



**Middlesex County Restoration Center
Thursday, January 28, 2021
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Zoom**

MINUTES

Attendees: Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian, co-chair; Danna Mauch, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, co-chair; Senator Cindy Friedman; Chief Robert Bongiorno, Bedford Police Department; Nancy Connolly, Department of Mental Health; Deirdre Calvert, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services; Scott Taberner, MassHealth; Marisa Hebble, MA Trial Court; Lydia Conley, Association for Behavioral Healthcare; Tim Burton, National Alliance for Mental Illness Massachusetts; Bridget Cook, MSO; Sonya Khan, MSO; Morgan Rumpf, MSO; Dave Ryan, MSO; David Swanson, Office of Senator Cindy Friedman; Catia Sharp, MAMH; June Binney, member of the public; Richard Sheola, member of the public; Caroline Bays, member of the public; Jennifer Honig, member of the public from Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC); Kate Nemens, member of the public from MHLAC; Megan Mauskapf, member of the public from MHLAC; Phil Kassel, member of the public; Rebecca Leaf, member of the public.

2:00 PM: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Sheriff Koutoujian called the meeting to order.

2:05 PM: LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Representative Gordon could not attend the meeting.

Senator Friedman said that she has been all-consumed by vaccine distribution, and has not had a chance to look at the Governor's budget that was released yesterday to check to see if it included \$250,000 for the Restoration Center Commission.

Danna Mauch confirmed that the Governor's budget does not include funding for the Commission.

Sheriff Koutoujian suggested that the co-chairs work with Senator Friedman and Representative Gordon to get funding into the House and Senate versions of the budget.

2:10 PM: APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Sheriff Koutoujian motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.

2:15 PM: WORK PLAN FOR FY21

Sheriff Koutoujian proposed creating a subcommittee structure for the Commission, beginning with a subcommittee on procurement.

The group was unanimous in agreeing to create a subcommittee on procurement. Commission members can join the subcommittee voluntarily, and Catia Sharp will set it up.

Sheriff Koutoujian particularly urged members of the Commission who work in the administration or have procurement experience to join the subcommittee on procurement.

2:35 PM: NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

Sheriff Koutoujian announced that the rest of the meeting would be in an Executive Session to protect the privacy of the presenters, and asked all members of the public to sign off. The presenters would be participants in the People Achieving Change Together (PACT) unit at the Billerica Jail and House of Corrections who participated in Project Citizen, a civics course. The young men would present their final project for the course related to reentry services. Sheriff Koutoujian announced that the open session of the meeting would not reconvene.

2:40 PM: EXECUTIVE SESSION