

# OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2018 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO CITY HALL – WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM

Central Marin Police Chief Mike Norton called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. The following were in attendance: Sheriff Robert Doyle, Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Central Marin Police Chief Mike Norton, Novato Police Chief Adam McGill, CHP Captain Robert Mota, Sheriff's Office Captain Jamie Scardina, Task Force Commander Rudy Yamanoha, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano, San Anselmo Town Manager Dave Donery, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, County Administration Dan Eilerman, Board of Supervisor's Judy Arnold, Detective Nicholas Scotto, public member Ed Schulze, public member Dan Falzon, and civilian Mark Dale.

Norton opened the meeting with introductions.

Norton then presented approval of last meetings minutes. All present approved.

Eklund opened the discussion regarding establishing a reserve account for Asset Forfeiture funds. Ridgway explained to the committee that prior to 2010 a reserve existed. In 2010 the Oversight Committee decided to use the Asset Forfeiture fund balance from the reserve to assist member agencies. Those funds lasted a few years before running out. The Sheriff's Office then provided a bridge loan in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to make the budget whole. Lt. Yamanoha stated that there have been recent Asset Forfeiture payments received. With these incoming Asset Forfeiture funds the Sheriff's Office loan has been completely paid off. Ridgway presented the proposal from a 2016 Marin Managers meeting pertaining to a reserve.

*"In acknowledgement of the value of Novato and CMPA's officers dedicated to the program, as well as the County's risk in receiving less AF and city/town revenues while budgeting nearly \$1.2 million in program cost, the Oversight Committee agreed to allocate any AF receipts (1) first to repay the Sheriff's bridge loan for FY 2014-15 and 15-16; (2) second to Novato, CMPA and County in equal 1/3 installments; then (3) third to the cities and towns and the County up to the agreed secondary allocation amount. Any remaining receipts would then be placed in a reserve dedicated to the MCTF program."*

Eklund expressed confidence in the fact that the Marin Managers already addressed this matter and moved that the Oversight Committee officially adopt this proposal. Norton requested that approval of this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Wheeler informed the committee that a recent audit was done by P.O.S.T. and that it went very well. Having P.O.S.T. perform the audit ensures that what we are doing and how we are doing it is best practice per industry standards. A report should be given sometime this month, it will be public record. Wheeler is confident that although there are small things to be improved upon there were no red flags or concerning issues. Yamanoha thanked Wheeler for all the effort that was put in to preparing for the audit and acknowledged the good work she has done.

Yamanoha discussed recent cases, stats, and agency contacts.

Detective Scotto presented on efforts to investigate overdose death cases more diligently. The Task Force, Coroner's Office, and DEA are working together to pursue charges against dealers for homicide. Scotto recently attended trainings regarding this matter and pointed out that San Diego has been successful in convictions resulting in ten plus years in prison. Scotto is actively preparing roll call trainings for patrol and other divisions instructing them on what is needed for prosecution. The fact is if we are able to successfully prosecute these cases it may deter

narcotics dealers from supplying fentanyl and other high risk drugs in our county. McGill asked with the felony rule change recently approved how would you approach these types of cases. Scotto replied it will depend on investigation but after seeing the success in San Diego felt it can be done with proper investigation techniques. Eklund thanked Detective Scotto for his efforts and was grateful that the Task Force is addressing the issue of recent deaths as loss of life is truly devastating to our communities.

Committee comments were opened by Norton. Schulze asked about case status on the establishment in Fairfax. Yamanoha stated that it is in the legal process and no outcome as of yet. Undersheriff Ridgway informed the committee that he will be retiring in January 2019 and introduced Jamie Scardina, the new Undersheriff. Several members of the committee thanked Ridgway for his commitment to the Task Force and all his efforts made over the years. Ridgway assured that Scardina would carry that forward as well.

Public comments were opened. Mark Dale thanked members of the Task Force, Detective Scotto and Reischel, for the presentation provided recently. He also mentioned that Safeway, Hamilton location, lost its' liquor license which was a great win for the benefit of our youth. Dale also mentioned that Naloxone is now becoming more readily available on-site in more places which is good to see.

Next meeting set for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 0830. Location Novato City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 09:13 a.m.