

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Crime Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, August 27th at 12:30pm,
Mosaic Hospital in the Thrive and Flourish (Oak) Room, 5325 Faraon

Committee Members Present: Michael Meierhoffer, Chairman, Bob Eaton, Vice-Chairman, Whitney Lanning, Secretary, Dr. Mark Laney, Chief Christopher Connally, Linda Dotson, Janie Findley, Capt. James McDonald, Drew Brown, J. Bruce Woody, Seth Wright, William McMurray, Mike Cazel, Cdr. Brad Kerns, Mickey Roberts, Patrick Grove

Chair, Michael Meierhoffer called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.

Vice-chairman, Bob Eaton informed the committee that the Communications Subcommittee met on 8/22/2018 and discussed how to share more information with the community regarding crime and how to better engage media and parents. Mr. Eaton reported that the subcommittee is looking at reporting crime statistics by percentages, rather than numbers, as this will better illustrate the impact of crime in the community. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/6/2018, at which time the committee will discuss the development of 5 Myths of Crime in our community.

Dr. Mark Laney, CEO of Mosaic Life Care, described the effects of crime in the hospital setting. Dr. Laney stated in the past 9 years there has been a significant change in safety and crime at the hospital. He stated that there was a time that there were up to 2 physical altercations with security per day; while the implementation of the use of tasers decreased this number, there were still significant incidents that took place. Dr. Laney described several events involving aggressive and armed patients, which eventually led the hospital to equip their security guards with firearms.

Dr. Davin Turner, President of Mosaic Life Care Clinics, gave a presentation on the data and trends of emergency room patients; focusing especially on the increase of patients presenting with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Derek Conz, Director of Security at Mosaic Life Care, addressed the committee and discussed the hospital's decision to arm their security guards. Mr. Conz discussed previous events, including an armed shooter situation, (that was eventually found to be a false alarm) which led the hospital to their ultimate decision.

Chief Connally provided an update on crime data and a recent collaborative event that took place with other law enforcement entities which was successful.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 15th, 12:30pm, location to be determined

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