



**The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021 virtually via Zoom.**

**Commissioners Present:** T. Phillips, J. Webb, N. Malpass K. Brown, F. Jalloh, Q. Brown & A. Marshall

**Commissioners Absent:** C. Brown &, D. J. Obrien

**Staff Present:**

Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager

Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator

Corporal Jeremy Johnson, Greensboro Police Department, Behavioral Health Response Team

Erin Williams, Team Lead Counselor, Greensboro Behavioral Health Response Team

Maria Hicks-Few, Office of Equity & Inclusion, Chief Officer

**Legal Department Presents:**

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

New commissioner Adam Marshall from district 4 was welcomed to the group.

**II .Approval of minutes**

Motion to approve the June and July minutes: Motion Maker: Commissioner Malpass 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Phillips.

Motion passed unanimously

**III. Presentation from Greensboro Behavioral Health Response Team**

Erin Williams, team lead counselor with the Greensboro behavioral health response team (BHRT) team, gave a presentation about the City's mental health co-response team. The presentation contained information about the Behavioral health response team. The counselors respond with a dedicated group of BHRT officers. Both the officer and the counselor ride together to the scene to address the person in crisis. The group also does follow-up care. The BHRT unit has responded to over 2000 calls for service since its inception.

**IV. 2020-2021 Annual Report**

CJ Administrator McNeil shared the 2020-2021 GCJAC Annual Report with the group.

<https://user-kcmpny.cld.bz/GCJAC-Annual-Report-2020-21>

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

**V.A Education and outreach Subcommittee**

Several members of the GCJAC participated in National Night out activities. Commissioners were able to pass out information about the GCJAC and a brochure on understanding your rights.



Commissioner Malpass talked about some of the concerns to response times in the districts are the city continues to grow, and more apartments are being built. The group would like to receive information on response times for GPD in the different districts around the city. ACM Davis and CJ Administrator McNeil will work to get this information to the group.

The group will be working on planning another educational forum soon.

#### **V.B. Policy Subcommittee:**

Deputy Chief Biffle and reviewing the documents she sent to the group on department directives, the group is focusing on the application of the policies. How well does GPD follow its own policies?

The group is interested in reviewing data on directive violations, specifically courtesy directives, as this has been a leading external complaint since the GCJAC began receiving data.

The committee members spoke about the importance of receiving complaint files to review.

CJ Admin McNeil will begin writing up the methodology part of the recommendation.

Commissioner K. Brown advised the group about an email she received regarding the adultification of children of color on silver alerts. The group discussed a strategy to gather more information on the topic, reach out to the GPD, and inquire about their reporting protocols for issuing silver alerts.

Commissions Phillips brought up that the GCJAC needs to be able to review complaints randomly in an auditing function. The cases could be viewed with the officers and the complainant's information redacted from the files. He requested that the GCJAC make a formal request in writing to GPD and the City Council. ACM Davis advised that he would meet with the GCJAC executive board to discuss the issue further.

#### **IV. Additional Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Jalloh asked if a new Council liaison would be assigned to the commission. ACM Davis will follow up.

Commissioner K. Brown asked if the group would be able to plan a retreat. The will be more information on the retreat in the future. However, the retreat will be more than likely virtual due to the increases in COVID cases.

Further discussion was had on the issue of the adultification toned language. A community member submitted to the GCJAC samples of silver alert that showed a difference in descriptions in missing children of color versus white children. ACM Davis gave some information regarding the parameters for wording on the silver and amber alerts.

Motion: The GCJAC will further research the issue of adultification in silver alerts

Motion Maker: K. Brown

Second: T. Phillips

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**V. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

