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**Public Safety Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**  
**6:30pm**  
**Hon. Tamara Martin, Chair**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Henrietta Lyle, Tamara Martin, Christina Curry, Kieth Taylor, Rose Ellington Murray, Brandi North and Michael Downie

**Guest in Attendance:** Calvin Solomon, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor

**Presentation:**

Calvin Solomon, Director of Community Outreach from the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor presented a short film called *One Last Chance*, which chronicles the lives of several young men who were incarcerated and their experiences while being locked up and how they turned their lives around.

After the film the committee had an in depth conversation and discussed issues that our community are faced with in dealing with the youth population. The committee members as well as members of the community identified such issues and ideas as: the need for more support systems and mentoring programs for the youth, identifying at risk youths at an earlier stage in order to take more preventative steps to intervene before they get arrested or in trouble with the law. It was also mentioned how important it is to find additional ways to support formerly incarcerated individuals in order to help them reintegrate back into society after they have been released from jail or prison.

Christina Curry brought to our attention that deaf and physically disabled youths are being recruited by gangs to commit various crimes.

Brandi North suggested to Calvin Solomon that his office try to come up with structured activities that teenagers will find enjoyable and want to take part in, but more importantly allow them to learn critical thinking skills, which is necessary in their everyday lives. Calvin Solomon was interested in hearing more about her ideas and concepts.

Tamara Martin suggested showing the short film to the entire board once the captions have been added to the film for the Deaf/hearing impaired and the film has also been placed on a flash drive. Christina Curry also reiterated the importance of having the captions added to the film for the Deaf/hearing impaired communities.

Calvin Solomon agreed to make the necessary changes and let the committee know when it was completed in order to arrange a showing at the general board meeting. He also stated that he would like to present the film to any school, organization or group that would be interested in seeing it.

### **Discussions**

- A. The Mission Statement was reviewed by the committee, but no changes were made.
- B. The committee members have been tasked with coming up with plans/goals for 2015. The committee was encouraged to email their ideas for further discussion in order to identify committee goals for 2015.
- C. There was a brief discussion on changing the day in which the committee meets and committee members were encouraged to submit email suggestions regarding this matter. The meeting day will be finalized shortly.

### **Announcements**

Christina Curry stated that Harlem Independent Living Center is currently collecting food and clothing donations and also giving them out to individuals who are in reentry programs, but the organization do not provide services to individuals with a history of sexual offenses.

### **Meeting Adjourned**