



CASE REVIEW / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

CASE REVIEW – 4:00 PM

Case Review Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Ortiz	Jackson	Roberts	VACANT	Adams
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STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on closed session items.

There were no public comments.

Closed Session – Case Review

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:10 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	<u>CPRC CASE NO.</u>	<u>RPD CASE NO.</u>
1)	13-009	PC-13-04017
2)	13-033 / 13-037	PC-13-12062
3)	13-002	PC-13-03008
4)	12-008	PA-12-03013

The Commission recessed at 5:38 PM to reconvene in the Regular Meeting.

5:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

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Public Comments

Public comment on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Chairwoman Jackson said that at all future meetings she would open "Public Comments" by thanking members of the public for their attendance and that their comments, concerns, questions, recommendations, and new ideas were welcomed. She advised that they complete the yellow "speaker sheet" if they wished to speak and noted the amount of time speakers are given: three minutes for general comments and five minutes for family members of decedents speaking on an officer-involved death case. She then added that after a speaker completed their timely comments or questions, they remain at the podium as she would open the floor for Commissioners to ask questions. If there were no questions, the speaker could be seated. She completed the opening by thanking them again for their participation.

Chairwoman Jackson said it had been suggested that the allowed amount of speaking time be changed. Rather than change the allowed time, she said this additional option would give Commissioners the opportunity to ask questions of a speaker rather than leave unanswered any questions they might have. She asked for feedback from Commissioners about this addition.

Chairwoman Jackson then opened for public comments.

Bill Howe thanked the Commissioners who attended the Whitney M. Young Service Awards event. He said that he had them seated at the same table with two RPD officers and a member from RCPA.

Commissioner Hawkins commended Mr. Howe for seating people from these three groups together and thought it was very beneficial.

Chairwoman Jackson told Mr. Howe that the award he had received was well deserved and thanked him for his service to the community.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) February 12 Regular Meeting	Hawkins	Adams	Unanimous	0	0
B) March 12 Special Meeting	Rotker	Taylor	Unanimous	0	0

Outreach

A) February / March Outreach

Vice-Chair Adams:

- February 26 & March 20 – NACOLE RFP meetings
- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 15 – Walk with the Mayor; 1-on-1's

Commissioner Ybarra:

- February 18 – Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
- February 19 – Mayor's Night Out
- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 17 – "Dollars for Scholars" event

Commissioner Hawkins:

- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 13 – Whitney M. Young Service Awards event honoring Bill Howe

Commissioner Roberts:

- NACOLE Board Finance Meetings
- February 24 – RCPA Awards Dinner
- February 26 – NACOLE RFP Meeting
- February 26 – Riverside Convention Center Gala
- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 6 – Meeting with Chief Diaz
- March 13 – Whitney M. Young Service Awards event honoring Bill Howe

Commissioner Taylor:

- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 27 – Boards & Commissions Training
- March 31 – Boards & Commissions Reception

Commissioner Rotker:

- Sit-Along in RPD / RFD Communications Center

Commissioner Ortiz:

- February 19 – RPD Helicopter Ride-Along
- February 20 – Riverside Downtown Partnership Awards
- February 26 – Tour of Historic Courthouse with Cameron McElhiney
- February 26 – Riverside Convention Center Gala
- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 8 – Rotary Club "Black Tie Bingo"
- March 15 – Mary S. Roberts Pet Walk
- March 17 – "Dollars for Scholars" event
- March 18 – Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce meeting for the Magnolia Business Center
- March 19 – Downtown Business Council, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
- March 20 – Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

Chairwoman Jackson:

- February 19 – Mayor's Night Out
- February 21 – NACOLE Planning Meeting
- February 24 – RCPA Awards Dinner
- February 25 – Picked up NACOLE representative Cameron McElhiney from airport
- February 26 – Tour of Historic Courthouse with Cameron McElhiney

- February 26 – Riverside Convention Center Gala
- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 6 – Meeting with Chief Diaz
- March 13 – Whitney M. Young Service Awards event honoring Bill Howe
- March 15 – Walk with the Mayor
- March 15 – Ysmael Villegas Birthday Celebration, Riverside National Cemetery
- March 20 – NACOLE budget meeting

Mr. Hauptmann:

- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 6 – Meeting with Chief Diaz

Ms. Sherron:

- March 6 – Chief's Breakfast
- March 15 – Walk with the Mayor

B) Upcoming Outreach Events and Opportunities

- 1) RPOA Awards Gala – April 5th, Riverside Convention Center
- 2) Dr. Thompson's Community Relations Class – April 9th at 8 AM at RCC
- 3) 2014 Law Enforcement Appreciation Event – April 24th, Pechanga Resort in Temecula

Chairwoman Jackson noted that no one had offered to take on the duties of Outreach Coordinator after Commissioner Adams was elected vice-chair. She said that Vice-Chair Adams told her she would continue as Outreach Coordinator and that they had discussed incorporating that role as part of the duties and responsibilities of the vice-chair. She said there could be discussion or it could be agendized for discussion and that this additional duty should probably be included in the ByLaws.

Mr. Hauptmann interjected, noting that there could be no formal discussion of this topic as it was not on the agenda. He recommended that it be agendized for future discussion.

Chairwoman Jackson asked that this be agendized for discussion at the next meeting. She noted that comments regarding this subject could also be sent to Staff. She said that Vice-Chair Adams would continue as Outreach Coordinator. She then turned the agenda item over to Vice-Chair Adams.

Vice-Chair Adams:

- March 27 – Boards & Commissions Training
- March 31 – Boards & Commissions Reception
- April 5 – RPOA Awards Gala
- April 9 – Dr. Thompson's Community Relations Class at RCC
- April 24 – Law Enforcement Appreciation Event

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

- 1) Input from Outreach Coordinator on upcoming Outreach events
- 2) Input from Commission Members on potential Outreach events

Vice-Chair Adams said that she and Chairwoman Jackson had discussed Outreach and what should actually be considered Outreach, how it should be approached, and that she would have additional comments during discussion of another agenda item later in the meeting. She then asked Commissioners if they had any events they wished to share; there were none.

Chairwoman Jackson said that the Boards and Commissions Training was held every year and that new Commissioners should attend the meeting, if possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Bond Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Continued discussion and action, if any, on the Bond OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: Completed
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation: In Process
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report

Chairwoman Jackson noted that Stage I had been completed and that the Fact Sheet and request for training in Stage II were being addressed.

Chairwoman Jackson asked Mike Bumcrot, CPRC Investigator, if he would be addressing both cases. He said he was prepared to speak on both cases. She said she was not sure the Commissioners were prepared with questions as they did not know he would be at the meeting.

Mr. Hauptmann said that during the discussion of the Pablo OID, the request had been made for the CPRC investigator to attend meetings to answer questions Commissioners might have.

Commissioner Taylor said that Commissioner Rotker had asked for training specific to the Sherron OID. The requested training was to learn how RPD handles calls of people threatening suicide.

Chairwoman Jackson asked Mr. Bumcrot if he could answer questions regarding the Sherron OID.

Sherron OID

Mr. Bumcrot:

- I have worked in law enforcement for 45 years. If a person wants to kill himself, but isn't able to do it himself, he uses the police to do it for him.
- Mr. Sherron had some mental health issues.
- Mr. Sherron initially called the police from a location other than his home. By the time the police arrived, he had left that location and gone to his own residence.
- Mr. Sherron called 911 again, telling them he was still suicidal, but that he now had a gun.
- RPD responded "with a lot of manpower" and had an impressive level of supervision with the responding officers.
- One of the responding sergeants immediately took charge and gave assignments to the officers such as arresting officer, less-lethal officer, and lethal officer, if necessary.
- The 911 dispatcher kept Mr. Sherron on the phone, trying to "talk him down." She also heard when the police arrived at Mr. Sherron's door.
- Some say the police should have waited for a negotiator, but if a person is intent on doing harm, there's no way of knowing what will happen. When Mr. Sherron came out of his residence, he was holding a knife and what turned out to be an AirSoft gun. If it had been a real gun and officers had decided to wait for a negotiator, Mr. Sherron might have thought that the police weren't shooting him like he wanted them to. This could have resulted in Mr. Sherron shooting into windows or taking other action due to his mental health issues.
- The officers who responded were put in a position that forced them to take action when Mr. Sherron came out of his residence with a knife and what appeared to be a real gun.
- Mr. Sherron couldn't kill himself, so he had to arrange it so that the officers would do it for him.

Commissioner Rotker:

- RPD received a call from this man who said he was going to shoot himself. About seven officers responded. It appears that this call was handled the same as a "man with a gun" call. I want to know how RPD's officers are trained to handle these types of calls. Mr. Sherron was also shot several times by several officers, which raises questions for me.

- There are some statistics regarding "suicide by cop" in the attachments with my report. They note the percentage of those who have toy weapons and those who have real weapons. The dispatchers only know what the callers tell them. Responding officers only know that there is a man with a gun inside. The officers can't just back off. Based on what the officers knew and everything I reviewed, there wasn't much else they could have done except for trying to negotiate with him.
- It seems like there were too many officers there. Is it reasonable to have that much force for a call like that?
 - Each officer had a specific assignment. I was concerned about tactics because there were officers on both sides of the door and there was crossfire. I was also concerned that two of the officers had weapons that malfunctioned. I later learned that it wasn't the weapon, but that the officers needed more training in the use of this firearm.
 - Mr. Hauptmann: Training regarding RPD's response for these types of calls is being scheduled for April. Training regarding foot pursuits has also been scheduled.
 - Mr. Bumcrot: The guns malfunctioned due to what is called a "stovepipe." This means that when the cartridge casing is coming out of the gun, it gets stuck like a stovepipe. Officers are taught how to clear the weapon if this happens, which both officers knew how to do.

Commissioner Taylor:

- Are there still agencies that employ mental health evaluators in the field with police officers?
 - The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) usually has two on duty, but it's not practical as the area they cover is large and when needed, it could take a long time for them to arrive on scene.
- Are you aware of agencies that may partner with county hospitals or other local hospitals?
 - San Diego PD or Sheriff does, and also LAPD and LASD. Again, it's impractical since the mental health evaluator may be needed at night, as with this case, but works the day shift.
- I asked because we're looking for agencies that handle mental health needs in this manner in an attempt to better address mental health concerns.

Vice-Chair Adams:

- Since an officer was assigned to less lethal, wouldn't it have been better to use him first or did that not happen because they thought Mr. Sherron had a real gun?
 - The arrest team was up front. The less-lethal officer was third in line. When the first officer saw Mr. Sherron come out of his residence with a gun and a knife, the officer fired his weapon. The second officer thought the first officer had been hit so he fired his weapon. The less-lethal officer then thought these two officers had been hit because they were falling back. The officer on the right side of the door brought Mr. Sherron down.

Commissioner Rotker:

- Two guns malfunctioned at about the same time for the same reason. What caused that malfunction?
 - This gun needs to be gripped tightly when fired. These guns were fired with limp wrists, making the gun jump and cause the "stovepipe."
- It was the way the officers handled the weapons?
 - Yes. It's a training issue.

Chairwoman Jackson asked if there were any additional questions regarding the Sherron OID. As there were none, she moved to the Bond OID. She noted that after questions were asked of Mr. Bumcrot on the Bond OID, Lt. Loftus wished to comment on some of the Commissioners' concerns.

Bond OID

Mr. Bumcrot:

- Mr. Bond's girlfriend was treated at a local hospital after he had beaten her up.
- Detectives investigated, obtained an arrest warrant for Mr. Bond, and then went looking for him.
- RPD Policy states that any violent felony warrant is served by RPD's SWAT Team.
- A surveillance team watched the house of Mr. Bond's mother in San Bernardino, followed her to a house in Riverside, and then watched this Riverside house.
- The two sergeants in charge of the team were in uniform to provide a uniformed presence. All other

officers were in plain clothes and drove unmarked cars.

- Officers saw Mr. Bond come out of the Riverside house, look around, then go back inside.
- The point officer reported that Mr. Bond was present.
- Mr. Bond came out of the house again, got on a bicycle, and rode away from the house.
- When Mr. Bond rode by another officer, this officer positively identified him.
- Mr. Bond stopped in the middle of an intersection and adjusted something in his waistband. It was then reported to the other officers that Mr. Bond was armed. Officers had been told Mr. Bond carried a .45 and that he appeared to be adjusting something in his waistband seemed to confirm this.
- The point officer asked the uniformed sergeants to come into the scene in a black-and-white police vehicle to stop Mr. Bond.
- The sergeants pulled in front of Mr. Bond to block his path and when Mr. Bond turned his bicycle around, he found his path blocked by the undercover officers.
- Mr. Bond jumped off his bike, turned, and ran toward the sergeants, while pulling his gun out of his waistband.
- The sergeants then fired their weapons, striking Mr. Bond.

Commissioner Rotker:

- Did you see anything that was out of the ordinary or that would cause you concern regarding this police action?
 - Everything went well and was well planned. There was a uniformed presence and everything that was done was according to proper procedures. The detectives also did an extraordinary job with their interviews and follow-up investigations.

Chairwoman Jackson:

- Before we get the casebook, we have your report. If you could "paint a picture" of what you see when you go to the scene and address the Commission earlier in the review process, it would be helpful.
 - Within a few days of the incident, I go to the scene and then submit a report to the Commission. I can address the Commission on my canvass and the scene, as well.
- Because of the time it takes for the Commission to get the casebook, it could help us visualize some of what you're telling us and would help if we learned it sooner.
 - Mr. Hauptmann: Photos would be helpful and can be taken when Mr. Bumcrot goes out on the canvass.

Commissioner Rotker:

- I didn't know he could take scene photos.
 - Mr. Hauptmann: It's no longer a crime scene after the tape is down. There would be no evidence in the photos, but you would have an idea of what the area looks like.
- I would like that to be a normal part of the investigator's duties.
 - It will be.

As Commissioners had no additional questions for Mr. Bumcrot, Chairwoman Jackson thanked him for attending the meeting and answering questions.

Sherron OID

Lt. Loftus:

- RPD responded with numerous officers because it's considered a "man with a gun" call.
- LAPD concluded that one in ten of their officer-involved shootings are "suicide by cop."
- In a similar incident, it could be a house rather than an apartment and you wouldn't know where this person might exit. In this type of scenario, seven officers wouldn't be enough.
- Because the person says he wants to shoot himself, it can't be assumed he won't shoot others.
- In these incidents, you would try to call the person out of the house because you don't know who else might be inside.
- Seven officers really isn't that large a number for an emergency response team (ERT) or arrest team.

Commissioner Rotker:

- Whether it's a man with a gun or a potential suicide, RPD's policy is to deal with the individual in the same manner.
 - The first job is to arrive at the scene, secure it, and make sure this person cannot exit and harm the public or the responding officers.
 - Tactics may change when responding to a "man with a gun" call and a suicidal person.
 - If the person is alone in the house, officers don't need to rush their entry. They can create a perimeter, secure the scene, and maybe get a crisis negotiator.
- Tactically, RPD would handle these incidents in a similar manner.
 - Correct.
- You can't just let him come out because you don't know what he will do.
 - Officers can ask a person to come out with their hands up. If that person wants to listen to the officer's commands, there will be a successful detention. However, if the person comes out with a gun, I can no longer negotiate.
 - I don't know what Mr. Sherron was thinking, but if a person comes out and points a gun at me, it can't be assumed that he just wants to kill himself. I then need to take the necessary steps to protect myself and the public.

Commissioner Hawkins:

- Does RPD have a restriction on the number of officers responding to these types of calls?
 - There is no policy that restricts the number of responding officers.
 - When a call for this type of incident is sent out, there will be various responses, but the entire force can't respond to the call. A sergeant may respond by saying that no additional units should respond until an assessment of the situation has been made. If shots are fired, almost everyone will roll.
 - If a call goes out that a person might have a gun, there will probably be fewer officers responding. While we would still approach with caution, we would try to get more information from the reporting party.
 - There is no set answer as to how many officers will respond. The circumstances dictate whether there are enough officers or more should respond.
- When a supervisor arrives on-scene and sees 15 cars there, he will decide whether or not they're all needed.
 - Correct.
 - Mr. Bumcrot: Some officers noted in their reports that they were en route, but were advised not to respond. The officer that announced police presence told Mr. Sherron they were there to help him. When Mr. Sherron realized the officers were there, he hung up on dispatch and went out the door with a gun and a knife.

As there were no additional questions, Chairwoman Jackson thanked Mr. Bumcrot and Lt. Loftus for their time. She confirmed with Lt. Loftus that he was going to help schedule training for the Commission at a future meeting.

Lt. Loftus said that the training requested by Commission Rotker would be presented by Lt. Gonzalez. The foot pursuit training would be presented either by Lt. Blomdahl or one of his representatives. He said he believed the training was being scheduled for April.

Bond OID

Chairwoman Jackson moved back to Item 8, the Bond OID, and opened for Commission discussion. She asked Mr. Hauptmann about his completion of the Fact Sheet.

Mr. Hauptmann said he was revising the manner in which the Fact Sheet was being drafted. He said there would be more up-front information at the beginning of the Fact Sheet. Rather than use endnotes or footnotes, he would note each important tab, along with pages and lines as he felt this would be easier to read. He said he had two more tabs to complete and then would need to start typing from his handwritten

notes. He said it should be ready within the next few days and that he would start on the Sherron Fact Sheet once Bond was finished. He also asked for feedback on the Fact Sheet's new style.

Chairwoman Jackson said there had been no requests for training. She noted that while they were waiting for the Fact Sheet, discussion could begin on the policies and procedures process.

Commissioner Rotker said they should wait for the Fact Sheet before continuing the discussion.

Chairwoman Jackson said that as the Fact Sheet was still being prepared, the current discussion would stop in Stage II.

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Chairwoman Jackson said that RPD would provide training for this case. She asked if there were requests for any additional training, aside from Commissioner Rotker's request. There were none.

Commissioner Taylor asked for information on other city police agencies that have medical evaluation teams in the field and how they are going about doing that.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would make a request through Cal Chiefs. He said the request would go out to all California police chiefs to ask how many of them have these teams and how their programs work.

Chairwoman Jackson said that NACOLE could be used as a second resource for this information.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would send requests about mental health models out through Cal Chiefs to find out which agencies have mental health teams and how their programs operate.

Commissioner Rotker said that the City of San Diego has a very active program and also suggested checking with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hauptmann said there is a Sheriffs' Association, too, and that he would also check with them.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested checking with Police Departments in cities that have a population similar to Riverside's, noting that counties typically cover a larger geographical area than cities.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would take that into consideration when he did his research.

Vice-Chair Adams said when she attended the recent mental health forum, she learned that the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has a mental health system and that could be used as a resource.

As there were no additional comments, Chairwoman Jackson ended the discussion, noting that they were still waiting for the Fact Sheet.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would draft this Fact Sheet in the same manner as Bond's. He also asked for feedback on the new process.

Chairwoman Jackson said that as they were waiting on training and some answers that Mr. Hauptmann would provide, she ended the current discussion in Stage II.

2013 Annual Report

Discussion and action, if any, on Draft No. 3 of the 2013 Annual Report

Chairwoman Jackson turned this item over to Commissioner Taylor, 2013 Annual Report Committee Chair.

Commissioner Taylor first asked which cover was preferred, Cover 1, with the RPD badge, or Cover 2, with the Raincross symbol.

Vice-Chair Adams said she felt that, coming from the Commission, Cover 2 was more appropriate. She said that the cover with the badge makes it appear that the Commission is part of the Riverside Police Department and that the Raincross symbol shows that the officers are part of Riverside.

Commissioner Ortiz agreed with Vice-Chair Adams because he wanted there to be no confusion that the two officers were being honored by the Commission.

Commissioner Roberts said she, too, preferred Cover 2. She also expressed some concern that a reader might think that both officers had died and suggested that text be added to the cover to identify the status of each officer.

Commissioner Taylor said that because this report was to be dedicated to the officers, the badge indicated a symbol of pride, hard work, and dedication. He didn't think the badge was negative. He felt it represented the community and citizens and that he preferred the badge.

Commissioner Taylor said he also asked Ms. Sherron to increase the report title font size to take up space when "DRAFT v3" is removed.

Commissioner Roberts suggested putting small text above the officers' photos to identify them.

Chairwoman Jackson noted the two suggested changes to the cover: the increased font size for the report title and text over the officers' photos to identify them and their status.

Commissioner Taylor said the citizens know who died and who was wounded and that he didn't think the additional text was necessary.

Commissioner Roberts disagreed that everyone who sees the report will know about the officers.

Commissioner Ybarra said that sometimes less is more and that the point of the report is for the reader to turn the page.

Vice-Chair Adams agreed that people wouldn't necessarily know what happened to the officers, saying that people don't know the Commission is not part of RPD.

Commissioner Rotker said people don't need to know who died or who didn't by looking at the cover and felt that information was unnecessary.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To make title font larger	Roberts	Adams	Unanimous	0	0

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To add identifying text above officers' photos on report cover	Roberts	Adams	Hawkins Roberts Adams Jackson	Ybarra Taylor Rotker Ortiz	0

As there was a tied vote, Chairwoman Jackson changed her vote:

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To add identifying text above officers' photos on report cover	Roberts	Adams	Hawkins Roberts Adams	Ybarra Taylor Rotker Jackson Ortiz	0

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
To accept the Raincross symbol cover	Adams	Roberts	Ybarra, Hawkins, Roberts, Rotker, Adams, Jackson Ortiz	Taylor	0

Commissioner Rotker asked Ms. Sherron to lighten the "Half Staff" photo on Officer Crain's page.

Ms. Sherron said she would. She also said that if she found any previously unnoticed errors at any time in the future, she would correct them. There was general agreement to this.

Commissioner Roberts asked that an apostrophe be added to Adams in "Adams touch" in the Chair's Message.

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
That the 2013 Annual Report be approved	Rotker	Ybarra	Unanimous	0	0

NEW BUSINESS

RPD Response to CPRC Policy Recommendation

Discussion of RPD's response to the Commission's recommendation to RPD's Domestic Violence Policy 4.23 E & F, which was approved by the Commission on November 13, 2013 and submitted to Chief Diaz on November 19, 2013.

Chairwoman Jackson turned this item over to Commissioner Taylor as he had drafted the policy recommendation.

Commissioner Taylor said that RPD's memo said they would be moving to Lexipol and asked for a sample of the policy.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would check with several agencies that use Lexipol. He noted that while 85% of agencies now use Lexipol, some of them may have made adjustments. He said he would get some examples for Commissioners to review prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Roberts asked if they would be shown both unaltered and altered versions of the policy.

Mr. Hauptmann said Lexipol is tight when it comes to releasing its original product.

Commissioner Roberts suggested that an agency that had modified the policy be asked what the language was before it was changed.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would do that.

Chairwoman Jackson said this item would again be agendaized once they had the requested information.

Policing and Mental Illness

Discussion regarding policing and mental illness and the Commission's involvement in facilitating discussion between the community and the Riverside Police Department regarding this issue.

Chairwoman Jackson began by turning this item over to Vice-Chair Adams, who had asked that this subject be agendaized.

Vice-Chair Adams said that she and a few other Commissioners had attended a recent mental health forum held at Bobby Bonds Park. There were speakers from Los Angeles County and the Riverside County Department of Mental Health. They talked about the current process used between Riverside County Mental Health and RPD. She noted that an unfortunate part of the meeting was that it became a forum for police bashing because RPD did not attend. She said there were comments about the potential for future discussions. She noted that there are more cases all the time where mental illness is a problem and that it would be good for the CPRC to try to coordinate more discussion on this subject. It would be good Outreach if the Commission could coordinate the next discussion and bring everyone together. She noted that RPD might be more likely to attend if the Commission were to coordinate further discussion. She said that the community has a great deal of interest in this subject and it would be good to hear their point of view as well as their ideas. It would also be good to get RPD involved in this. She noted that the mental health representative said that LASD and that mental health department had a good relationship. She ended by saying it would be good for the Commission to be in the forefront of this endeavor.

Commissioner Rotker said that they learned about San Diego's successful program at a NACOLE conference. Attending Commissioners believed it was a good program and thought it would be good to have a similar program in Riverside. He said that Commissioner Roberts attempted to get a representative from this organization to meet with RPD personnel. RPD said it was a good idea but that they didn't have the money for a mental health program and didn't know that they would. He said it would be good to determine whether or not the City Council would give consideration to this project. He also posed the question of whether or not the Commission could ask City Council to approve funding for a mental health program for RPD.

Commissioner Roberts said that San Diego City and County work in conjunction with each other and that it would be worth looking into. She noted that the Commission wouldn't go to Council, but could tell them that the Commission felt it was important for mental health to work with RPD. She believed Vice-Chair Adams was currently trying to start discussion on the topic. She also noted that there is money available, but someone just has to work at finding out where the money is and that it is worth investigating. She then suggested that an ad-hoc committee might be formed to handle the mental health topic.

Chairwoman Jackson said she felt an ad-hoc would definitely be beneficial because there does need to be discussion on the various aspects of this subject.

Commissioner Taylor said he believed there are ways that this issue could be addressed. He suggested making an offer to UCR to become involved with the Commission regarding this issue and that grants would also be good approach to solving this problem. He noted that there are a variety of funding methods that can be used so that the City wouldn't have to spend a lot of money to address this concern. He said the Commission needs to develop and submit a plan to Chief Diaz and City Council for their evaluation.

Vice-Chair Adams said that a large source of funding is available through the Mental Health Services Act. She said that this act allows counties to use that money where they choose. Because of this, she recommended that the county's Department of Mental Health be approached. She again stated that the

Commission could have a major role in starting the needed dialog. While it would be helpful to have constructive dialog regarding options for a solution, she said it would also be helpful to come up with other solutions concerning the contacts that the mentally ill have with police.

Commissioner Ortiz said that UCR and other schools would also be great resources. He noted changes that have recently occurred and are affecting the mental health topic are realignment, which has created a great concern. He also said that a larger population is affecting Riverside and the surrounding areas. He said that other cities such as Jurupa Valley and Moreno Valley are concerned about this and Riverside should be involved in this as well.

Mr. Hauptmann said that the creation of an ad-hoc committee would be the best way to work on this, determine ultimate goal, and the resources that are available to achieve that goal.

Chairwoman Jackson then created an ad-hoc committee to handle this topic. Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Ybarra volunteered for the Mental Health Ad-hoc Committee.

Commissioner Hawkins said that while the city may not be able to fund this program, mental health organizations could be contacted to determine what resources they have for this type of program.

Commissioner Ortiz also suggested contacting some of the local schools that do certification for therapists to determine whether or not they would be willing to offer training to RPD officers who might be interested.

Outreach Events and Opportunities

Discussion and action, if any, regarding the types of events and opportunities on which the Commission focuses its Outreach.

Chairwoman Jackson opened and turned the item over to Commissioner Roberts, who had asked that this be agendaized.

Commissioner Roberts said she had been thinking about the budget, Outreach events, what should be considered Outreach, and how the Commission should decide on training opportunities. She suggested making a standard list of items that are "automatics." She said NACOLE should be at the top and that the budget should allow attendance for everyone who wants to go. Next would be the Chief's Breakfast, then LEAC, then food for the meetings, and then miscellaneous items. She also asked who determines what Outreach is and who gets to go to these events. She noted that the budget item would need more than \$10,000 for everything mentioned. She also said that what constitutes Outreach needs to be defined and how to decide if it's Outreach.

Vice-Chair Adams said she was looking at this from a different perspective. She said that when she took over as Outreach Coordinator, she had been confused about what Outreach really was and thought it was a good idea to define what Outreach actually is. She said she wants to do Outreach to the City's youth and got information on that at last year's NACOLE conference. She also noted that she and Chairwoman Jackson would be meeting with someone from the Riverside Police Foundation to discuss that subject and that she would like to make presentations to high school students about the Commission. She also said it would be beneficial for Commissioners to attend neighborhood meetings rather than community events and noted that Ms. Sherron would be making a list of the meetings held in each ward. She suggested creating an ad-hoc committee for Outreach or she could do things herself.

Commissioner Ortiz volunteered for the Outreach Committee. He said the Commission should become more involved with local community groups and should start with those communities that are most interested in what the Commission is doing and what RPD is doing.

Chairwoman Jackson said that Commissioners should also attend meetings in wards other than the one in which they live.

Commissioner Rotker said the Commission did good Outreach in the past, but that it wasn't outstanding. He applauded the Commission on the types of Outreach that they should be doing and agreed that there should be a reassessment.

Commissioner Roberts asked Staff if an estimate could be given regarding the cost to send all Commissioners to NACOLE. She said that since the city is working on the next fiscal year's budget, it would be a good time to ask for additional funds for the particular line item in the Commission's budget.

Mr. Hauptmann said that additions to next year's budget have already closed, but FY 15/16 was open for consideration. He said he would figure out a way to work with the funds on hand for those interested in attending this year's NACOLE conference.

Chairwoman Jackson expressed concern about additions to the FY 14/15 budget. She felt it was important that as many Commissioners as possible attend the NACOLE Conference because of the Commission's bid to host the conference in 2015. She said the Commissioners should be able to see what takes place at the conference so that Riverside can host the conference in the best way possible, should it be selected for 2015.

Mr. Hauptmann said the cost would be determined and he would see what can be worked out.

Chairwoman Jackson asked for volunteers for an ad-hoc Outreach committee. Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Taylor, and Commissioner Ortiz volunteered. Commissioner Ortiz nominated Vice-Chair Adams as chair, which she accepted.

Staff Report

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

Commission Member Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Chairwoman Jackson said that due to the time, she would not do a wrap up. She noted that the print-out of one of the OID webpages showed "Questions and Answers" and that this section wasn't currently being utilized, but that she wouldn't make a decision on that until it was determined how it was to function.

Chairwoman Jackson then reminded Commissioners of the Boards and Commissions Training tomorrow (March 27th) for those who needed to attend.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

Chairwoman Jackson asked if a second meeting could be held in April. As two Commissioners would not be present, a second April meeting was not scheduled.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would check on the amount of time the upcoming training items would take. He said he didn't feel they would use a large amount of time, so they could be agendaized for the regular meeting.

Commissioner Ortiz said he had two public service announcements: the Riverside Legal Aid Wine and Cheese Fundraiser would be held on April 10th at 5 PM in the Grier Pavilion at City Hall and "Dollars for Scholars" would be holding its charity fundraiser on April 23rd at 5:30 PM at the Canyon Crest Country Club. He then thanked Commissioner Taylor for his work on the annual report.

Commissioner Roberts asked that discussion of budget issues be agendaized for the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Adams asked the members of both ad-hoc committees to let her know their availability to meet. Mr. Hauptmann asked that he be cc'd in e-mails.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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