

**Measure Y Oversight Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2012
6:30pm**

Item #1: Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chairperson Dorado. A quorum was declared at 6:45pm when Member DeWitt arrived.

The following members were present:

- Qa'id Aqeel
- Peter Barnett
- Vicente Cruz
- Nyeisha DeWitt
- Ryan Hunter
- Jose' Dorado

The following members were excused:

- Melanie Shelby
- Joanne Brown

The following members were absent:

- Richard Carter
- Brandon Sturdivant

Item #2: Open Forum

Jim Dexter, District Four

- This agenda is a disappointment because there is an OPD report going to the Rules Committee that did not get submitted to the Committee prior. This is an embarrassment and a missed opportunity. He urged the Committee to form a subcommittee to make comments on the OPD strategic plan as there is misinformation in the report, in his opinion.
- The overall awareness of OPD staffing levels is low. As of August 2012 OPD staffing will be 580. There is no other police academy planned after the August 2012 academy. People are leaving the City of Oakland because of this issue which is weakening the tax base in Oakland.

Vicente Cruz, Committee Member

- He read the report and thought it should go to the public for review. He would like to see a shorter or simpler version for the public's easy consumption. Also, as an advisory committee no one has to listen to us- and people feel a huge disconnect with the police and he would like to see OPD bridge.

Item #3: Approval of Minutes from the March 19, 2012 Meeting

- **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Barnett seconded by Member Cruz to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting. 4 Ayes, 0 Nos, 2 Abstentions. Motion passed.

Item #4: Update on the RFP Process

Priya Jagannathan from DHS provided a written report on the status of the Measure Y Violence Prevention Programs Request for Proposal process. Highlights of her comments include the following:

- The RFP was released on February 9, 2012.

- It included \$4.9 million for 12 different program strategies.
- The RFP application was entirely on line.
- They held a bidders conference on February 16, 2012 with over 77 agencies in attendance.
- Over 101 letters of intent were received.
- DHS held technical assistance sessions.
- Full proposals were due on March 16th - and 55 proposals were received.
- Review panels are currently being held. Panels are made up of diverse individuals with expertise in the areas they are reviewing.
- A package of recommendations will come to the Committee on May 7th and to Public Safety Committee on May 20, 2012.
- The last page is the list of applicant-organizations. A Committee member commented that it would be helpful to include the strategy which organization is applying for.

Item #5: Breakdown of PSO Hours

Lt Hamilton was not present.

Item #6: Coliseum Parking Surcharge – Closed Session Issue

Mark Morodomi from the City Attorney's Office provided a written legal opinion on this issue at the last meeting. He was requested attend this meeting to walk through the opinion with the Committee. The issue was whether or not the MY Oversight Committee can meet in closed session to discuss the coliseum parking issue. The conclusion, in short, was that because the Measure Y Oversight Committee is not a party to the County of Alameda V. City of Oakland litigation, it cannot meet in closed session to discuss the case.

Item #7: 2012 Measure Y Mid-Year Violence Prevention Programs report and Matched Data summaries for 2009-2011 from Resource Development Associates

Patricia Bennett and staff from RDA provided highlights of the report through a PowerPoint presentation, which was designed to answer the question: Did clients avoid further criminal/juvenile justice involvement and re-engage with school after participating in Measure Y Programs?

- The 2009-11 matched data summaries document individual client outcomes related to factors correlated to improved public safety and violence prevention, including recidivism and school engagement.
- A Committee member said it would be helpful to have a definition of the risk levels (i.e. low, medium, high). RDA responded that the scale is from 1 to 30, and 15 is the average level for Measure Y participants.
- Committee members asked if there was data by risk level. RDA was not sure if the State analyzes their data by risk level. But RDA has a chart that shows a breakdown by risk level and it shows that high risk youth recidivate at higher rates.
- Regarding the charts showing the percentage breakdown for truancy and suspensions in the PowerPoint presentation, Committee members said these tables were not in the report and it would be helpful if they were.

- Committee members said it is difficult to compare programs and can RDA develop a risk scale across programs to normalize the data. RDA said they are not sure if risk scores are appropriate for predictive modeling. It is not an exact scale and it may not be all about the risk level. It is also about what services are provided and what happens in the person's larger environment. It would be better to compare it to the national or state recidivism level which is at 65%.
- Committee members said it would be helpful to do this for evaluation purposes. For example, they wanted to know how many people would have recidivated if they had never done a Measure Y program. The data is in there, and if it was normalized, Committee members would know the answer to this question.
- Pat Bennett from RDA said she would discuss normalizing the data with her staff and get back to the Committee.
- Members acknowledged getting the report early so they had enough time to read it and prepare.
- **MOTION:** It was moved by Member Bennett and seconded by Member Aqeel to receive the report. 6 Ayes, 0 Nos, 0 Abstentions. Motion passes.

Item #8: SARA Database

Lt Alexander, Special Resources Officer, BFO 2, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SARA Database 1.1 and how it aligns with the SARA problem solving model of Scan, Analysis, Response and Assessment. The presentation included screen shots of the database-forms that officers fill out. The presentation also walked the Committee through a project to illustrate how the database functions. He also demonstrated how the database has the ability to search by various items including: NCPC, beat, new project, incident nature, project source, etc. There are structured questions in the database that helps the PSO drill down to the problem, identify the stakeholders, the causes of the problem, and tentative/final goals, etc. A log of work in each phase is also included.

- Lt Alexander said that in his opinion, a 2.0 version needs to be done and that we need a maintenance contract for the current version. It could work on tablets and could be shown in real time.
- In response to questions from the Committee members, Lt Alexander responded that the consolidating of the beats from 57 to 35 works well for his PSOs.
- In response to questions from the Committee members, Lt Alexander responded, that regarding familiarity with Measure Y support services, the PSO are not quite where we need them to be. However, with the school officers coming on board we will build pathways to improve this. He said that OPD already works well with Kevin Grant and the Outreach Workers, however.
- Pat Bennett from RDA commented that initially, 3 years ago, when RDA proposed their evaluation design they assumed a holistic and collaborative Measure Y design with all the stakeholders working together to lift up the entire effort. This has not happened and RDA continues to urge it as the evaluators. Committee members concurred that OPD, Fire, and all the violence prevention grantees need to come together to coordinate and collaborate so the work is integrated.

- It was suggested that a Summit for all the Measure Y partners, the City, and the community would be a good way to raise awareness of the resources and program and the work that is being done. It was suggested that this would make a good topic for the retreat agenda.
- It was commented by a Committee member that it would be good if the SARA database was available to the public. It is not possible with this version, but it is a worthy goal.
- It was commented that the SARA Database could be a good tool in helping community members interface with PSOs. Using this database could help both the community and the PSO focus our efforts.

Item #9 State of Community Policing DC Breshears

DC Breshears provided an overview of the state of community policing. He complimented Lt Alexander on his work with the PSOs and the PSO beat presentations that are now given at NCPC meetings. Highlights of his presentation included:

- A review of current OPD staffing levels: there are 661 officers total, some of these officers are discretionary (Measure Y officers, grant funded school officers, etc) so that leaves 407 non-discretionary officers free to deploy. Of this, 66 are injured, leaving 341 officers department wide.
- When the number of beats was reduced from 57 to 35, some of the PSTs were loaned to CRT positions to work in partnership with the PSOs on violent crime reduction. Because OPD doesn't have specialized units any more, this was the most effective way to help each beat out with tactical support. OPD is looking at transitioning the CRTs back to PSOs in the near future. However, with additional officers coming in via the COPPS grant, OPD could move to create permanent CRTs and the Committee will be consulted.
- Chief Breshears reviewed the crime statistics and said a tremendous improvement has been made through the use of the CRTs. Although this week's total part one stats are up the overall trend is down.
- In response to a question, Chief Breshears said that OPD is responding to the increase in burglaries through the the PSOs and other anti-burglary operations going on in the city – including the use of informants.
- In response to a question, Chief Breshears said that OPD officers are armed when they go into schools as they are a uniformed presence, however the mentors are not.
- Lt Alexander commented that one component of the OPD crime reduction plan is to disrupt gang activity. This effort impacts shootings also. PSOs work closely with the CRTs on this.
- The 25 school based officers, who are funded through a Federal COPPS grant funded, will be under OPD and will be in the Youth and Family Services Division. OPD works closely with OUSD. These officers can develop a program for the safe passage of students to and from school. This program could involve residents, seniors, businesses like Comcast who are in the neighborhoods, etc. Member DeWitt commented that the beatification of the neighborhoods so the students have a pleasant walk to school would help students feel better about going to school.

Item #10: Retreat Committee Report

The following pertain to the Retreat:

- The retreat will be held on Saturday June 23 from 9 am to 1pm, at Lincoln Child Center.
- Member Aqeel volunteered to be on the Retreat Committee

The following agenda topics were suggested:

- Process for preparing the annual report
- Commitment of committee members
- Citywide comprehensive strategy bringing all of the Measure Y partners together.
- A citywide summit for Measure Y partners and the community
- What the Committee should look like - purview and what we can reasonably do

Item #11: Agenda Building

- PSO hours – Lt. Hamilton
- Normalization - RDA
- New Fire Chief
- Chiefs from other jurisdictions
- RFP recommendations

Item #12: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.