



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 4, 2013**

**The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 4, 2013 at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Kim Rossmo, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:10 PM.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kim Rossmo  
Sam Holt  
Mike Levy  
Michael Lauderdale  
Reynaldo Moreno

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

Ramey Ko  
Kent Anschutz

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes for the regular meeting on 10/7/2013 were approved on Commissioner Chair Rossmo's motion, Commissioner Michael Lauderdale's second and a 5-0 unanimous vote.

**2. Citizen Communications**

- *Adrian Moore* – Director of the council at At risk youth – Shared a press release and arrest data pertaining to 10-20 year old kids for being taken into custody. Per the request of Commissioner Rossmo Mr. Moore will share the reports with the Commissioners.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action Items**

**a. Approval of 2014 Commission Meeting Dates – Public Safety Commission**

- Chair Rossmo opened the floor for discussion on the 2014 meeting dates. Issues with the 2014 meeting dates are January and September. January 6, 2014 conflicts with the holiday season. Chair Rossmo has canceled the January 6, 2014 meeting unless deemed necessary in the December meeting. September 1, 2014 conflicts with Labor Day so Chair Rossmo proposes that the meeting be moved to September 8 to 9, 2014. Tara Long will check the availability of the dates requested.

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***b. Resolution Honoring Dr. Michael Lauderdale– Chair Kim Rossmo***

- Commissioner Lauderdale served as the first Chair for the Public Safety Commission that began in December 2009. Resolution was approved on Commissioner Chair Levy’s motion, Commissioner Rossmo’s second and a 5-0 unanimous vote.

***c. Presentation of Plaques Honoring Chief David Carter and Karen Jackson***

- The plaques being given are in honor of David Carter and Karen Jackson for four years of service to the Public Safety Commission. Karen Jackson was not in attendance.

***d. Consumer Advocate for ARIC Privacy Policy – Gregory Foster***

- Gregory Foster was not in attendance.

***e. Update on Planning and Implementation of Programs and Processes for the Mentally ill criminal defendant – Judge Nancy Hohengarten & Chief Program Operations Officer Dawn Handley***

- Judge Hohengarten and Dawn Handley updated the Commission on a report of recommendations that they completed at the end of spring. She wants to show how their recommendations relate to public safety in Austin.
- Dawn Handley is with the Austin Travis County Integral Care and she is a member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Community along with Judge Hohengarten.
- First recommendation they made was to create a new assessment process for persons with mental illness, substance use, and criminal justice involvement. This will help assess for different problems and create a better process.
- Interlocal agreement is through the Health and Human Services Department.
- One of Judge Hohengarten’s representatives spoke to the items currently active with ATCIC. Has been working with ECOC, DISHES, COA and other community stakeholders in trying to meeting the needs of the homeless. Trying to help the homeless find a home in the supportive housing system. RFP should be sent out by the end of the year. There is currently a benchmarking study being done to compare to other cities and communities with this issue.
- Dr. Lauderdale asked Judge Hohengarten – As the plan is developed could they provide the Commission more data about the total number of homeless. Is that a relatively static thing or is it a multiplication of the likely population? Judge Hohengarten responded with how you define homeless and what people’s needs are vary and this makes it difficult to come up with an appropriate response. It is hard to do good planning if you don’t know the depth of the need.
- Dr. Hohengarten suggested that we have Ann Howard come speak to the sub units of diversity and dynamics of the people receiving these benefits.
- Second recommendation they have is for psychiatric hospital beds for indigent people.
- Mrs. Handley spoke to the issue regarding the crisis stabilization for the ER. There has been approval for a 16 bed facility. This will allow people to stay minimal hours and will take involuntary and voluntary patients.

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- f. Update on Proposed Distracted Driving Legislation – Bianca Bentzin of the City of Austin Legal Department*
  - Bianca Bentzin was not in attendance.
- g. Five Year Review of Policy Call Load Changes – APD Assistant Chief Brian Manley*
  - Chief Manley spoke on the report regarding calls of service for APD for years 2008-2012.
- h. Staffing/Organizational Studies for EMS Service Delivery – EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard*
  - Discussion will be postponed until December. Chief Shamard was not in attendance.

**5. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items**

Commissioners Future Agenda Items for December:

- a. Consumer Advocate for ARIC Privacy Policy – Gregory Foster
- b. Distractive Driving – Pending at this point
- c. Ann Howard at the same time as the discussion of the downtown issues with Commissioner Anschutz.
- d. Five Year Review of Policy Call load Changes – Chief Manley

Future Agenda Items:

- a. Fewer fire units dispatched on medical calls – Feb or March

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lauderdale, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.