

Project Longevity – Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Hosted On Microsoft Teams

A regular meeting of the Project Longevity Executive Committee Meeting was held on June 16, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee meeting was conducted on Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at 2:30pm, with the following members present:

Attendance:

- **Marc Pelka**, Undersecretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning, Office of Policy Management, **Presiding**;
- **Peter Markle**, Assistant US Attorney;
- **Achilles Generoso**, Statewide Director, Project Longevity;
- **Chief Jason Thody**, City of Hartford Police Department;
- **Sergeant Christopher Mastroianni**, City of Hartford Police Department;
- **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;
- **Sergeant Phillip Sharp**, City of Bridgeport Police Department;
- **Harold Dimbo**, Bridgeport Program Manager;
- **Chidi Nwuneli**, CCT Planning Analyst, Office of Policy Management; and

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes from the April 21 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes, approved first by Achilles Generoso

III. General Project Updates

Achilles Generoso, Statewide Director

Director Generoso informed the committee that he has been working in conjunction with the project managers and OPM staff to create a data template that aims to track programmatic and crime states at the core of the project. He believes that this will enable the project to analyze the current status of each site and deliver data to external stakeholders.

Director Generoso stated that there will be an increase in the use of the **Apricot** system by the project managers and the various police Departments to update and populate the current lists on the database.

**Apricot is a cloud-based system used by the project to track active client lists and individuals who have received custom notifications.*

IV. New Haven Project Updates

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Chief Renee Dominguez, City of New Haven Police Department

Chief Dominguez informed the committee that year-to-date in New Haven, there have been 50 nonfatal shootings and 15 homicides. The Chief stated the department will begin transitioning to having intel meetings in-person, as the face-to-face communication helps get through to individuals.

Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson, City of New Haven Police Department

Assistant Chief Jacobson informed the committee that year-to-date in New Haven, there have been 102 shooting incidents, 35 state-local arrests resulting from enforcement actions, over 100 custom notifications, and 12 federal indictments.

Assistant Chief Jacobson stated that the last shooting review occurred in January of 2020, and the department will be holding a shooting review within the last two weeks of June to analyze the data for 2020 and 2021.

He is currently working with Stacy Spell to coordinate the call-in for August or September.

Stacy Spell, New Haven Program Manager

Mr. Spell informed the committee that the last call-in for New Haven was held on June 21, with 24 individuals attending, and three individuals reaching out for services after the event.

Mr. Spell stated that the custom notification workshop for community members would be commencing in the coming weeks. He notified the committee that he is onboarding and finalizing the paperwork for a new Social Services Coordinator.

VI. Hartford Project Updates

Sergeant Christopher Mastroianni, City of Hartford Police Department

Sergeant Mastroianni stated that year-to-date in Hartford, there have been 18 homicides, with seven identified as group member involved (GMI). He said that there have been 65 nonfatal shootings, with 33 identified as GMI, resulting in a total of 80 shooting incidents. He informed the committee that at the time of this meeting, the City had recorded over 1000 shots fired, 132 enforcement arrests, ten federal indictments, and 121 firearms seized.

Sergeant Mastroianni stated that the group/gang audit is scheduled for July 6th, and the next call-in currently being planned to occur in August.

VII. Bridgeport Project Updates

Chief Rebeca Garcia, City of Bridgeport Police Department

Chief Garcia informed the committee that there has been an increase in group-related homicide and violence in Bridgeport due to altercations between rivaling groups in the City. The Chief stated that that year-to-date, there have been over 4000 shots fired, with task-force officers rapidly working on getting firearms off the streets.

She informed the committee that she is working with other departments to assist with information sharing and intel meetings to reduce gun violence and cross with the City and across jurisdictions.

Sergeant Phillip Sharp, City of Bridgeport Police Department

Sergeant Sharp, provided the group with the current city crime data. Bridgeport year-to-date has had: seven homicides, three group member involved (GMI) homicides, 46 non-fatal shootings, 21 GMI non-fatal, 4,606 shots fired. The Sergeant informed the group that an enforcement action was actively taking place to reduce crime in the city.

Harold Dimbo, Bridgeport Program Manager

Mr. Dimbo provided programmatic updates to the committee, with the last shooting review being in April and group-gang audit in March.

He stated that he has been working closely with Bridgeport Police Department and Probations and Paroles to gather information of individuals who are actively driving up crime.

VIII. General Conversation

Achilles Generoso, Statewide Director

Director Generoso informed the committee that he is open to reaching out to the various sites Chief State's Attorney to discuss what can be done to prevent those in violation of probation from remaining out in the community and escalating the violence.

IX. Adjourn

Chairman Pelka thanked the three sites for the work being carried out; adjourn at 3:30PM.
The next meeting is yet to be set.