



Office of Professional Accountability Review Board (OPARB)
Minutes of Thursday, June 18, 2009 Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Patrick Sainsbury, Chair:	A (E)	Steve Freng, Member:	P
Tina Bueche, Vice Chair:	P	Martha Norberg, Member:	P
George Davenport, Member:	A	David Wilma, Member:	P
Sharon Dear, Member:	P	Michael Pendleton, Consultant:	P
Nancy Roberts, Staff:	P		

(Absent = A, Present = P, Excused = E)

Guest: Kate Pflaumer, outgoing OPA Auditor

The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m.

The revised minutes of the 5/21/09 meeting were approved, and the 6/3/09 minutes were approved with one addition.

Seattle to Host NACOLE Conference in 2010? Kathryn Olsen, Kate Pflaumer, Tina Bueche and Nancy Roberts met to discuss applying to NACOLE to host the 2010 conference. Kathryn has requested an extension of the 7/1 filing deadline to 7/15. She has learned that the Office of Economic Development will do much of the legwork, and the convention bureau will get bids on hotels. A contingent from the OPA system will tour the hotels to make a final decision. Kathryn has requested a copy of the Austin, TX (site of the 2009 conference) proposal and budget. Update – Kathryn has received that information. As part of the bid, the hosting city must gather local support organizations, although the level of support anticipated is not yet known. Ideas – Chamber of Commerce, Police Guild, Downtown Seattle Association, the SPD mediation program, the American Arbitration Association, the Sheriff & Chief's Association for the state, King County Sheriff's Office, Minority Executive Directors Coalition, Metropolitan Improvement District, JDR, WASPIC, Mayor's Office of Film, and the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. John Fowler may have ideas as well. Kathryn is drafting a letter to the various agencies asking for their support. If the hosting city has any input into theme, the group liked the idea of focusing on the synergy between business and governmental entities.

Retreat Planning – Lunch and snack ideas were discussed. Remember to bring your original (BIG) OPARB notebooks from the initial training session – you will need them for reference. Nancy to bring a copy of Tim Burgess' recent email about potential OPARB work items. Michael asked the group to do as much advance work as possible – think about what interests you most, and come prepared with your top two or three areas of interest. Give some thought to what topics the Auditor should examine. The goal for the retreat is to end up with a final draft of a workplan that can be implemented without waiting for final approval later.

NACOLE Attendance – Martha, David and perhaps Tina plan to attend the 2009 conference.

NEXT MEETING – Please note that the **next meeting will be held Thursday, July 16 at 5:30**. The group decided to skip only the July 1 meeting.

Their Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) is called by an SPD liaison (through DOC) when there is an incident involving youth, such as a shooting. The CIRT attempts to de-escalate the situation in order to prevent retaliation. The team may go to the hospital to support the victims

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Notes taken by Nancy Roberts

The next meeting will be held July 16 at 5:30 p.m.