

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

November 18, 2020
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Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Erich Reed
Emily Edenshaw
Kendra Kloster
Charlene Apok
Sharon Chamard
Garry Gilliam

Members Absent

Andalyn Pace
Amber Fullmer - Excused

Representatives Present

BC Brian Partch, AFD
LT Burington, APD
Andrew Preis, OEM

Call to order Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm, quorum present.

Minutes: October minutes approved. Chamard moves to approve. Edenshaw seconds.

Reid: Emily and I met to attempt to improve the agenda, but it was difficult to collaborate, but hopefully by next meeting we will have a new proposed agenda.

Reports

AFD, Battalion Chief Brian Partch

- Biggest positive for us came across assembly agenda last night, funding for mobile crisis team, CORE team. Equivalent of medical social workers who check on individuals who we run on frequently. \$1.5 Mil to increase by 8 positions, alleviates about 7000 calls that EMS go on that pertain to this type of situation. 2 Paramedics, 2 Mental Health Workers, 2 social workers, supported by 2 administrative positions. Will free up EMS for other calls. Currently seeing an unprecedented number of calls, suiting up in extra PPE. Normal 20-minute call can take over an hour now.
- Crews are adapting well. Learning to work in these times.
- Increase in internal positive cases. Employees are being quarantined until they pass health assessment.
- Sending 2 employees down in the next couple months to inspect new apparatus.

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APD, Lieutenant Burington

- Body cams – second Assembly work session on the 20th in the afternoon. Will send link to Ashley to get to team for those who are interested.
- Virtual Events – Suggestions have been passed on the MJ, still waiting for response on that. Chiefs and Officers are continuing to engage with the community, attending community council meetings, etc.
- AFD Budget: MIT was fully funded again for coming year. Hoping to see growth on that team.
- Sent answers to questions put forward. Please let me know if you have questions about that.
- Department has been fortunate. Have had about a dozen positive cases since onset. When you look at the amount of interaction we have with the public, it's been very fortunate.

Apok: Thank everyone for responding via email, if that's an acceptable format, I'd like to continue. Appreciate the answers, very thorough, very helpful.

Burington: I'm good with that format. It helps me come prepared with links and things that will be helpful in answering your questions.

Reid: I also think that works out great. Would like to move toward getting together and requesting specific information that can provide written response in order for meetings to be more efficient and utilize our time wisely.

Apok: When we do that format, is it part of the recorded minutes, or can we still document the correspondence?

Ruhl: Yes, I save them in a file with minutes and agendas, per retention schedule.

Reid: Put a link in chat for Google Drive w/ links and documents that we can use to compile information.

Edenshaw: Glad we are having this conversation. Want to make sure if we shift to a structure of having questions answered between meetings, that we continue to be transparent and available to the general public.

Ruhl: Will review AMC and Bylaws to confirm what we are required to make public, if we think we need to create an addendum document and post with minutes we can do that.

Gilliam: Understand that Sgt. Haywood has been promoted and want to go on record saying that I really appreciate the work that the CAP teams have done for the city. Wanted to congratulate her on the promotion, and ask if there is a replacement Sgt.

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Burlington: Really fortunate to promote Jennifer, now Lt. on midshift, only commander who works overnight. In process of selecting new Sgt. Position has posted and will close in the next week or so. Patrol currently running short, likely to go unfilled for a bit. Will be happy if we can get it filled around the first of the year.

OEM, Andrew Preis

Agree with comments regarding emailing questions between meetings. Having questions in between meetings gave me the opportunity to get more accurate answers for you all. Only ask is if we are anticipating further conversation or follow up, that those are sent sooner before the meeting. If my email responses and these highlights do not answer all the questions, please let me know.

- EOC:
 - 258th day of EOC activation. Local emergency orders have been updated and edited. Will show at the end of discussion where to access this information.
 - Managing contracts for collection locations, contact tracing, PPE, etc.
 - Sullivan is largest congregate shelter site. It has been operating near or at capacity for too many days in a row. At last meeting we were doing shelter decompression planning. Since then we have gotten Fairview Rec Center up and running for overflow. Capacity is no more than 49 clients w/ proper spaced sleeping, rec and mealtime areas. Also added to lineup of hotel rooms. Work with Sullivan staff to recognize individuals working hard to better their situations and will transition some of them to hotel rooms to help with transitions. With temperatures, we continue to work on additional options.
 - Sample Collection: Prove site on Lake Otis and 42nd continues to run and has fairly long wait times along with traffic flow issues. Working with APD to help with that. Visit Healthcare is contractor running drive up sites, still running at several locations in town. Started modifying contracts to allow for pop-up sites at different locations. Canvassing local schools. This weekend they will be doing pop-up site in Girdwood which traditionally does not have a lot of testing capabilities.
 - Contact Tracing: Very tricky undertaking, AHD have been doing their best w/ contact tracing efforts. Working on contract to up their capacity, as well as to allow for additional follow up.
 - PPE: Reported the last couple meetings that we've been distributing cloth coverings via Hanes. Got a bunch more out the door to Muni Transit for the riders, Federation of Community Councils, Sullivan and Spenard Rec Center shelter sites. Also provided PPE for staff who have helped up pop up and run the Spenard Rec Center. Continue to get medical grade PPE from SOA and act as supplier to get out to medical providers here in Anchorage. Uptick in month of October due to

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increasing numbers.

- PIO – Updating websites with current information. COVID 19 yard signs with basic information. Liaison Officer is regularly holding meetings with groups such as the hospitals to keep finger on pulse of capacity, etc.
- Vaccines – Lots of information floating around out there. Don't have a lot of details about when or how that will happen, even through SOA EOC. Regular coordination meetings on that. Local efforts have initiated the planning process w/ medical countermeasures. Points of Distribution model being reviewed or may be more closely aligned w/ Pediatrics model through primary care physicians. Record tracking being looked at as well, as many vaccines will include a second dose. Likely to be a lot more information coming out in the near future. Full swing in planning efforts.
- Tutorial on COVID-19 website.

Edenshaw: Have you heard any plans of who will gain access to vaccines when it comes available in Anchorage? Will it go to front line workers, shelters, etc.

Preis: A lot more information will be coming out in the near future. Planning comes from the federal level. Recommendation that 1A front line medical workers and first responders. Then 1B for vulnerable population. From there, I don't have a lot of details of how subsequent rounds of vaccines will roll out.

Apok: Thank you for your responses via email. The metrics part was what I was trying to find, so thank you for showing us how to find that information. Is the vaccine going to have a cost associated?

Preis: That is currently still being discussed. Unsure if it will be free or low rate, or if insurance will be required to pay. Anticipate if not free that financial assistance will be made available for those unable to afford it.

Edenshaw: Got an alert from the SOA, put many people into a frenzy. Lots of citizens were unsure about how to go about getting additional information.

Preis: Wireless Emergency Alerts, much like the radio emergency alert and scroll along the bottom of the TV, allows messaging to be pushed out to cell phones. There is a license requirement and strict stipulations on the type of messages that can be sent. Important tool when necessary. Justification for using that was that pushing to mobile devices will reach more than just press conference or social media.

One of the things in my email is the suggestion to you as commissioners can/should reach out to AHD as part of the public safety team asking for participation or get open point of contact for questions, I think it would be a really good idea.

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Old Business

- **December 2nd at 6:** Proposed special meeting
 - Gilliam puts forward motion to meet. Apok Seconds.
- **Google Drive:** Please review documents prior to meeting to discuss.
- **Website:** Updated commissioners. Would like to start getting minutes up to date. Ashley will start posting moving forward, will work on past minutes as time becomes available.

New Business

Commissioner Comments:

Chamard Community Councils, are we going to divide that up?

Reed: Yes, we can discuss at meeting on December 2nd.

Apok: Was originally hesitant to do correspondence via email, but happy that it worked out well. Thanks to everyone for responding and being engaged.

Edenshaw: That was something Erich and I talked about too, inquired about getting an email address for this commission to do business to promote additional conversations between meetings.

Next meeting: Special Session December 2, 2020 at 6:00

Adjournment: 7:08 p.m.