



Board of Directors Meeting Report
July 28, 2022
600 Jefferson, Auditorium

The Crime Commission Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the board of directors' chair Ben Adams. The April 28, 2022 board report was approved.

APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Marc Rottink (Smith & Nephew) and Stacey Sherley- Muhammed (SCOR) were presented as board replacements. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the aforementioned as new Crime Commission board members.

PSI UPDATE

Mr. Gibbons introduced Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui to the board and her role with the Public Safety Institute as Research Director. A domestic violence grant for \$376,000 was awarded to the Public Safety Institute. Mr. Gibbons also stated that a Public Safety Institute (PSI) team has been created to develop a Downtown Safety Plan with a budget of \$75,000 from the Downtown Memphis Commission, \$50,000 of which was an appropriation from the County Commission.

Mr. Gibbons stated that a grant was received by the Sheriff's department to research and determine why violent offenders commit crimes. This grant was given to the Public Safety Institute and the results will be presented to the board when completed.

KEY SECOND QUARTER 2022 OUTCOME INDICATORS

Mr. Gibbons presented the available key plan outcome figures to the board covering the period from January through June 2022:

- Reported major violent crime, January – June, decreased by 6.1% in 2022 compared to 2021 in Memphis; in Shelby County, major violent crime also decreased by 5.7% compared to 2021.
- Reported major property crime, January – June, increased 18% compared to 2021 in Memphis and increased 14.8% in Shelby County compared to 2021.
- Reported aggravated assaults, January – June, decreased in the City of Memphis by 10.3% and 9.7% in Shelby County in 2022 compared to 2021.
- Reported domestic violence, January – June, in the City of Memphis decreased by 7.9% and decreased by 9.7% in Shelby County compared to 2021.
- Overall crime, January – June, in Memphis increased by 8.2% and increased by 6.6% in Shelby County.
- Mr. Gibbons stressed that gun violence has shown a significant increase since 2014 when the General Assembly passed the law allowing guns in cars.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ACTION STEPS UNDER THE SAFE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Action Step 1: Focused Deterrence

Gen. Amy Weirich provided the status of the Focused Deterrence Action Step. Gen. Weirich indicated that the last call-in was large (actually 100 participants). She indicated that future call-ins would be smaller (25) to have more impact.

Gen. Weirich stated that the District Attorney's office is working to scale up efforts in the Focus Deterrence program.

Action Step 10: Law Enforcement Staffing

Chief Davis gave the status of MPD recruitment and retention:

- Reinvigorate police recruiting efforts through increasing applicant flow and rethinking the hiring process: Goal: A net increase of 300 recruits by end of 2023
- Hire PSTs: Goal: 125 PSTs per year
- Maintain Officer attrition at 2013 levels: Goal: Attrition at 150 or less at end of 2022

Action Step 4: Communicate the consequences of engaging in gun crime

Howard Robertson spoke on the marketing efforts targeting the solutions to reducing gun crime. The problem, he felt, is the lack of collaborative efforts. Criminals are susceptible to advertising. They listen also.

Mr. Robertson stated that marketing is effective in changing behavior; he gave smoking and seatbelts as examples. He also stated the importance of continued support in marketing aimed at the reduction of gun crimes.

Action step 8: New assessment center (Youth and Family Resource Center)

Dorcas Young-Griffin stated that the Youth Assessment Center is open and part of the solution to juvenile crime. As of June 16th, the center has served 25 youth and their families. The assessment center has a three-person staff and only one youth issued a summons has been served at the center. In addition, 10 referrals were received from the Austin Peay precinct. Ms. Griffin stated that the center will continue to provide mental health support, connections, and resources for safe, stable housing.

Bill Gibbons stated that it is time to show whether this model works. Mr. Gibbons stated the tipping point for impact would be an increase in the numbers citywide. He also stated that of the delinquency complaints through June, 37% involve

repeat offenders. Chief Davis agreed that an increase in the number of juveniles served is needed to show a sustainable change.

Pastor Kirkwood expressed concern that the center is serving just the Raleigh area and the Austin Peay precinct. He indicated that this is not effective enough and needs to be scaled up.

Dorcas Young-Griffin stated that future directives are to identify additional precincts to be served by the youth assessment center.

Action step 9: Intensive supervision and appropriate treatment for serious juvenile offenders

Susan Deason stated that there is a gap in services provided to youth. Services start with an assessment. Youth Villages' goal is to provide assessments and increase the current services to serve more than 200 serious juvenile offenders in the coming year, seven days a week. That includes mentoring. By adding the additional services to Youth Villages' current array of services, they will be able to make a larger impact on serious juvenile offenders.

Walk Against Gun Violence on July 30th

The next Community Walk Against Gun Violence will take place on July 30th at 9 a.m. at the Mitchell Community Center. All board members are asked to participate.

FINANCIALS

Bo Allen gave feedback on the Crime Commission financials. Mr. Allen stated that Mr. Gibbons has succeeded in keeping expenses in check, but fundraising is necessary.

Mr. Gibbons stated that the Crime Commission was slightly over budget on two line items, but funds were earmarked for the two expenses over budget that were not included in the original budget.

Emphasis was placed on the Crime Commission board members contributing more. 19 out of 49 members have contributed to the Crime Commission. Blair Taylor encouraged board members to utilize the website for their contributions.

Ben Adams stated that the golf tournament fundraiser would be taking place on October 17, 2022, at the Ridgeway Country Club. Board members are asked to be supportive of fundraising efforts. The previous golf fundraiser raised \$45,000; Mr. Gibbons asked for corporate and sponsor support.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Adams stated that a new meeting location is desired and stated that board members can send offers or suggest suitable meeting locations for future Crime Commission board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned...

Presented by:
Sharon (Sam) Walker
Executive Assistant

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Attendance:

- 1. Ben Adams**
- 2. Louis "Bo" Allen**
- 3. Jim Baker**
- 4. Vinessa Brown**
- 5. Essica Cage**

6. John Campbell (call in)
7. C. J. Davis
8. John Dudas
9. Jeffrey Higgs
10. Henry Hooper
11. James Kirkwood
12. Douglas Korneski
13. Stevie Moore
14. Stacey Sherley - Muhammad
15. Joe Murphy
16. Marc Rottink
17. Joseph Saab
18. Blair Taylor
19. Coleman Thompson
20. Dorcus Young-Griffin
21. Amy Weirich

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

1. Shawn Jones
2. Joe Gurley
3. John Covington
4. Harold Collins
5. Bernard Williams
6. Susan Deason
7. Howard Robertson
8. Adrienne Hues
9. Jimmie Johnson
10. Tim McCuddy
11. Tamika Davis
12. Ethele Hilliard
13. Kimberly Conley
14. Bill Gibbons
15. Linda Russell
16. Mishel Vite

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