

Broome County
Police Review Taskforce

Location: Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Date: February 9, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order 1:02 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin McManus, Sammy Davis, Michael Baker, Sandra Felton, Kathleen Newcomb, Amber Jennings, Mike Korchack, Scott Baker, Nancy Williams, Mario Williams, Colleen Wagner,

Members Absent: Kim Myers

Others: Jason Garnar, Terry Carey, Mike Tanzini

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved *With Amendment

Presentation by County Executive Jason Garnar of Broome County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan 2021 – Draft/Discussion of Recommendations

Thank you to each and everyone of you for being on the committee. It was necessary based on things that have happened last year. People need to have faith in their public officials. We have a communication plan to notify the public. We need to have this approved by April 1st and would like feedback from the committee members and from the public hearing.

[Broome County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan 2021 – Draft Plan 2/9/2021](#)

Recommendations:

1. In consultation with community groups, the Broome County Sheriff's Office will create and maintain a plan to recruit minority candidates for the law enforcement profession at the Broome County Sheriff's Office
2. Expand mental health programs in our community, like the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier's Crisis Intervention Team
3. Find additional ways to assist individuals who are arrested, but not incarcerated, in receiving treatment for substance use disorders if necessary

4. Implement a program to provide Civil Service Testing Educational and Physical Fitness Training Opportunities in Broome County
5. Strategize ways to promote community engagement and educate the public about programs the Broome County Sheriff's Office provides to the community
6. By April 1st, 2022 the Broome County Sheriff's Office will provide an update on recommendations and implementation

Question & Answer

Sergeant Davis: The recommendation made about the civil service test is something I have already been working on and have run into some roadblocks. It would be ideal to do a practice for the physical fitness training so people know what they will run into for the job. There are some concerns about liability.

County Executive Jason Garnar: I think it's a priority and something we work through.

Closing/Look Ahead:

Information Regarding 2/16 Public Hearing:

We will put the information on the website and send out communication to the media.

The plan will be sent to the Broome County Legislature for approval in the March Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:05 p.m.