

**Durham Community Safety and Wellness Task Force Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021**

Members Present:

Xavier Carson	Nori McDuffie Williams
Marcia Owens	Samuel Scarborough
Isaac Villegas	Alec Greenwald
Dr. Wanda Boone	Jillian Johnson
Tonya Williams Leathers	Manju Rajendran
Mike Sistrom	Jesse
Jennifer Carrol	Jatoia Potts

Support Staff Present: Ajenai Clemmons, Amber Wade, Dr. Dwayne Campbell, Ryan Smith
Elected Liaisons Present: Jillian Johnson, Nimasheena Burns, Jovonia Lewis, Javiera Caballero

Meeting

Welcome and Moment of Silence

Congratulations to the Campbell family and their new son.

Centered in our Values, Affirmation of our Shared Values, & Mission Statement

Marcia reflected on the values of the SWTF focusing on how we stand together with the community. Marcia also shared a graphic on the values of Safety and Wellness in the community.

Presentation 1

Ryan Smith, Innovation and Performance Manager City of Durham Office presenting “[Proposed Community Safety Department and 911 Calls for Service Initiative](#)”

Purpose;- high level overview of proposed new Community Safety Department and 911 Calls for Service Initiative.

Department purpose- To enhance public safety through community centered approaches to prevention and intervention as alternatives to policing in the criminal legal system.

The new department will be a resource for the SWTF.

Presentation 2

City of Durham’s Attorney’s Office, Andrew Franklin and Sofia Hernandez presenting “[Open Meeting Laws](#)” and “[Public Record Laws](#)”

Andrew and Sofia informed the SWTF on how to conduct official meetings so that there is transparency with the community.

The SWTF will abide by open meeting laws which provide transparency for residents in the community and give access and records of city work to community members.

A public body, such as the SWTF, may hold an official meeting by phone or other electronic means such as internet face-to-face conversations so long as the body will provide notice detailing a location and means of where members of the public may listen. An official meeting is a meeting where a majority of the members of a public body conduct hearings, deliberations, and voting upon public business within the jurisdiction of the public body.

Every SWTF must have minutes available to the public.

SWTF roundtable meetings are public.

Public records are all material made or received through the transaction of public business, depending on its content and disregarding its physical form or location.

SWTF Roundtables

There will be 4 roundtables for School Resource Officers (SROs), Criminal Legal System (Courts and Incarceration), Violence Interruption/De-Escalation, and 911 Responses/Crisis Intervention.

Reports will be generated from all roundtables so that all members of the SWTF will be informed.

Xavier presented a visual outlining the “Roundtable Guidelines.”

Next Meeting Topics

Xavier and the SWTF agreed to not hold a meeting on June 23 so that the roundtables can use that time to meet. The next meeting will be on July 14th (all future meetings after July 14th will be on the second Wednesday of every month).