

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS



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MAY 14, 2012 CPMP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
2:00-3:30 PM (scheduled to end at 4:30 but ended early)
LINDY BOGGS LEARNING CENTER
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Agenda

- I. Introductions and Welcome
- II. Introduction to Community Police Mediation Program
 - A. Background
 - B. Description of NOLA Mediation Program
 - C. Terms of Reference
 - D. Ground Rules
 - E. Principles
- III. Logistics
- VI. Conclusion

Meeting Notes:

Attendees:

- 1. Full IPM Staff and Volunteers- Astrid Birgden, Julio Lopez-Varona, Heather Siegel, Allyson Curry
- 2. Ronal Serpas Chief of New Orleans Police Department
- 3. Arlinda Westbrook Deputy Chief of NOPD, Public Integrity Bureau
- 4. Judge Calvin Johnson, Ret. Executive Director of Metropolitan Human Services District
- 5. Sister Mary Lou Specha Exodus House
- 6. Wes Ware Executive Director of Breakout
- 7. Susan Guidry Councilwoman District A
- 8. Ted Quant Twomey Center for Peace and Justice
- 9. Eva Hurst
- 10. Patrick Walsh Young Leadership Council
- 11. Derrick Francis Mayor Landrieu's Office
- 12. Simon R. Hargrove Black Police Officers Association
- 13. Carlton Goodwin Private Citizen
- 14. Cassie Pierson Common Ground Legal Clinic
- 15. Connie Washington Safe Streets/Strong Communities
- 16. Abigail Reikow Orleans Public Defenders
- 17. Matthew Frasier City Council, District A



18. Jenny Hunter Business Council of New Orleans
19. Brendan McCarthy Times Picayune
20. Deborah Cotton New Orleans Coalition on Open Governance
21. Michael Cowan Loyola University

Introductions and Welcome

Welcome conducted by Ursula Price. Notification of videotaping to the attendees and request for the release form.

Staff Introductions (see bios for some):

- Simone Levine – Deputy Police Monitor. Came from NY Attorney General, and Legislative Council for NY State Assembly. She has been with IPM just over a year. Her availability is limited because she is sitting the LA bar this summer.
- Maya Terrance – Project Manager. She will be our whip and can answer questions about process.
- Ursula Price – Meeting facilitator and Committee chair. Responsible for modifying process as decisions are made
- Astrid Birgden – Project Expert who drafted the Project Blueprint and Mediation Review Paper.
- Julio Lopez-Varona – Lawyer with a mediation background who co-drafted the Project Blueprint and Mediation Review Paper.
- Allyson Curry – Mediation Degree

Committee Introductions:

- ?Sister Mary Lou Specha - Nun. Works in central city at Exodus House and an CDC from First NBC Bank. Recently was Café Reconcile Ed. Wants to help young people
- Susan Guidry – District A City Council
- Matt Fraser- Legislative Director, City Council District A?
- Ted Quant – Twomey Center. Member of the original Police Citizen Review Task Force in YEAR
- Deborah Cotton – Moved to NOLA from LA. Former Union Organizer. Working in media relations for non-profits and NOCOG and PR consultation for the culture bearing community.
- Connie Washington – SSSC Focused on African American youth in low income areas
- Mary Ellen Stitt- RETHINK’s restorative justice coordinator
- Wesley Ware – Director of BreakOut. Interested in NOPD policies regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered youth.
- Abigail Reikow – Social Worker with OPD
- Jenny Hunter – Business Council. Interested in changing culture of crime
- Michael Cowan- Loyola University. Supporters of OIG and supported Norris and James in creating IPM



- Cassie Pierson – Common Ground Legal Clinic. Supports mediation as an alternative.

Board Introductions:
(see bios)

- Chief Serpas
- Arlinda Westbrook
- Susan Hutson
- Calvin Johnson

Powerpoint Presentation
Public Comment Period – No Public Comment

Logistics

- 1) Sunshine Laws:
 - a. Notes from full committee meetings will be publicly available;
 - b. We have to provide 24 hours notice of all committee meetings;
 - c. Committee votes must be vocal.
- 2) Meetings will be recorded and a photo/video release is requested.
- 3) Please sign in to every meeting because we want to circulate contact information amongst committee.
- 4) Next Meeting Date – **Monday July 9th 2:00 pm Location TBA.**
- 5) Comment Period – a time when we can read, digest and discuss materials. IPM will establish a google group.
- 6) IPM Staff/Volunteers will call each member for feedback on the meeting, questions, instruction on how to use google group and suggested meeting locations.

Special Notes:

There was some brief preliminary discussion about the principles in the Project Blueprint. These will be revisited at a later date as the program is developed. A few questions arose:

- 1) If the citizen involved in the mediation was a juvenile, would their parents come?
 - a. Chief Westbrook says that, currently, when children come to PIB to make complaints, they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 2) When the document mentions incentives to the officer for participating in mediations, are we talking about mediation INSTEAD of the disciplinary process?
 - a. The group will determine the array of choices at a later meeting.
- 3) Project Blueprint Document was missing from everyone's email package. Only the attachment was distributed, so IPM staff distributed the document in its entirety on Friday Mayn 18th.

