



July 2020 COB Executive Director's Report

Executive Summary July

Teleconference Meetings: The COB will continue to have virtual Board meetings in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order extension that allows for electronic meetings until August 29th. The MNCO has established a dedicated phone line for Community members to leave a public comment for Board meetings. The telephone number is 629-255-1906 and the voice mail prompts will walk them through the process.

MNCO Office: The MNCO office remained closed to the public during the month of July. The staff continues to successfully telecommute, and the day-to-day business operations are without any interruptions of service. ED Fitchard and AD Clausi created a safe plan of action to reopen the MNCO office. However, that plan was halted on July 3rd when the Mayor and Metro Public Health Department reverted to a modified version of Phase Two of the Roadmap for Reopening Nashville.

MNCO Training: MNCO staff participated in training opportunities with oversight practitioners from across the country. They attended training webinars and forums that focused on investigations, police reform, police training & violence. The MNCO Staff and COB Members will attend the Virtual 2020 NACOLE Annual Conference that begins on July 20th.

MNCO Research: MNCO Research Analysts began work on the Use of Force Policy Advisory Report and anticipate that it will take several months to complete. The Research team have made seven records requests related to use of force, currently all are pending:

- 3 requests for CALEA accreditation reports and audits
- 1 Request for CALEA standards
- The department's most recent Affirmative Action Plan which is required for federal contracts
- An update for our quantitative data on use of force incidents
- A request for 92 use of force reports selected through a stratified random sample of 2019 use of force incidents. Comprises 11% of all incidents in 2019.

Community Outreach: MNCO Community Liaison, Brensey Thompson, continues to share the latest MNCO-COB information with the Nashville community by using multiple social media platforms. A newsletter/bulletin to highlight important issues for the community will be complete this month. The MNCO attended a community event and safely shared our services with Nashville residents. Ms. Thompson is working on updating the MNCO outreach materials and will host several virtual MNCO community meetings in the coming weeks.

Complaints/Contacts: MNCO continues to receive calls from the public to initiate complaints of alleged misconduct by MNPB officers. The MNCO has received a total of two investigative complaints and assisted with 22 non-complaint calls since the last Board meeting in June.

Records Request: Under the new agreement between MNPB Chief Anderson and the District Attorney General's Office, MNCO Investigators have resubmitted records request to the DA's office that were previously denied by MNPB because of Rule 16. The requests are pending. The records agreement has worked when the DA's office has the requested information from MNPB, but on occasion, the DA's office has not had the records that MNCO requested. The investigator has then requested the records through MNPB Central Records and has been told to get a letter of authorization from the DA's office to release the information to MNCO. The DA's office has stated that they can't give a letter of authorization to the MNCO to get records that are in the care of MNPB because the records aren't theirs to give. The records are MNPB's and should be given to MNCO by MNPB. An email to Mr. Robert Cooper, Director of Metro Legal, was sent on July 14th to inquire about the agreement from June 16th and the continuing issues of access to records. A meeting is set for Monday, July 20th.

MOU Update: Wednesday, July 8th—ED Fitchard, AD Clausi and Legal Advisor Pinckley, presented two draft MOU's to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. The MOU's are separate documents between the COB, MNPB, and TBI. The documents cover a range of topics from Authority & Jurisdiction, Crime Scene Access, Records, and Intake Investigations. The MOU's were approved to move forward to the full Board by the Executive Committee on Monday, July 13th.

MNPB Request for Response: Tuesday, July 14th—ED Fitchard sent a letter and follow-up questions via email to Chief Steve Anderson on behalf of the COB requesting a response to his memorandum of the Board's immigration enforcement policy recommendations. The letter requested that he respond to the questions within seven days. The letter asked that a follow-up meeting with the Chief, ED Fitchard and a Board Member be scheduled to discuss his responses in person. Chief Anderson responded on July 15th requesting a meeting in person that same day. ED Fitchard, in consultation with the Board Chair, requested that Chief Anderson first send his responses in writing within the seven-day time frame and a meeting would be scheduled for a follow-up discussion.

Body Worn and In Car Camera Update: ED Fitchard sent an email to Deputy Chief Hagar requesting an update on the implementation of Body Worn Cameras at the West Precinct. DC Hagar stated that infrastructure is in place and operational. The BWC and ICC systems were delivered and are on-site awaiting installation. He stated that vehicle upgrades have taken place and should be completed by July 26th. The vendor will start the install process on July 27th. It will take approximately six weeks for installs and training to be complete at the West Precinct. The East Precinct is possibly the next location to be outfitted for Body Worn and In-Car Cameras.

NCRC/MNCO Collaboration: The Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) sent a proposal requesting the MNCO and MNPd to become partners with NCRC to create a youth program centered around positive engagement between the youth of Nashville and MNPd. Some of the workshops proposed are Implicit Bias, Police Practices, Juvenile Law, Trauma-Informed Law, and many others. The NCRC would engage other community and advocacy groups throughout the development stage. The timeline for the program has not been determined at this time.

Metro Public Health: ED Fitchard was notified that COB was appointed to work collaboratively with the Public Health Department and other agencies to assist with the development of policies centered around data sharing with MNPd. Additionally, new policy recommendations regarding the sharing of citizens' positive Covid-19 test results were adopted by the Metro Public Health Department in July. ED Fitchard attended a follow-up workgroup meeting on July 16th for further discussion on the policy.

Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Board: Wednesday, July 8th—ED Fitchard attended a CJ Planning Board meeting where the discussion centered around the implementation of Body Worn/In-Car Cameras and Nashville arrests trends and jail population.

Use of Force Meeting: Tuesday, July 7th—ED Fitchard, Director John Buntin, Eric Brown and Dr. Peter Vielehr, met to discuss the use of force polices and national best practices. They were able to work on collaborative roles and expectations. The next meeting has not been scheduled.