November 4, 2021

9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

**Members in Attendance:**

Cassandra Burdyshaw

Evan Meenan

Bill Sorrell

**Members Absent:**

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Brian Searles

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Simons – Vermont Police Academy

Jacob Humbert – Assistant Attorney General

Cindy Taylor-Patch – Vermont Police Academy

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

**Call to order:**

Meenan called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

**Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes as amended. Burdyshaw seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**Review of comprehensive rewrite of rules:**

The review resumed with a discussion of a definition of “criminal justice personnel.” It was hypothesized that “communications personnel” in the existing definition refers to dispatchers, which the Council has previously offered training to. Thivierge stated that the Council has offered train-the-trainers programs previously, which may pertain to the “educators in the criminal justice field” in the existing definition. Sorrell flagged that the Council may offer trainings to individuals who are not included in the definition of “criminal justice personnel,” but arguably has to provide courses to individuals who are included. Burdyshaw suggested that others in the law enforcement community could benefit from education in some areas such as implicit bias. The Committee decided to eliminate “prosecution and defense personnel, and educators in the criminal justice system” and then ask the full Council to consider the definition in more detail later. Simons suggested that when the Council engage in this consideration it do so in light of the individuals and entities that are currently on the Council, who those individuals and entities represent, and who those individuals and entities want the Council to serve.

The Committee decided to wait to discuss the waiver rules until Sheriff Anderson and Brian Searles were present.

The Committee decided to wait to discuss the substantive training rules until we hear any recommendations from the Training Advisory Committee.

Regarding current Rule 15, which is proposed Rule 10, the Committee discussed the requirements of 20 V.S.A. § 2355(f)(1) and the existing deadlines in rule to set tuition rates and fee schedules. There were some concerns that these requirements and deadlines were inconsistent with one another. Some statutory clarification could be helpful. The Committee is going to resume its next meeting with a discussion of this rule and the Council’s existing practices related to assessing and collecting fees.

**Agenda for November 18 Meeting:**

Continue to review the comprehensive rewrite of the rules.

**Potential Future Agenda Items:**

Continue to review the comprehensive rewrite of the rules.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Sorrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Burdyshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.