

**St. Petersburg College  
Center for Public Safety Innovation  
Florida Regional Community Policing Institute  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Allstate Center, April 7, 2010**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Major Phillip Beahn, St. Petersburg Police Department  
Dep. Chief Steve Beasley for Ms. Elaine Terenzi, U. S. Probation Office, Middle District of Florida  
Dr. William R. Blount, Professor, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida  
Mr. William Daniels, Community Resource Specialist, for Ms. Donna Schulz, Law Enforcement Coordination Manager, U. S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida  
Cpt. Teresa Dioquino for the Honorable Jim Coats, Sheriff, Pinellas County  
Major Tom Feeney, Training Director, for the Honorable David Gee, Sheriff, Hillsborough County  
Dr. Ernesto Fernandez-Santiago, RCPI, Puerto Rico Training Initiative  
Chief Tom Gavin, Pinellas County Schools Police Department  
Cpt. John Green, Pinellas Park Police Department  
Assistant Chief Marc Hamlin for Chief Jane Castor, Tampa Police Department  
Mr. Watson Haynes, Commissioner, Florida Commission on Human Relations  
Chief Anthony Holloway, Clearwater Police Department  
Ms. Eileen LaHaie, Executive Director, Center for Public Safety Innovation (CPSI), Florida Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), St. Petersburg College (SPC)  
Mr. Thomas Lange, Executive Director, Pinellas Police Standards Council  
Assistant Chief William LePere, Lakeland Police Department  
Ms. Sandra Lyth, Director, InterCultural Advocacy Institute of Clearwater  
Mr. James Madden, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center  
Mr. Bernie McCabe, State Attorney, Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney's Office  
Major Matthew McKinney for Chief Charles Harmon, St. Petersburg Police Department  
Honorable William Mischler, Mayor, City of Pinellas Park  
Mr. David Penon for Ms. Elaine Terenzi, U. S. Probation Office, Middle District of Florida  
Maj. James Previterra for the Honorable David Gee, Sheriff, Hillsborough County  
Chief David Romine, St. Pete Beach Police Department  
Lt. Keith Somers, Youth Education Section, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Dorene Thomas, Pinellas Park Police Department (Chairperson)

Ms. Trenette Brown, Grants Accountant, St. Petersburg College  
Ms. Amy Brush, SPC Workforce, St. Petersburg College  
Dr. Gary Graham, Academic and Student Affairs, St. Petersburg College  
Ms. Laura Heisler, Training Manager, RCPI, SPC  
Ms. Crystal Hinnant, RCPI, SPC  
Ms. Barbara Kieta, Executive Assistant, RCPI, SPC  
Mr. Todd Kirchgraber, Training Director, RCPI, SPC  
Ms. Mary Anyan, Staff Assistant, RCPI, SPC

**Absent:**

Chief Lester Aradi, Largo Police Department  
Mr. David Brand, Educational and Training Administrator, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Mr. Emery Gainey, Director of Law Enforcement Relations, Office of the Florida Attorney General

**I. Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2009 – Chief Dorene Thomas, Chairperson**

Chief Dorene Thomas opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m., and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After welcoming remarks, Chief Thomas asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009, meeting. Chief David Romine motioned, Assistant Chief William LePere seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved. Attendee introductions were made.

- A. New Advisory Committee Members: Ms. Eileen LaHaie welcomed new members to and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the committee.
- B. New CPSI Staff (RCPI Specific) (handout on CPSI): Ms. LaHaie introduced CPSI staff in attendance and advised their salary is funded, in whole or in part, through RCPI grants. Ms. LaHaie explained that the above-mentioned staff attends to day-to-day training issues and allows her to focus on CPSI's overall funding issues. RCPI Residual Balance = \$235,000.

## II. Administrative Update – Eileen LaHaie

- A. Current RCPI Funding levels (handout): Ms. LaHaie reported that while COPS Office funding has fluctuated since RCPI's inception in 1997, the Institute has grant funds through September 30, 2012, and will be pursuing grants to extend our activities. The RCPI currently receives funding from nine sources and will be responding to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and COPS Office due in early May 2010.

*Update: The RCPI is currently writing proposals for four COPS funding RFPs, due June 30.*

- B. Federal COPS Office Update:
  - 1. Meeting of new COPS Office Director Bernard Melekian - Ms. LaHaie reported that Chief Thomas and she were invited to a COPS Office meeting for RCPI directors and their Advisory Board chairs to meet the new COPS Office Director. Director Melekian reported that the RCPIs are back in business. The new director's focus will be on "predictive policing," intelligence-led policing," "community governance," and "operating values-based policing." Chief Thomas advised that some RCPIs have merged and all are lobbying for the same federal funds. Chief Thomas also advised that the Florida RCPI is well respected in the nationwide RCPI network and encouraged new Advisory Committee members to contact them for any training needs and/or suggestions.
 

Ms. LaHaie advised that Florida RCPI were asked to coordinate Director Melekian's first focus group for high ranking law enforcement executives and officers, and details are forthcoming.
  - 2. RCPI Network (CNDA): Ms. LaHaie reported that the COPS National Delivery Alliance (CNDA) selected eight RCPIs (FLRCPI selected), identified as having the ability to deliver training nationally, acquire competitive grants, obtain targeted solicitation based on topic, expertise in collaborative grants, and works to accomplish their goals.
- C. RCPI student/course counts: Inception through March 31, 2010: 92,000 students

## III. RCPI Programs Update – Eileen LaHaie

- A. Human Trafficking (HT) Initiative (handouts) - Ms. LaHaie referred to four handouts and advised that the FLRCPI continues to be involved with a number of Human Trafficking training and community awareness initiatives. FLRCPI is hosting the Florida Statewide HT Task Force Meeting here at the Allstate Center (AC) on May 6. Staff continues to update SPC's HT website: <http://haltht.spcollege.edu>. Please check it out for the latest information on this important topic.
- B. Department of State (DOS) Caribbean Initiative (handout) - Ms. LaHaie advised the Board that the FLRCPI has three more 40-hour community policing trainings scheduled through its new partnership with the Department of State. In May, instructors will travel to San Salvador, El Salvador for the third in a series of trainings with participants coming from Belize, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. From there, they will head to Honduras to provide training specifically for Honduras law enforcement. In June, DOS will send San Salvador Metropolitan Police Department law enforcement supervisors to be trained at the Allstate Center. FLRCPI is looking forward to a continuing partnership with DOS and is expanding our instructor pool to accommodate future training initiatives.
- C. Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention - Ms. LaHaie reported that on May 25-26, 2010, in Houston, TX, she will attend the third of three "In Harm's Way" conferences. Training of trainers were completed in Florida, Utah, and South Carolina and are scheduled to be held in Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Virginia. Dr. James Sewell and Ms. Donna Schulz instructed at six presentations to include 481 participants; a total of 892 have been trained encompassing all presentations. There will be a second grant funding cycle and more training initiatives are expected.

- D. Puerto Rico Training Initiative – Dr. Ernesto Fernandez provided an update of trainings and initiatives since the October 7, 2009, meeting. Director LaHaie attended a Human Trafficking conference that the Puerto Rico Training Initiative sponsored in November, 2009. Dr. Fernandez attended a Franklin Covey Cultural Diversity train-the-trainer sponsored by the Carolina's RCPI after which he held such training in Puerto Rico in March 2010, with another scheduled for late April. He provided his cell phone number of 787-667-0640 and encouraged all to contact him for additional information.
- E. Law Enforcement Executive Session - Ms. LaHaie reported that the first of three sessions is proposed for June/July 2010 in St. Petersburg. Participant vetting process has begun, and criteria are being established. Some of the Principals on this project are: Mr. Darrel Stephens, Mr. William Geller, Ms. Nancy McKeon, Mr. Steven Edwards, and Mr. Dennis Nowicki.

***Update: First Executive Session scheduled at the Don Cesar Resort, September 20-22, 2010.***

- F. General Training – Ms. LaHaie discussed other projects of interest that include:
- *Franklin Covey's Diversity Centered Leadership for Law Enforcement* – RCPI sent Dr. Ernesto Fernandez (Puerto Rico Training Initiative) and Mr. William Daniels (U.S. Attorney's Office – MDFL) to a training of trainers on this topic. The training sponsored by the Carolina's RCPI. Dr. Fernandez will conduct two sessions in Puerto Rico, and Mr. Daniels will conduct one session at the AC and one in Palm Beach.
  - *Investigating Social Networking Sites* –RCPI partnered with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and conducted this training at the AC and also at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.
  - The following trainings were conducted during this six month period: *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Introduction to Community Policing, Managing Encounters with the Mentally Ill, Problem Solving, Sexual Predator and Offender Awareness, and Understanding the Dynamics of Violence in the Workplace.*
  - Scenario-Based Executive Level Training sponsored by the Virginia and Western RCPIs was conducted in February 2010 at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). Ms. LaHaie thanked Major Feeney, HCSO, for hosting.

#### IV. Upcoming Activities (New Business) – Eileen LaHaie

- A. SAFE Training in partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office – Ms. LaHaie reported that the women's Self-Defense Awareness Training will be sponsored by FLRCPI, and training will be conducted at SPC campuses for students, faculty and staff.
- B. *Police Training Officer (PTO) Focus Group*, June 2010 (handout) – Ms. LaHaie advised that additional information may be obtained from the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville (contact information on handout). If anyone is interested in participating and/or sending their staff, Ms. LaHaie asked them to contact her.
- C. Offender Re-Entry Conference with U. S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida (USAO MDFL) – Ms. LaHaie reported that this conference, sponsored by the RCPI, USAO MDFL and United States Probation Office Florida Department of Corrections is scheduled for September 2010 (two days, dates to be determined.) The conference is tentatively titled "Plug Into Your Portal." The RCPI will send an e-blast as details become available.

***Update: Conference has been postponed. New date to be announced.***

- D. Distressed Economy (BJA): Mortgage Fraud & Homelessness issues – Ms. LaHaie reported the RCPI received a grant from BJA to work issues caused by the nation's distressed economy. We are currently working with the National White Collar Crime Center and Miami-Dade PD to provide training on the topic of Mortgage Fraud. In addition, the RCPI is developing a curriculum on the issue of Homelessness in today's society. The goal is to provide law enforcement agencies the tools by which to address this growing issue and direct the homeless to services.
- E. *Law Enforcement Tactics for the De-Escalation of Returning Veterans in Crisis* (returning into law enforcement or the community) - Ms. LaHaie reported that the FLRCPI is working with military personnel from the Southern Command (SOCOM) and New York City Police Department officers who responded during 9/11 regarding a course that is in process. The goal of the course is to provide awareness of the converging conditions for returning veterans; provide a working knowledge of emotional disorders; to provide de-escalation tactics for law enforcement officers who are first responders when encountering veterans in crisis situations.

Ms. LaHaie advised that Dr. Sewell updated the *Critical Incident Peer Support* manual content.

- F. Miscellaneous Training (handouts – 3) – Ms. LaHaie referred to:

- *Critical Employee Emergency Planning (CEEP)*, April 26, 2010;
- *Campus Crime Prevention*, May 17-19, 2010;
- *Elder Abuse Training of Trainers*, May 18-21, 2010.

#### V. Outreach – Eileen LaHaie

- A. Websites: <http://cop.spcollege.edu>; <http://haltt.spcollege.edu> (launched October 2009 - 17,000 "hits" received to date); <http://policesuicide.spcollege.edu> (launched June 2009 - 105,000 "hits" received to date)
- B. Multimedia Products Distributed: Inception through March 31, 2010 – 23,381 (50% in Florida; 50% nationally).

#### VI. Round Table Discussion – Chief Dorene Thomas

No discussion.

The 2010 Advisory Committee Members' Survey was distributed after Round Table.

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, October 6, 2010 (tentative)  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
SPC Allstate Center, Room 103

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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