

911 Responses / Crisis Intervention
February 2, 2022

Members Present: Shanise Hamilton, Manju Rajendran, Jennifer Carroll, Dwayne Campbell

Members of the public present: Rose Werth

Agenda: The members decided to focus the meeting on discussing what the goals and timeline of the round table should be for the remaining time of the Task Force.

Goal Brainstorming

The members focused discussion around these two questions laid out by Manju:

- 1) What kind of change would we like to see as a result of our work?
- 2) What goals did we begin with that we could build on?

The group first discussed the response to the City Council's discussion of the most recent recommendation by the roundtable about transferring 15 frozen Durham Police Department positions to the Department of Community Safety for the crisis response pilots.

- The group agreed that the City Council seemed firm on their decision not to transfer the positions at this time.
- Some of the members of the group expressed a desire to continue paying attention to city and county budget discussions and bring the voices of the public to the attention of the respective bodies when the topics crossed over with the goals of this group.
- Members also suggested having more one-on-one meetings with elected officials before recommendations go to either elected body in order to have more discussion and understanding about the recommendations of the round table.

Manju shared the story of a Durham County resident who tried and failed to get services for her son, eventually relying on the criminal justice system to get him access to the therapy he needed. He spent most of his life behind bars and eventually was killed after he was released. This story led the group to discuss conducting something like a fatality case review, but for Durham residents who ended up in the criminal justice system despite needing crisis intervention and services earlier.

- Jennifer described how an overdose fatality review works. The premise is that an overdose is preventable, so in the review, you go over the decisions and steps that led up to the overdose to see where people could have intervened and changed the course that the individual was on.