

911 Responses / Crisis Intervention
February 23, 2022

Members Present: Ryan Smith, Dwayne Campbell, Jennifer Carroll, Xavier Cason, Manju Rajendran, Shannon Delaney, Isaac Villegas, Rose Werth, Shanise Hamilton

Agenda

- Voting to approve Rose Werth as a member of the round table
- Outline quarterly report for October through January
- Report on Minneapolis community-led response
- Planning for March listening session

Adding Rose Werth as a Member

The round table began the meeting by unanimously approving Rose Werth as a member of the round table. Rose is a previous resident of Durham and a current PhD Candidate in sociology at Northwestern University. She has expertise in criminal legal system and violence interruption research and is studying how U.S. residents and local policymakers are thinking about public safety and racial equity after the George Floyd protests in 2020.

Quarterly Report

The round table divvied up pieces of the quarterly report to submit by the Friday due date.

Minneapolis Community Hotline

Manju reported back on a conversation she had with a Black-led team in Minneapolis that set up a community hotline for crisis response. It is a completely grassroots effort, and some of the responders have counseling backgrounds (which also makes them mandatory reporters). They have one or two calls come into the hotline per shift. They are about to launch a larger training with forty or fifty Black, Indigenous, and POC community members. The person Manju spoke with emphasized how important it is to recognize that people have been playing this role in communities for a long time. They have an intergenerational team that includes both elders who have been playing that role in their communities for years.

This raises the question—who are people in Durham reaching out to already? Can we get the elders in our communities into listening sessions or into this round table?

March Listening Session

The next town hall will be on Tuesday, March 22 6:00-7:30. The plan is to have Department of Community Safety staff present the proposed pilots to community members. DCS staff are setting up a zoom meeting and registration form for the event and setting up interpretation. This timeline should give members enough room to advertise the event widely.

Shanise is also working on setting up a more intimate listening session with residents in Braggtown.

DCS staff will design digital flyers to use on Instagram/FB/Twitter and print flyers so that we can send them out over email and post in our communities/community hubs. The goal is to

advertise the event as widely as possible to Durham community members and especially in Black and Latino/x/e communities.