

Northampton Policing Review Commission  
Alternatives to Policing Subcommittee Agenda

**Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2021

7:30-9pm

Remote Meeting

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1. Call to Order by meeting chair
  - a. Announcement of Zoom Recording
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Approval of Meeting Minutes
2. Public Comment
- 3: Review of documents for Final Report of the Commission
4. Next meeting date
5. Adjourn

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido at 7:33 PM.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING**

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido made an announcement that this meeting was being recorded for the public record and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

**Roll Call**

Dr. Booker Bush, Co-Chair Present

Javier Luengo-Garrido, Co-Chair Present

Alex Jarrett Present

Carol Owen Present

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Booker Bush moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2021, November 18th, and March 1st. Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido seconded the

motion. **2. Public Comment**

Ed Olmstead

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## **3: Review of documents for Final Report of the Commission**

Commissioner Carol Owen read from her draft on mental health. She said this first section is sort of an executive summary of our recommendation. She read, we strongly endorse the development of an alternative to policing mental health crisis response model for Northampton that would be locally relevant and drawn from the experience of the model which has functioned successfully in Eugene Oregon for 32 years. She read, dispatch is handled by a nonpolicing team, rather than by the Eugene police department, the response team that works out of event is usually composed of a medic and a mental health crisis worker often the crisis worker is someone with lived experience of a mental illness. She read, in this way, the cahoots model works on the basis of what the Northampton Commission has heard so much public comment on, which is the value of involving programming, that is peer-led.

Commissioner Alex Jarrett noted the section that said cahoots dispatch is held by a nonpolicing team. He wondered if that means dispatch is in a different department like Northampton's is.

Commissioner Booker Bush suggested crisis calls may be directed to a non policing team, rather than the police department.

Commissioner Carol Owen read further, the program (Cahoots) maintains an advisory board that includes people with lived experience. This model may be adaptable to Northampton as our local area is rich with mental health consumers survivors and patients with experience of providing noncoercive interventions with friends and other community members who are experiencing emotional stress.

Commissioner Booker Bush said he thinks this paragraph is really important in terms of talking about accountability.

The commissioners discuss the formatting of the document.

Tim Black, Consulting and Outreach Specialist for the White Bird Clinic (Cahoots Mobile Crisis Response Program) gave a brief presentation.

The commissioners discuss the final report deadline.

**7. Adjourn**

**Commissioner Carol Owen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Alex Jarrett seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously at 8:04pm.**