

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD  
4500 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Room 173, Springfield, IL 62703-6617**

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM & SCHOOL STANDARDS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Holiday Inn Joliet Southwest  
1471 Rock Creek Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois  
September 11, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The September 11, 2019 meeting of the Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Williams. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in attendance:

Paul Williams  
David Clague  
Robert Copley  
Kevin Johnson for Eddie Johnson  
Josh Ward for Brendan Kelly

Members absent:

None

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer  
John Keigher  
Ellen Petty  
Jan Allen  
Laura Baker  
Kevin Baxter  
Glen Bell  
Keith Calloway  
Pat Connolly  
Kelly Griffith  
Patrick Hahn  
Fred Kientzle  
Denise Matthew  
Jan Noble  
Eric Pingolt  
Lee Ryker  
Scott Schaefer  
Brenda Swires  
Keith Wallace  
Jill Wieland  
Jennifer Wooldridge

Others in attendance:

Tad Williams, MCLETC  
 Mark Edwards, MTU 12  
 Rick Watson, St. Clair County Sheriff  
 Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriff's Office  
 David Cammack, Cook County Sheriff's Office  
 Thomas Turek, Statewide DRE Coordinator  
 Tom Reasoner, MTU 3  
 Beth Pinter, MTU 5  
 Tod Dowdy, MTU 9  
 Bob Crouch, MTU 10  
 Penny Abbott, MTU 9  
 Becky Wayland, MTU 10  
 Cara Dasher, MTU 10  
 David Hayes, MTU 14  
 Scott Williams, MTU 14  
 Chuck Doan, MTU 15  
 Doug Fargher, MTU 1  
 Mary Melchor, Cook County Clerk's Office  
 Tim Gleason, City of Bloomington  
 Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.  
 Aaron Klima, Shorewood P.D.  
 Jill Marr, MTU 16  
 Tim Nugent, Village of Manteno  
 Robert Siron, MTU 8  
 Brad Oyer, MTU 13  
 Christina Stephen, MTU 13  
 Ronald Skrip, Wicklander-Zulawski  
 John Perona, MTU 16  
 Len Mendoza, MTU 4  
 Amber Shaffer, MTU 4  
 Bill Petentler, MTU 4  
 Deborah Alms, MTU 2  
 Greg Elliott, MTU 5  
 Van Muschler, SWIC  
 Mike Schlosser, PTI  
 Valerie Salmons, Village of Bartlett, Retired

## **II. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION**

### **A. Chicago Police Department Chicago, IL**

1. 2019 Use of Force  
 Hours: 16 hours  
 Tuition: \$0.00  
 Course Dates: January 22, 2019 - December 29, 2019
  
2. The Transgender Community – 3 Part Training  
 Hours: 3 parts x 60 minutes each (online)

Tuition: \$0.00  
Course Dates: October 1, 2018 - Ongoing

3. Managing Implicit Bias for Law Enforcement  
Hours: 7 hours  
Tuition: \$0.00  
Course Dates: January 1, 2018 – Ongoing

Jeffery Chapman from Chicago P.D. went over the three courses up for certification for the committee members. All of these courses would be mandated and provided for all 13,500 CPD officers, as part of the department's agreement with the consent decree.

**Motion was made by Clague, seconded by Johnson, and carried by all members present to approve the three courses submitted for certification by Chicago Police Department.**

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Mental Health Awareness Update

Jennifer Wooldridge reported that pursuant to PA 100-247, the Board was mandated to create an introductory course to provide law enforcement with awareness of mental health issues including the history of mental health system, signs and symptoms of mental illness, common treatment through medications, potential interactions law enforcement officers may have on a regular basis with individuals, families, and service providers, including deescalating a potential crisis situation. As such, Board staff, in consultation with CIT officers, instructors, and mental health practitioners developed an 8-hour curriculum to address the legislative mandate. In addition, the legislation created a 3-year mandate that each officer receive training on mental health awareness and response. As Board staff constantly reviews the CIT series of mental health training offered, it was apparent that to best reflect the content of the mental health awareness course developed by the Board, as well as meet the needs of our officers, the course SPOs developed by the Board in 2017 needed some adjusting. Board staff would like to advocate enhancing some of the SPOs to be a little more reflective on the CIT program, including strengthening the risk assessment and crisis response skills, and fortifying the de-escalation and listening skills section, expand on community resources and reinforce the section on suicide prevention and peer-support. In addition to the SPO modification, staff would like to suggest a course name modification to better reflect the course content, from Mental Health Awareness to Mental Health Awareness and Response: An Intro to CIT Training.

**Motion was made by Copley, seconded by Johnson, and carried by all members present to approve the changes to the SPOs and course name as proposed.**

#### B. School Resource Officer Curriculum Update

John Keigher reported that he has had a couple of meetings with the Shriver Center, the group behind drafting the SRO bill last year, regarding the development of the curriculum. They have narrowed it down to three main areas that they'd like to see incorporated, to include the widely attended NASRO training course, Illinois' basic juvenile officer certification, and an expanded section on active-shooter threat response over and above the amount covered in the typical NASRO course. Ultimately, the goal would be to keep the course at around 40-hours in length, as anything more becomes a major hurdle for agencies to comply with. We are not as far as we'd like to be yet with that, but we will have something to bring back to the December meeting. Curriculum needs to be in place by the end of 2020, and built into that is what requirements will need to be met to qualify for a waiver.

#### C. Narcotic Detection Canine Program Update

Pat Connolly advised that there would be a thorough presentation with handout materials at the full Board meeting the following day, outlining the proposed changes and current status phases I and II of the project. However, he indicated that he would be happy to answer any specific questions about the project anyone might have.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certification of in-service training courses submitted through the Mobile Team Units & Executive Institute from June 2019 through August 2019.

**Motion was made by Copley, seconded by Clague, and carried by all members present to approve the certification of in-service courses submitted through the MTUs and Executive Institute from June through August 2019.**

- B. Approval of Lead Homicide Investigators 32-hours Continuing Education Courses submitted from June 2019 through August 2019.

**Motion was made by Clague, seconded by Copley, and carried by all members present to approve the Lead Homicide Investigators 32-hours continuing education courses submitted from June through August 2019.**

- C. BLE Curriculum Revisions due to Recent Statutory Changes

Kelly Griffith addressed the Committee and provided a written summary of changes that had already been provided to the full-time academy Directors at the meeting earlier in the day, and indicated that the handout would be provided to the part-time academy coordinators, as well. The summary outlines changes which need to be made to the BLE curriculum based upon legislative changes made at the Spring 2019 legislative session. Effective dates of all of the changes were included in the summary document.

Included were:

PA 101-0564 requiring a block of instruction addressing the mandatory reporting requirements under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. This material has

already been covered in the BLE curriculum for many years under the Child Abuse, Neglect and Abduction instruction block.

PA 101-0018 requiring training in the detection and investigation of all forms of human trafficking. This material has been included in the BLE curriculum since the 560-hour update in the Crimes Against Persons instruction block.

PA 101-0224 requires curriculum include instruction in trauma-informed responses designed to ensure the physical safety and well-being of a child of an arrested parent or immediate family member to include understanding the trauma while maintaining the integrity of the arrest and safety of officers, suspects, and other involved individuals, de-escalation tactics which would include the use of force when reasonably necessary, and inquiring whether a child will require supervision and care. Two of the three requirements were previously included in the curriculum.

PA 101-0375 and PA 101-0215 requires training in effective recognition and response to stress, trauma, and post-traumatic stress experienced by police officers, to include peer support resources. The 560-hour curriculum already covered many of these issues in the Mental Illness and Non-Normative Behavior, Officer Wellness Lab, and Stress Management Lab blocks.

Director Fischer reported that when working with the legislators on changes to the BLE curriculum, it was generally the goal to amend or add language which would enable the mandate to be met without adding significant training hours to the instruction of the curriculum.

**Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Copley, and carried by all members present to revise BLE curriculum due to recent statutory changes, as proposed.**

#### **V. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

September 12, 2019  
Joliet, Illinois

#### **VI. NEXT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

December 11, 2019  
Normal, Illinois

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Copley, seconded by Clague, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.**

