

Project Longevity – Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Hosted On Microsoft Teams

A regular meeting of the Project Longevity Executive Committee Meeting was held on April 21, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee meeting was conducted on Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at 2:30am, with the following members present:

Attendance:

- **Peter Markle**, Assistant US Attorney;
- **Marc Pelka**, Undersecretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning, Office of Policy Management;
- **Achilles Generoso**, Statewide Director, Project Longevity;
- **Chief Jason Thody**, City of Hartford Police Department;
- **Sergeant Christopher Mastroianni**, City of Hartford Police Department;
- **Glendra Lewis**, City of Hartford Program Director;
- **Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson**, City of New Haven Police Department;
- **Chief Renee Dominguez**, City of New Haven Police Department;
- **Stacy Spell**, New Haven Program Manager;
- **Chief Rebeca Garcia**, City of Bridgeport Police Department;
- **Assistant Chief James Baraja**, City of Bridgeport Police Department;
- **Harold Dimbo**, Bridgeport Program Manager;
- **Jefferson Pinerio**, National Network for Safe Communities, John Jay College of Criminal Justice;
- **Chidi Nwuneli**, CCT Planning Analyst, Office of Policy Management; and
- **Patrick Lakha**, CCT Research Analyst, Office of Policy Management;

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Markle thanked members for dedicating time to today's meeting; A roll call was taken.

II. Approval of Minutes from the March 17th Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes, approved first by Achilles Generoso

III. Overview of Project

Achilles Generoso, Statewide Director, Project Longevity

Director Generoso indicated to the committee that the Research Unit at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) had met with the site managers to create a template that tracks data and metrics from each site. The Unit plans to cross-tabulate this data and track the statistics highlighted in the goals of the project.

Chidi Nwuneli, CCT Planning Analyst, Office of Policy Management

Mr. Nwuneli stated that the need to track this data is to create more project transparency and enable the project to fulfill data requests from external entities. He noted that tracking this data would also enable the project to have a retrospective review of trends over the years.

Patrick Lakha, CCT Research Analyst, Office of Policy Management

Mr. Lakha stated this data collection aims to standardize the metrics that is being recorded across each site. He noted that the data tracking is in the preliminary stages, and updates will be brought to the committee in the future.

IV. New Haven Project Updates

Chief Renee Dominguez, City of New Haven Police Department

Chief Dominguez stated that there had been 24 shootings and nine homicides year-to-date in the City. The Department has been meeting regularly on Tuesdays to conduct 20 custom notifications at minimum, and has continued having intelligence meetings four days a week. The next Call-in is estimated to be held the last week of May.

Stacy Spell, New Haven Program Manager

Mr. Spell stated that he is working to create a custom notification workshop for the community. This project seeks to add community members to the custom notification process by immersing participants through the GVI module.

The role of social services coordinator is yet to be filled, and the site will be relisting the position on job posting sites to interview another round of candidates.

The new shoot-review and Call-In will occur in the final week of May.

V. Hartford Project Updates

Chief Jason Thody, City of Hartford Police Department

In the wake-off shooting that occurred in Hartford, Chief Thody stated an increase in Custom notifications has occurred, and the presence of Federal agencies to assist with ongoing investigations has been appreciated. Sergeant Christopher Mastroianni had led over 50+ notifications which has led to an arrest of an individual connected to the shooting.

The Chief thank Director Generoso for speaking to the Department's Violence Reduction Team, as the Chief seeks to copy the Project Longevity model to the rest of the Department. The next Call-In is scheduled for April 27.

Sergeant Christopher Mastroianni, City of Hartford Police Department

Sgt. Mastroianni Stated that 39 none fatal shootings, nine homicides with four being GMI, 194 confirmed shots fired, and 64 firearms seized year-to-date. He informed the committee that he has been grateful for the assistance provided by the Federal agencies in the investigation mentioned by the Chief.

Glendra Lewis, City of Hartford Program Director

Ms. Lewis congratulated the Hartford Police Department for their hard work on the on-going investigation. She stated that there have been 180 custom notifications attempted, the last group audit was on January 20, and the next Call-In is scheduled for April 27; speakers and attendees are still being selected.

VI. Bridgeport Project Updates

Chief Rebeca Garcia, City of Bridgeport Police Department

Chief Garcia stated that four homicides had occurred in the City, with 2 being GMI, and 18 firearms were seized in March. The Chief informed the group despite shootings being high at the moment, the Department has seen success with its *Strategic Enforcement Detail*, with Information sharing enabling more effective policing. The community response to the Project Longevity team has extraordinary, and the Chief is optimistic about the project's progress.

Harold Dimbo, Bridgeport Program Manager

Mr. Dimbo stated the most recent Call-In was had on March 29 with 11 attendees, with the next Call-In estimated to occur at end of June. Mr. Dimbo provided programmatic statistics, stating that the last shooting review was March 30, the last group audit was December 2, and four individuals have received social services referrals.

Mr. Dimbo informed the committee that the community has been quite receptive to the project over the past few months and has seen an increase in information sharing between the community and police.

VII. Adjourn

Chairman Markle thanked sites for the work being carried out; adjourn at 3:30PM.

The next meeting is May 19, 2021 at 2:30PM and will be held virtually.