

Memorandum

TO: Public Intoxication Task Force Members
SUBJECT: Agenda for February 26 Meeting

FROM: Debra Figone
DATE: February 20, 2009

Attached is the agenda for our meeting next Thursday. As you will see, it includes more detail than what we have provided for the first two Public Intoxication Task Force (PITF) meetings to help us focus on the specific tasks we have ahead of us. I am sending it and this memo out today to ensure that you have sufficient time to review it before we meet next Thursday. On Monday we will send you a copy of the solutions matrix referenced below.

We have three scheduled meetings left and quite a bit of work to do to satisfy Council's direction for the PITF. As a reminder, Council has charged the task force with bringing them recommendations in two areas: (1) non-criminal sanctions and alternative approaches to 647(f) arrests, and (2) additional procedures that an officer should satisfy to obtain objective evidence to support arrests. I am well aware that there are other issues that PITF members have raised that fall outside of Council's direction and the task force schedule. These include, among others, requests for release of 647(f) PD reports, an independent audit and analysis of arrest statistics, moratorium on 647(f) arrests, a PD review board or commission, and changes to the Penal Code.

To facilitate communication of the PITF members' thoughts about these other issues to the Council, while ensuring that we satisfy Council's specific direction to the task force, I want us to bring forward to Council two products. One is a set of recommendations that satisfy the fundamental charge of the task force (i.e. alternative to arrests and objective evidence). The second product that we would bring forward is a set of additional ideas and long-term proposals that task force members want to convey to Council for their consideration. Among these additional ideas would be some of the issues identified above, as well as others that might surface as we continue our work together.

As indicated on the agenda, we will use the February 26 meeting to begin outlining those potential recommendations that satisfy Council's direction, and reserve time at the task force's next meeting, March 12, to discuss additional ideas and long-term proposals. The format of the February 26 meeting will consist of small break-out groups to (1) discuss existing potential recommendations for arrest alternatives and objective evidence (i.e. sobering stations, Preliminary Alcohol Screening devices, etc.), (2) elicit any new potential recommendations that fall into one of these two categories, and (3) identify what additional information the PITF needs to select the final recommendations that will be conveyed to the Council. Each group will have a template to assist the discussion and a matrix listing all the potential recommendations identified to date that satisfy Council's direction. Staff will be available to assist the groups.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact me or Norberto Duenas, 408-535-8180.


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