



Board of Directors Meeting Report
July 27, 2023
600 Jefferson; Conference room #2

The Crime Commission Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the Board of Directors chair Ben Adams. The April 27, 2023 board report was approved.

ELECTION OF RECOMMENDED NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Ben Adams introduced Lt. Colonel Jimmie Johnson of the TN Highway Patrol, candidate to join the Crime Commission board. The vote was presented.

- THP Lt. Colonel Jimmie Johnson

The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the aforementioned as a new Crime Commission board member.

REPORT ON WALK AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE AND FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Bill Gibbons provided an update on the "Walk Against Gun Violence" held on July 15th. Mr. Gibbons indicated that this "Walk" was different in its significance. University of Memphis athletes were available and spoke at the "Walk" along with Rep. John Gillespie and Senator London Lamar. The messages shared consisted of a call to action for the community to stand against gun violence and to repeal the permit-less gun carry law.

REPORT ON KEY SAFE COMMUNITY PLAN OUTCOMES/INDICATORS

Mr. Gibbons presented key plan outcome figures available to the board covering the period from January to June 2023:

- Through the second quarter, reported violent incidents involving guns in Memphis have increased 141% in 2023 compared to 2011 and increased 1.5% in 2023 compared to 2022.
- In comparison to 2011, guns that were stolen from motor vehicles increased 674% compared to 2011 and decreased 11% compared to 2022.
- Delinquent charges against juveniles in Memphis/Shelby County during the same period increased by 15.9% in 2023 compared to 2022. Serious violent charges against juveniles decreased 16.8% through the second quarter of 2023 compared to 2022.

2023 ACTION STEP MILESTONES

Bill Gibbons provided board members with the Safe Community Action Plan report card and the status of its stakeholders. He also stated certain objectives in the plan have been accomplished.

STATUS REPORTS ON KEY ACTION STEPS

Dr. Iratzoqui reported on Action Step 19 (development of a domestic violence strategic plan). With the assistance of a 3-year grant, a task force was developed in the first year to assist in developing the plan. Dr. Iratzoqui also encouraged board participation and registration to the DV forum being held on August 15, 2023. This forum will unveil the domestic violence strategic plan and will be held at the Holiday Inn-University of Memphis from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Dorcas Young Griffin and Sandy Bromley reported on Action Step 18. Ms. Griffin indicated that a map of the criminal justice system in 2021 indicated mental health is a very real issue. Ms. Bromley stated that the only option a judge has in court for a felon acting up in court is to contact jail medical. Both Griffin and Bromley indicated that more mental health assessments are needed.

Brittney Ragin and Catherine Smith reported on Action Step 9. Ms. Smith gave a report on SWITCH-Youth which addresses the need for intensive services and supervision for the community's highest-risk youth – ages 12-18. SWITCH-Youth served 36 youths during the months of April through June 2023. Once fully

staffed, SWATCH-Youth will have the capacity to serve 96 youth across four teams.

THE HIRING OF LOBBYING FIRM

Chairman Ben Adams presented to the board the hiring of Stones River Group lobbying firm by the Crime Commission. Chairman Adams indicated that funds have been allocated and earmarked for the lobbyist(s) with minimal financial investment from the Crime Commission. This was presented to the board for a vote.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the hiring of the Stones River Group.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH

Chairman Ben Adams stated that the Crime Commission will host its annual golf tournament on September 11th at Southwind. Chairman Adams encouraged the board to participate by hosting a team or encouraging others to participate.

FINANCIAL REPORT/AUDIT

Bill Gibbons indicated the Crime Commission's financials were stable with a positive cash flow. The Audit has been completed with no noted infractions.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned...

Presented by:
Sharon (Sam) Walker
Executive Assistant

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Attendance:

- 1. Ben Adams**
- 2. Bo Allen**
- 3. Melanie Blakeney**
- 4. Vinessa Brown**
- 5. Essica Cage**
- 6. Tom Cleaves**
- 7. Bartlett Chief Jeff Cox**
- 8. Douglas DePodesta**
- 9. John Dudas**
- 10. Henry Hooper**
- 11. Sen. London Lamar**
- 12. Jim McMahon**
- 13. Stevie Moore**
- 14. Paul Morris**
- 15. D. A. Steve Mulroy**
- 16. Marc Rottink**
- 17. Blair Taylor**
- 18. Dorcas Young Griffin**
- 19. Craig Weiss**
- 20. Brittney Ragin**
- 21. Jimmie Johnson**
- 22. David Brown**
- 23. Catherine Smith**
- 24. Sandy Bromley**
- 25. Stephanie Hill**
- 26. Anthony Buckner**
- 27. Amaia Iratzoqui**
- 28. MPD Deputy Chief Oakley**
- 29. Dexter Moses**
- 30. Bryan McCloskey**
- 31. King Clark**
- 32. Janine Heiner**

- 33.Mike Fisher**
- 34.Bill Gibbons**
- 35.Mishell Vite**
- 36.Linda Russell**
- 37.Kimberly Conley**

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