



Ohio Collaborative Community- Police Advisory Board

August 22, 2018 Meeting Summary

On December 12, 2014, Governor John Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-06K announcing the creation of the **Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations**. The charge of the Task Force is threefold: 1) To explore the cause of fractured relationships between communities and law enforcement, 2) To examine strategies to strengthen trust between the community and law enforcement in order to resolve the underlying causes of friction; and 3) To provide the Governor with a report with recommendations about best practices available to communities. As a result of the work of the Task Force, on April 30, 2015, Governor John Kasich signed Executive Order 2015-04K establishing the **Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board**.

The Collaborative is chaired by Director John Born, Office of Public Safety, and The Honorable Nina Turner, former Ohio Senator. Members appointed by the Governor, including ex officio members, are identified below:

- Officer Anthony L. Johnson—Columbus Police Department
- Dr. Ronnie Dunn—Cleveland State University, Professor of Urban Studies and member of the NAACP Criminal Justice Committee
- The Reverend Damon Lynch III—senior pastor, New Prospect Baptist Church
- The Reverend Walter S. Moss—pastor
- Chief Michael J. Navarre—Oregon Police Department, member of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
- Dr. Robin Engel – University of Cincinnati, Professor of Criminal Justice
- Honorable Ronald J. O’Brien—Franklin County Prosecutor
- Sheriff Tom Miller—Medina County Sheriff’s Office, member of the Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association
- Commissioner Lori Barreras—member of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission
- Councilman Michael H. Keenan—City of Dublin, local government representative
- Austin B. Harris—former student trustee at Central State University

Ex officio members:

- The late Honorable George V. Voinovich—former U.S. Senator, Governor of Ohio, and Mayor of Cleveland
- The late Honorable Louis Stokes, former member of Congress
- The Honorable Tom Roberts, former Ohio senator, life member of the NAACP
- Senator Sandra Williams, Ohio Senate
- The Honorable Tim Derickson, former Ohio Representative

The purpose of the Collaborative is to advise and work with the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the Ohio Department of Public Safety to implement the Task Force’s recommendations, as identified in the Executive Order.

August 22, 2018, Columbus, OH Meeting of the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board

The Collaborative meeting was held on August 22, 2018 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The meeting began at 10:05 AM. The following members were present at the meeting.

- Director John Born
- Councilman Michael H. Keenan
- The Honorable Nina Turner
- The Rev. Walter S. Moss
- Executive Director Karhlton Moore
- Sheriff Tom Miller
- Officer Anthony L. Johnson
- Chief Michael Navarre
- Commissioner Lori Barreras
- The Honorable Ronald J. O'Brien
- Dr. Robin Engel

Director Born called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the Collaborative. A brief introduction was given for Dr. Robin Engel, the newest member of the Collaborative. Nina Turner spoke about how proud she is to be a part of the Collaborative and commended Governor Kasich on his efforts to ensure that the voices of both law enforcement and citizens are heard. Ms. Turner commented that a strong foundation has been set so that the next administration can continue the great work that has been done by this group. She thanked Chief Navarre and Sheriff Miller in particular for being involved in the Collaborative.

Law Enforcement Agency Certification Report Update

Executive Director Moore introduced Ed Burkhammer to speak about the agency certification process. Mr. Burkhammer introduced his staff to the committee and described the work that they do. He pointed out that 526 agencies are involved in the certification process. Roughly 28,000 out of 34,000 officers (82%) are affected by the Collaborative.

Mr. Burkhammer then showed the committee the database that is being created to allow law enforcement access to the system to upload policies and go through the review and certification process. A training will be offered on the system.

Councilman Keenan suggested that city managers and/or city council members have access to the database to be able to view agency policies, and others agreed.

Change Starts Here Awareness Campaign Update

Executive Director Moore discussed the impact of the Change Starts Here campaign in terms of its presence on social media. There have been 788,955 impressions on Facebook, and 70,814 impressions on Twitter. There is a constant effort to get the word out about the campaign, including appearances at festivals across the state. A documentary was created, "Change Starts Here: An Unfinished Documentary", in which both citizens and law enforcement discuss the purpose and impact of the campaign. The documentary can be found on You Tube.

NICS Update

Executive Director Moore gave a brief synopsis of the NICS system and Governor Kasich's Executive Order requiring OCJS to convene a working group to study the NICS system, understand barriers impacting NICS compliance, and develop recommendations to improve NICS compliance. The report is complete and will be released soon.

Proposed Standard Discussion: Juvenile Procedures Standard

Director Born turned his attention to the final topic for discussion—the juvenile procedures standard. Mr. Burkhammer briefly discussed the standard and how standards are developed. Chief Navarre spoke on behalf of OACP. He received some critical feedback about the standard. In its current form, the standard is too broad in scope. Prosecutor O'Brien agreed with this assessment and noted that several of the bullet points are already addressed through existing standards in other systems, such as DYS or the courts. Chief Navarre also pointed out that this standard, as it is written, is not seen as a high priority by some members of the OACP review committee. This comment received feedback from Senator Turner and Pastor Moss, who stated that it should be a priority for law enforcement to understand juvenile development, as these are the individuals that officers frequently encounter. Chief Navarre responded that law enforcement training on juvenile development is a priority, but that this point gets lost in the breadth of the standard. He suggested that his group would consider working on a more focused juvenile standard. Sheriff Miller agreed and stated that the BSSA is willing to further develop this standard.

Director Born pointed out that the Executive Order allows for the development of both standards and model policies. He suggested that a model policy developed on juvenile procedures, followed by the development of a more narrowly focused standard on juvenile procedures. A subcommittee of the Collaborative will convene to work on this standard. Anyone who wishes to be a part of this group should contact Executive Director Moore.

Final Remarks

Collaborative members took turns expressing their thoughts on the Collaborative effort and its impact on Ohio. Both Chief Navarre and Ms. Turner commented on the importance of thinking long-term about the goals of the Collaborative. Officer Johnson pointed out that there is a lot of uncertainty with regard to the future of the Collaborative, but that we must always remember that the work we do can result in saved lives. Prosecutor O'Brien suggested that a letter could be sent to the candidates for Governor to explain the Collaborative and get their support for its continuation.

Ms. Turner praised the work of Director Born and Executive Director Moore in moving the Collaborative forward, and gave particular thanks to Carol Ellensohn for her behind-the-scene efforts in making the Collaborative run smoothly.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.