**Agenda**

Community Violence Task Force Meeting

March 7, 2019, 9-11am

Pavillion 4th Floor Conference Room

Call-in number:  1-877-273-4202, Conference Room ID:  653793591 followed by #

1 - Introductions/1.31.19 Minutes Review/Public Meeting Updates

On the phone: Shannon Morton, Rory Thibault, Andrew Laing, Bob Pelosi, Bob Mello, Dan Barkhuff

In Person: Mourning Fox, Mike Manley, Rob Evans, Amanda Crispel, Matt McMahon, Bob Walsh, Cara Cookson, David Rubinstein, Amy Guidice

No Comments on minutes

Public Meetings are scheduled in Springfield on 3/14 (100 Mineral Street, Springfield VT 05156 - First floor conference room) and Newport on 3/25 (100 Main Street, Suite 250, Newport VT 05855 - First floor conference room) both from 6-8pm. All task force members are invited. These meetings are intended to be listening sessions to gather public input, not to present or debate.

**TASK**: Amy to provide materials to David to generate handouts (Executive Order, TF Membership and Summary)

**TASK**: David to notify public through the Dept of Libraries calendar as well as media sources/press release and also notify local law enforcement. David will be sure to include an email address so that members of the public that have input but cannot make the meetings can still be heard. David reported to Fox that the Governor’s office feels that the chairs should put out the public notice and David will get Fox a draft of a media release.

**TASK**: Cara to send a sample of ground rules that her team has used at public input sessions such as these.

2 - Discuss Shield Laws

Shield laws help to ensure anonymity of those who provide information about a potential issue. For children, this assurance isn’t an issue due to protection laws around minors but that is not the case for adults. There are currently no shield laws in Vermont. When criminal charges are filed, the information is discoverable. When no criminal charge is files, the information is included the police report.

**TASK**: Shannon and Rob will reach out to ATAP (Association of Threat Assessment Professionals) to see what others are doing

**TASK**: Rob will work on a recommendation regarding civil protection/liability, making sure to include colleges and universities.

3 - Discuss Games and Digital Media Literacy

Amanda Crispel provided information and a narrative surrounding Gaming and Digital Media Literacy. These files can be found under Data and Reports on the CVPT Google Drive. Her recommendations will be added to Rec #18.

**TASK**: Amy to add Recs to #18. Done.

4 - Review Recommendations

Items 1-7 have been approved.

Judge Mello reports that the new terrorism statutes cover criminal intent so it does not need to be addressed in our report.

**#19: Gun Storage/Waiting Period**. It needs to be clear that the Governor’s office is not making any recommendations. The recommendations should present evidence, and this is done in Rec #19. The group agrees with this recommendation.

**TASK**: Rob will add increased storage capacity to this recommendation.

**#15: ERPO**. Cara expressed concerns about adding to an already new concept. With the new laws, law enforcement can triage and help guide people through the process whereas there are no advocacy services if people were to file an ERPO without going through law enforcement. There is also a potential of abuse of the EPRO if there is no oversight. The group decided to remove the recommendation.

**#16: Guns/Relief from Abuse**. It was agreed that this recommendation should be less about the law and more about the education around relief orders.

**TASK**: Rob will draft a change to this recommendation to focus on education.

**Overall Recommendations:** The group agreed to provide approval/feedback for the recommendations via email. The remaining recommendations will need to be finalized by 3/11 so the group can have access to the list without changes and make approval/feedback by 3/25.

**TASK**: Amanda is going to provide Amy with a template for a google doc that each TF member can fill out to indicate agreement. DONE.

**TASK**: All reference to “schools” should be changed to “schools and communities”.

5 - Discuss Report

The group discussed the process for finalizing the report and reviewed the report template. It was agreed that the recommendations will make up the bulk of the report with other sections including the TF membership and methodology, the executive order and charge, a brief executive summary, legal review, and a resource library.

**TASK**: Cara will provide a legal review of the ERPO

**TASK**: Shannon will summary the legal review of the Shield Laws

6 - Public Comment

None.

Meeting Resources:

[Executive Order](https://governor.vermont.gov/sites/scott/files/documents/EO%2003-18%20-%20Governor’s%20Community%20Violence%20Prevention%20Task%20Force%20FINAL.pdf)

[Task Force Webpage](http://cvptaskforce.vermont.gov/)

[Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pECvKwIa5KuqmFBNgdf9CBkl2W9SrCdo)