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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 PM

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Board of Alders Chamber

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee of the New Haven Board of Alders will meet in-person at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street New Haven, 2nd Floor, to hear and act upon the following:

[LM-2024-0237](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, 2024 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 TO PROMOTE/ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS IF OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY.

This item is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street, New Haven, CT. Per order: Hon. Brian Wingate, Chair: Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk.

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Minutes

Alder Brian Wingate, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present were Alders Brian Wingate, Chair; Frank Douglass, Jr., Honda Smith, Troy Streater, Caroline Tanbee Smith, and Brittiany Mabery-Niblack.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Evelyn Rodriguez and Richard Furlow.

1. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, 2024 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 TO PROMOTE/ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS IF OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: David Zannelli, Assistant Chief, and Michael Fumiatti, Lieutenant, of the New Haven Police Department

David Zannelli, Assistant Chief, New Haven Police Department, and Michael Fumiatti, Lieutenant, New Haven Police Department presented this item and spoke about the importance of receiving this funding to support law enforcement mental health and wellness.

In response to Alder Smith, Lt. Fumiatti spoke about how the program would not extend retirees. Both Asst. Chief Zannelli and Lt. Fumiatti confirmed the goal of this program is to have a clinician available 24/7.

In response to Alder Douglass, Jr., Lt. Fumiatti discussed how they have a peer support team comprised of trained officers and retirees. Reviewed how they are looking to expand this program.

In response to Alder Mabery-Niblack, Lt. Fumiatti confirmed that this funding would be used to fund a position for clinician who will provide services to the officers. The funding for the \$100,000 will be used to fund a clinician and data analyst. Asst. Chief Zannelli discussed how the data analyst will be used to track the amount of traumatic incidents an officer has been to, so that early detection can turn into an early intervention system.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Lt. Fumiatti spoke about how they do not have anything to measure this program, and they are hoping that data from the first year will help build the program's success to reduce the stigmatism of seeking help.

Asst. Chief Zannelli discussed how in the past they had been tracked infractions the officers made like situations involving DUI, domestic violence, etc. However, they did not track and

monitor how this behavior related to trauma and work situations affected the officers' personal lives.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Lt. Fumiatti reviewed how confidentiality would be maintained through the organization that would provide oversight of this program. The information they would be share with the department would be need to know. Asst. Chief Zannelli confirmed the officers participating in the program would be protected by HIPAA.

In response to Alder Douglass, Jr., Lt. Fumiatti reviewed how they fired the last organization they were working with because they, after trying to work with them multiple times, were not getting the services they were paying for the organization to provide.

In response to Alder Mabery-Niblack, Lt. Fumiatti spoke about how they envision the program to work with the clinician building report and relations with the officers, so they will be better equipped to help the officers and make their sessions together more productive.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder H. Smith moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Douglass, Jr. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Douglass, Jr. moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder H. Smith. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:39 p.m.

Alder H. Smith moved to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 6:43 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders' YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/@boardofalders8363>.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II