



Community Outreach Subcommittee MINUTES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Subcommittee Members Present: Gail Hardy, Rachel Timm, Ana Mitchel, Chief L.J. Fusaro, Eyvonne Parker-Bair

Staff: Ken Barone

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Gail Hardy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of the February 26, 2025, minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 26, 2025. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. East Hartford Public Forum

The subcommittee debriefed about the East Hartford Public Forum, which was attended by several officers and was deemed a success.

b. Enfield Public Forum

The next forum is scheduled for May 20th at the Enfield Public Library, marking the first time the group will be in that part of the state. Ana is working on the panel for the Enfield forum and will contact the police chief.

c. New Website and Data Site Launch

Ken discussed launching a new website, which he believes is a significant improvement. He mentioned that the new site is more positive, collaborative, and conveys the work done over the last 12 years. Ken also shared that the website receives about a hundred thousand hits annually, mostly on the homepage and reports. He mentioned that the Connecticut data collaborative has also revamped its website, which is expected to be

launched on Monday. Ken expressed his gratitude for the work done by his staff, particularly Valerie and Erica, who were instrumental in the new website's development.

IV. General Discussion

a. Fall 2025 Public Forums

The subcommittee discussed public forums for the fall. They identified potential locations, considering areas that haven't been covered, such as Fairfield County, New Britain, and the Tribal area. The team agreed to follow up on the Tribes and to consider New Britain as a potential location for a forum. They also discussed the need to analyze data from the previous year to determine if any changes in location are necessary.

b. Other Outreach Activities

Members discussed ways to engage with young people about the issue of racial profiling. They discussed engaging with the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford and high school students involved in the Street Law program. They considered incorporating a program on what to do when stopped by police and possibly involving police departments for a different perspective. They also discussed the possibility of creating a 30-second commercial to promote collaboration between police and the community, with the help of a local media agency.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.