the Vermont Public Records Act."

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Chief Murad suggested the Commission think about incorporating the descriptions of discretion and definitions from the State's Use of Force Policy.

6.04 Excited Delirium - Preliminary Discussion

What kind of information is needed for informed discussion? Who would we invite to speak on this topic? And then schedule in work plan.

Chief Murad noted that the term Excited Delirium is not in the State's Use of Force Policy, which goes into effect October 1st, 2021, which will supersede the City of Burlington's (BPD's) policy.

Melo Grant read a statement from the American Medical Association, from a Press Release on June 14, 2021.

Conversations with hospital, Fire Chief.

Training/education within BPD to eradicate the use of the word/term.

Variety of perspectives and research who would be available for discussion in October.

Check if Brian or SAMHSA can speak on this topic as well.

7. Use of Force Incident Reporting

7.01 Use of Force Incident Report July 2021

Posted to Board Docs Agenda.

No Questions from Commissioners regarding July's 2021 UOF Incidents.

Videos for all UOF incidents were provided to the Commission for review. Shireen Hart expressed her thanks for providing videos for all the incidents.

8. Commendations



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8.01 Commendations that have been received for July 2021

Postponed.

9. Commissioner Updates / Comments

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10. Other Business

11. Executive Session

11.01 Executive Session (as required)

12. Adjournment

12.01 Motion to Adjourn

13. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements