



Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - Approved May 3, 2021

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the May 3, 2021 Community Advisory Council meeting was held virtually.

PRESENT

Council Members: Lorez Bailey, Dora Estrada, Jose Landaverde, Lorena Barrera
IOLERO Staff: Karlene Navarro, Director; Adriana Call, Programs Manager.
SSU Interns: Zachary Harkins, Kaory Hernandez,
Invited Panelists: Dr. Silvana McCormick, Dr. Emily Asencio
SCSO: Lt. Brandon Cutting
Absent: CAC member David Hernandez, Evan Zelig, Alma Roman-Diaz
Members of the Public: 34 members of the public attended via ZOOM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Facilitated by Vice Chair Lorena Barrera, and CAC 3rd District Representative, Jose Landaverde.

Ms. Barrera reviewed the Designed Team Alliance and Public Comment guidelines.

Roll Call:

Present: Jose Landaverde, Lorez Bailey, Dora Estrada, Lorena Barrera

Absent: Alma Roma-Diaz, David Hernandez, Evan Zelig

- Agenda Review
- Public Comment: No members of the public addressed the Council

- Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve: Jose Landaverde
2nd Dora Estrada
Ayes: Lorez Bailey, Dora Estrada, Lorena Barrera, Jose Landaverde
Absent: Alma Roma-Diaz, David Hernandez, Evan Zelig

Karlene Navarro, IOLERO Director, made an announcement about the Independent investigation from the OIR Group for the City of Santa Rosa regarding the protests that occurred in June of 2020. As a result of the OIR Group investigation, IOLERO will also expand our independent investigation to include the Sheriff's potential involvement in the deployment of tear gas.

2. Community Oriented Policing Project (COPP)

Director Navarro gave the introduction, and a brief overview of the Community Oriented Policing Project.

Guest Speakers – introduced by Jose Landaverde

Presentation to the CAC by Dr. Emily K. Asencio, Sonoma State University
Dr. Silvana McCormick, Redwood Consulting Collective.

Dr. Asencio and Dr. McCormick presented the Project Overview. Research Design, Instrument Development, Focus Group Questions, Survey Questions, Sampling Design Institutional Review Board, and Federal OHRP Regulation.

The potential sampling groups Dr. Asencio, Dr. McCormick identified are:

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Deputies- divided by rank

Latinx Community

Additional BIPOC communities,

LGBTQ community

Young Adult Community

West County Community

Windsor & Sonoma Community

The CAC gave suggestions for additional focus groups. Dr. Asencio asked the CAC and the community to email additional input for focus groups.

Dr. McCormick requested input for the project on the following 2 topics.

1. What are the steps we can take to ensure diverse representation of the community members in our study (i.e. groups that will be important to include, organizations or individuals that can help us connect with the different groups)?
2. What are the steps we can take to increase the transparency of the research process (i.e. information that you'd like to have during the process, communication that would increase support for this project)?

The strategic learning questions (draft) on which the researchers will be seeking community feedback are these:

2. **How do members of the community define "Community-Oriented Policing?"**
"While the research literature provides a definition of this concept, we are interested to learn how different members of the community and the SCSO define community policing.
3. **Do community members perceive community-oriented policing differently than law enforcement officers? If so, how do these perceptions differ?**
4. **When community members think of community-oriented policing, what examples come to mind? We're interested in hearing local examples or examples they've heard of from other places.**

5. **What community-oriented policing practices does the SCSO currently engage in?** *We're interested in learning if these practices are formal or informal, sporadic or consistent, voluntary or required.*
6. **How does the SCSO communicate its expectations related to community-oriented policing to its deputies?** *As part of this question, we're interested in learning about the extent to which SCSO training addresses elements of community-oriented policing.*
7. **How does the SCSO evaluate the extent to which their deputies are engaging in community-oriented policing practices and how does this factor into the annual evaluations of deputies?**
8. **What do community members think results from community-oriented policing practices?** *We are interested in learning what impact the community expects to see from community-oriented policing. We want to find out if there are examples of this impact in Sonoma County and specifically with the SCSO.*
9. **What is the nature of the current relationship between community members and the SCSO?** *We are interested in learning about perceptions of the SCSO and relationships with the SCSO among different groups within the community. We also want to learn about the specific practices that SCSO deputies are engaged in to build relationships with community members in their areas.*
10. **What are community members' priorities in regards to the SCSO and community-oriented policing?**

- Public Comment on Panel Discussion

Nine members of the public addressed the Council.

3. **Public Comment** for items not appearing on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CAC. Please state your name and who you represent, if applicable. Comments will be limited to three minutes at the discretion of the chairs based on number of comments and other factors.

Five members of the public addresses the Council.

4. Closing – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm via ZOOM. A recording of this meeting is posted to IOLERO's website under the Calendar link.