



Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
400 Mystic Avenue, 4th Floor
Medford, MA

Minutes

Attendees:

Peter Koutoujian, Sheriff of Middlesex County, Co-Chair
Danna Mauch, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Co-Chair
Senator Cindy Friedman
Deirdre Calvert, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services
Paula M. Carey, former Chief Justice of the Trial Court
Abigail Kim, Association for Behavioral Healthcare
Nancy Connolly, Department of Mental Health
Scott Taberner, Executive Office for Health and Human Services
Dyana Nickl, Commonwealth Medicine
David Ryan, Middlesex Sheriff's Office

1:00PM – 1:15PM Open Session

Welcome and Introductions
Co-Chairs, Sheriff Koutoujian and Danna Mauch

- Sheriff Koutoujian welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
Co-Chairs, Sheriff Koutoujian and Danna Mauch

- Sheriff Koutoujian accepted a motion made by Senator Friedman and seconded by Scott Taberner to approve minutes from the last meeting held virtually on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, via Zoom. Sheriff Koutoujian conducted a vote of the yeas and nays.

All those present and voting voted in the affirmative. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Funding Updates

Co-Chairs, Sheriff Koutoujian and Danna Mauch

- *Congessionally Directed Funding*
 - Sheriff Koutoujian updated members on the roundtable event with Congresswoman Trahan announcing the \$1.65M in congressionally directed funding secured for the restoration center.
- *Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund (ORRF)*
 - Danna Mauch inquired with Director Calvert on the whether the ORRF Advisory Council had set parameters for applying for resources.
 - a) Director Calvert expressed she should have more information for the commission after the presentation of a strategic plan at the next ORRF meeting on December 6th.
- *ARPA 2.0*
 - Sheriff Koutoujian asked Senator Friedman if she was aware of an updated timeline for the release of the second round of ARPA funding.
 - a) Senator Friedman did not have an update.
- *President's Executive Order (EO) – Police Reform*
 - Sheriff Koutoujian provided an overview of the sections of the President's EO impacting crisis response, and suggested monitoring its implementation for possible funding opportunities.
- *Attorney General Grant Opportunity*
 - Sheriff Koutoujian shared with the commission a grant solicitation from the Attorney General's Office for mental diversionary services.
 - a) While the grant would be a great funding opportunity for the center the commission expressed regret that the timing was premature.
- *Potential funding from Pew Charitable Trust*
 - Pew may provide funding for an evaluation of the Restoration Center
 - Commonwealth Medicine staff will work Sheriff's staff to develop a proposal

Appointment of New Commission Members

Co-Chairs, Sheriff Koutoujian and Danna Mauch

- Sheriff Koutoujian welcomed **Chief Paul Carey** (ret.) to the commission, and thanked her for agreeing to offer her assistance and expertise.
 - Chief Carey offered brief remarks accepting the position.

- Commission discussed confirming that **Chief Lester Baker** of Framingham received the background materials on the commission.
- Danna Mauch shared that she spoke with **Audrey Shelto**, President & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, and that President Shelto agreed to join the commission.
 - Members agreed President Shelto would be a welcome addition to the commission.
- CWM staff will draft a welcome letter and compile background materials for new members

Procurement Planning and Workgroup Activities

EOHHS

- Scott Taberner provided the commission with an update on the status of the drafting of the request for proposals (RFP).
 - The commission expressed an interest in having the RFP released as soon as possible.
 - Commission is establishing a Service Model Working Committee to revise the scope of services included in the RFP
 - Volunteer participants: Danna Mauch, Dave Ryan, Scott Taberner, Dee Calvert + 3 more DPH staff, Matthew Broderick (DMH)
 - Scott will request participation from MassHealth Office of Behavioral Health
 - Group will meet 3-4 times in November and December

Annual Report

EOHHS

- Scott Taberner confirmed the required annual report had been submitted on behalf of the commission.

Commonwealth Medicine Staff Position Posting

EOHHS

- Scott Taberner provided the commission with an update on Commonwealth Medicine's hiring of staff whose responsibilities will include supporting the Commission
- Commonwealth Medicine's Health and Justice Policy Associate position has been approved, should be posted soon
- Commission leadership expressed an interest in meeting potential final candidates for this position
 - Scott Taberner confirmed that Commonwealth Medicine commits to supporting this process to the extent feasible

Roll Call Vote to enter Executive Session

All Commission Members

- Sheriff Koutoujian accepted a motion made by Senator Friedman and seconded by Chief Carey to move the meeting into executive session after stating the reasoning & that the commission would not return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. Sheriff Koutoujian conducted a vote of the yeas and nays.
 - All members present and voting voted in the affirmative.

1:15PM – 2:25PM

Executive Session
All Commission Members

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(2) for the purposes of discussing strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel.
- The commission will not return to open session at the conclusion of executive session.

2:25PM – 2:30PM

Adjournment
Co-Chairs, Sheriff Koutoujian and Danna Mauch