



**Data Systems Use of Force & Compliance Subcommittee Meeting DRAFT Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016
6-8pm
COAB Office
525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 250
Portland, OR 97232**

In attendance:

Tom Steenson (Chair)
Rochelle Silver
Myrlaviani Rivier "V"

Meeting started at 6:01pm

1. Introduction and welcome

Tom mentioned how the meeting was originally planned for August 1st but was again moved to August 15th.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment.

3. Discussion of the Training Advisory Council's "Training and Use of Force Report Recommendations" (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/581581>) and Portland Copwatch's comments on that report

Tom talked about the Training Advisory Council's report and the Portland Copwatch's comments. He said that COAB has not had the ability to review the information yet.

Rochelle asked Marie Claire about the 2016 in-service trainings for officers, and whether she

could bring back information regarding those trainings. Marie Claire said the 2016 in-service would last from September through November involving a total 20 hours of training. There would also be 40 hours of training in January 2017 involving Mental Health Directive, Equity, and Diversity.

Tom then asked Marie if there had been Advanced Academy training this year, she said yes, there was 12-16 weeks, and she would provide the lesson plan to Tom.

Philip asked Marie how PPB knows how well their officers are learning and understanding the trainings. Marie said they are working on evaluating that.

Rochelle asked how PPB evaluates the trainers. Marie said they are working on that evaluation as well.

Tom asked Tom Christoff (COCL) how the training would be done. Tom C. said that they are looking at various evaluation methods and that they would be putting out a statement soon.

There was a conversation between Tom, Tom C., and Susanne (from the Training Advisory Council) about how the behavioral changes of officers post-training is being evaluated.

Susanne and Rochelle talked about the “warrior mentality” in the PPB is being addressed.

Tom asked Susanne whether or not TAC has been granted access to restricted PPB documents. Susanne said that TAC has not had the required access to files they need. Tom offered examples of how COAB got access to certain documents.

Philip asked if COAB could come to a TAC meeting. Susanne said that TAC would be interested in having a crossover meeting, and that TAC will be working on that later in the year.

Rochelle, in light of TAC not getting fair access, suggested COAB approve an “openness and transparency” recommendation.

Jonas (DOJ) stepped in to advise the Committee on training, saying that there are just some things that the PPB cannot give out without ruining the training for PPB officers.

Rochelle said they do change, and offered an example of how some officers treated the training, with one only writing “awesome” on the feedback part.

Tom C. said that he wants to better measure what things like “awesome” and “generally okay” really mean when officers say them.

4. Discussion of recommendation to consolidate the Data Systems, Use of Force, Compliance Subcommittee and the Accountability Subcommittee into one, to be named the Data Systems, Use of Force, Accountability, Compliance Subcommittee

Tom explained the reasons for the recommendation, and that the Accountability Subcommittee had already approved it.

Philip asked how the membership combination would work, Tom explained that all he needed to do was join the new committee.

VOTE: The Accountability Subcommittee should be consolidated with the Data Systems, Use of Force, Compliance Subcommittee to form a subcommittee named Data Systems, Use of Force, Accountability, Compliance Subcommittee.

Rochelle Moved, Tom Seconded

Ayes: Rochelle, Tom

2-0, Motion passes.

5. Discussion of recommendation to terminate the contract between the City and the COCL

Tom explained the background for this. COAB approved that it select its own chair, and to reduce the influence of the COCL with a court-appointed monitor. COCL said that it also wants out of the business of the COAB. Tom said the letter from the COCL was rude, disgusting, and not for the community. Amy's op-ed was also disrespectful.

Jonas asked the committee if they found Tom's research work useful to their work.

Tom and Rochelle said that the data was somewhat helpful.

Rochelle said that the COAB and the community are weary of the conclusions COCL has been making. Tom said he personally doesn't trust COCL. He then listed several grievances.

Kalei listed reasons why she doesn't trust COCL either. She said people need to talk to Judge Simon, because he's the only one that will actually listen to the community.

Jimi said that the trust between the COAB and COCL has been broken. He said that it is too difficult to work together now that the trust has been broken. He said the City has not stood up, and is probably working with COCL to keep things the way they are.

Jonas said that the committee needs to keep in mind that the actual outcomes of the PPB are improving, and he warned everyone to be weary of changing leadership mid-way through the reforms because in other cities that has ruined reform momentum.

Rochelle said that COAB is already losing momentum. She said that COCL has already created a nonworking relationship between COAB because of locked out meetings, being slapped around, and ignored.

Tom said it was apples and oranges- the COCL is not a court appointed monitor. He said COCL hasn't done that much hard work, so the sentiment that removing COCL is wrong.

Philip said that the relationship between COCL and COAB just can't work.

Philip asked Jonas if he had any conclusions about the Settlement Agreement based on what he's heard tonight. Jonas said that he couldn't say anything.

Rochelle asked Tom C. if he wanted to speak for COCL. Tom C. said that COCL has been working on this for two years. He said COCL is with the community. He also said that COCL has disagreed with the City/PPB, and the DOJ on several issues, saying that COCL is in fact independent from the City.

Ann asked how as a community we could move forward if we still need members and do not have a quorum, no matter what happens with COCL.

Jonas reiterated that everyone needs to pay attention to the improving outcomes of the PPB. He said that no one is stepping up to fill empty COAB positions, and that COAB should take a look at why that is.

Rochelle asked if the City might be pushing the community away from joining COAB.

Tom said that it wasn't the COAB's job to fill its positions, and that the COAB is not at fault for its inability to have quorum.

Marie Claire was asked about the City filling COAB positions- she said that PPB has filled its COAB positions, and that PPB is not affiliated with the positions the City Council needs to fill. Tom thanked her for the clarification.

Jimi said that it feels like the COAB positions not being filled have been premeditated by the City.

Meeting ended at 7:59pm