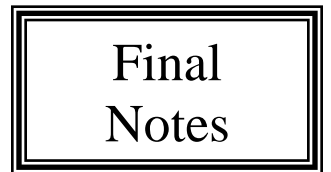




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Notes of CPRB Meeting Held on September 28, 2021 (Mtg. No. 237)

Online Zoom Webinar # 812 8325 8361
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Neighborhood: Citywide

Video of the meeting: no quorum

Members Present: Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby Chair Ms. Karen McLellan, LEP Dr. Mary Jo Guercio Solicitor: Atty. William F. Ward Staff Present: Ms. Elizabeth C. Pittinger, Exec. Director Ms. Stephanie Hampton, Asst. Exec. Director Ms. Michelle Gamble, Lead Investigator/Intake Ms. Sherri Bridgett, Investigator Mr. David Ellwood, Investigator Ms. Tiffani Hunt, Investigator	Excused Members: Mr. Sheldon Williams, LEP Mr. Elwin Green Vacancy: City Council Seat #1 Mayoral Seat #5 Excused staff: All present.
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Dr. Lucas-Darby, Chair, called the online Zoom meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Darby recognized that there was not a quorum present however the agenda would be reviewed with no official action taken. Solicitor Ward concurred.

Dr. Darby recognized Board members present and announced that minutes of the June meeting, July meeting and August special meeting would be held until a quorum was present.

Opening remarks by Chair:

Dr. Darby announced that Executive Director, Ms. Pittinger, was one of the 2021 recipients of the Cyril Wecht Award ([Article New Pittsburgh Courier](#)) and gave her congratulations to Ms. Pittinger

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Pittinger thanked Dr. Darby for her kind words.

Ms. Pittinger announced and welcomed the newest investigator to join the CPRB team, Ms. Tiffani Hunt. Ms. Hunt brings an extensive career in the human services industry with a diverse community-based background. Ms. Hunt served as the Deputy Coroner of Allegheny County, and as a Forensic Investigator with the ME (Medical Examiner's office). She is a graduate of Chatham University, certified in various counterterrorism skills, recipient of numerous awards for her community service, and was the first Medico-Legal Death Investigator in Allegheny County. Ms. Hunt also served as Diplomat on the Board of Medico Legal Death Investigators, St. Louis School of Medicine, St. Louis Mo.

Ms. Pittinger updated the Board on the investigation inquiry into the demonstrations on May 31-June 1, 2021. CPRB went through a prolonged contract process to acquire The Densus Group to perform an After Action Assessment of the actions that took place last year. CPRB and Densus have experienced resistance and distractions interfering with the accomplishment of this review. Staff members Ms. Hampton and Mr. Ellwood meet weekly with the Densus Group for updates and strategic planning. Some lawsuits are pending between civilian participants and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police (PBP), particularly the SWAT team. CPRB and Densus have assured the Department of Public Safety, the PBP, and the City Administration that any interviews conducted by the Densus Group will not include the presence of any CPRB representative. Nonetheless, cooperation from the City administration is elusive.

Ms. Pittinger reminded the Board of the expiration of Board terms on October 31, 2021. City Council has reached out and assured us that they are soliciting nominees for appointment to the Board.

Ms. Pittinger informed the Board of the meeting with the County of Allegheny Providers Group and Sergeant Tiffany Kline-Costa of PBP, who leads the Community Engagement Office. It was a productive and mutually supportive exchange.

Unfinished Business:

Deferred

New Business:

Deferred

Case Review:

Deferred

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Next Meeting:

Dr. Lucas-Darby announced the next regularly scheduled Board meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Links will be posted on the Face Book page and cprbpg.org.

Dr. Darby announced Mr. Green is not present because he was nominated for an award and was attending the presentation dinner.

The meeting concluded with no official business conducted due to lack of a quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie M. Dorman

Assistant Executive Director

Attachments (2): 10/26/2021 Case Review Actions
2022 Board meeting Calendar