

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Minutes from the Deliberative Session

**Teleconference
Washington, D.C.**

February 25, 2015

Attendance

Task Force Members: Charles Ramsey, Laurie Robinson, Cedric L. Alexander, Jose Lopez, Tracey L. Meares, Brittany Packnett, Susan Lee Rahr, Sean Michael Smoot, Bryan Stevenson, Roberto Villaseñor.

Due to other commitments, there were times during the conference call where Charles Ramsey, Jose Lopez, Tracey Meares, and Brittany Packnett were not in attendance, but at least six task force members were participating at any given time to ensure the quorum requirement was met.

Staff and Agency Personnel: Ronald Davis, Darrel Stephens, Steven Rickman, Katherine McQuay, Charlotte Grzebien, Deborah Spence, Colleen Copple, Jessica Drake.

Discussion

Laurie Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The task force continued to read and discuss recommendations as submitted by the subcommittees and posted on the task force web site.

A few recommendations in pillar 4 were taken up again from the day before, notably those relating to the sexual harassment of LGBTQ persons and how specific those recommendations needed to be concerning searches to determine gender, condoms as sole evidence of criminal behavior, what national surveys already did or did not ask about police sexual harassment, and how police departments could track behavior towards LGBTQ persons without explicitly asking people about their gender and sexual identity.

All of the recommendations in pillars 5 and 6 were discussed with a few items moved to the parking lot. Areas of significant conversation were as follows:

- Adding a recommendation under training that would create something like the Naval Postgraduate School for policing. Staff members agreed to draft based on discussion for task force review.
- Whether the task force should be recommending specific numbers of hours for training or just the general recommendation. This was particularly relevant to the discussion of crisis intervention training and mental health first aid training.

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- Determining which training recommendations needed to be aimed at agencies and which at state POSTs.
- How far the task force should go in making recommendations about the provision of benefits to officers injured in the line of duty or to survivors when officers are killed in the line of duty.
- The inclusion of a new recommendation calling on agencies to adopt and enforce policies prohibiting profiling and discrimination.

Once all the recommendations had been reviewed, the next steps were discussed. There were still items in the parking lot for resolution. A conference call was organized for Friday afternoon in order to resolve the parking lot items. A draft of the report was to be circulated for task force members' individual feedback to the staff by Friday (February 27); they should be looking to flag anything they felt was missing or misconstrued so that if there was confusion it could be added to the parking lot discussion.

At 1:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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