

**Durham Community Safety and Wellness Task Force Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2021 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Members Present:**

Xavier Carson	Andrea Hudson
Marcia Owens	Nori McDuffie-Williams
Mike Sistrom	Jesse Huddleston
Dr. Wanda Boone	Tyler Whittenberg
Jennifer Carrol	Manju Rajendran
Shanise Hamilton	

**Support Staff Present:** Aber Wade, Jovonia Lewis, Dr. Dwayne Campbell, Ajenai Clemmons, James Spiers

**Elected Liaisons Present:** Javiera Caballero and Jillian Johnson

**Meeting**

**Welcome and Values**

Marcia reaffirmed the values of the Task Force by inviting the group to reflect on the words of James Baldwin, “We can make America what America must become” and how it applies to Durham

A moment of silence was recognized by the SWTF

**Revisit Public Meeting Guidelines**

RT meetings are to be public moving forward

- Meetings need to be posted to the public 48 hours prior to the meeting
  - Schedule RT meetings for the next three months
- Meeting minutes and attendance must be posted following the meeting

Listening sessions should be public

- Adjustments can be made for private listening sessions where privacy is of key concern

Meeting dates, links, minutes, agendas, and other resources will be made available to the public via the [SWTF](#) website

**Listening Session Orientation**

SRO RT members gave a presentation for the full SWTF on how to prepare and facilitate a listening session

Listening Session Suggestions

- Understand why you are hosting a listening session
- Set listening session goals

- Plan for logistical support (food, transportation, notes, etc.)
- Eat and rest beforehand
- Create a welcoming space
- Maintain confidentiality when needed
- Listening sessions are for listening, not responding or problem-solving

### **90-Day Task Force Report**

- The full report is available on the city website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

### **Next Steps**

#### CLS

- Added 2 more members to the RT
- Creating a map of the criminal legal system and how justice-involved individuals move through Durham's CLS

#### 911 Response/Crisis Intervention

- Identified overarching goals involving research of other models for 911 response and crisis intervention

#### SROs

- Want to hear from different populations touched by having SROs in school
  - Starting with principals/staff and students
- Planning a listening session with various schools in Durham

#### Violence Intervention/De-escalation

- Met with Bull City United
- Dr. Boone will present on the social determinants of health

### **Closing**

SWTF members shared one word that they are taking from the time together  
Next full SWTF meeting will be **September 8, 2021** from **6-7:30 PM**