

Enfield Community Safety and Wellness Coalition

November 5, 2022

ARTICLE I.

Section 1 PUROSE – To establish legal and best practice protocols that address the safety and wellness concerns of the citizens of our communities.

Section 2. Name of Coalition - The name of this committee shall be the Enfield Community Safety & Wellness Coalition (hereinafter “SWC”).

ARTICLE II. FUNCTION

Section 1: Determine Legal and Best Practice Protocols – Meet with Enfield’s Police Department and Halifax County Sheriff’s Office to determine legal rights and protocols as the pertain to concerned citizens response to safety and wellness in our communities

Establish a joint, community-led SWC charged with examining the public safety and wellness needs of Enfield’s residents and communities, educating residents on existing safety and wellness resources, and providing recommendations for additional programs to enhance public safety and wellness that rely on community-based prevention, intervention, and re-entry services as *alternatives* to policing and the criminal legal system.

Section 2. FUNCTIONS: The duties of the SWC are as follows:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of existing institutional and community-based public safety and wellness resources. Identify community safety needs that are not currently being served and provide recommendations for how to add new resources to fill these gaps.

- Conduct at least three (3) community listening sessions in the first ninety (90) days, as well as a public meeting after the release of recommendations, to discuss concerns about safety and wellness, gather information from residents, and educate the public about existing resources.

- Provide public quarterly written reports on action steps and deliverables to all governing bodies.

- Evaluate and make recommendations for the implementation of, or improvements to, the following current and proposed programs to the Enfield’s Town Administrator, Police Department, and Enfield Public School Resource Officers,

- School resource officers’ program, which places a law enforcement official at Enfield schools

- Determine if Enfield/Halifax County has an existing drug court, which provides an alternative court system for some drug-related charges.
- Determine if there an existing violence interrupter program, generally headed by trained former justice-involved residents to intervene in situations of violence to prevent escalation -- including a specific domestic violence cohort to focus on intervention and domestic violence cases.
- Determine if there is a community nonviolence, mental health first aid, and de-escalation training program, focusing on residents who are most likely to be victims or perpetrators of violence.
- Determine if there is an on-call crisis response system, which would allow certain calls for police assistance to be handled by other trained professions such as social workers, crisis counselors, psychiatric nurses, etc.
- Work with Enfield Police on a neighborhood watch program
- Develop a “Blue light Program”, certificate program for children and young adults.
- Develop a “Fire and Ambulance Tagalong Program”, for youths and young adults

ARTICLE III. NON-POLITICAL/NON-SECTARIAN ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The SWC shall be non-political, shall not support any political party or candidate for public office, and shall NOT take positions on matters of governmental policy or legislation, except for those relevant to its purposes. SWC shall not directly or indirectly participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 2. The SWC shall be a non-sectarian organization. No member shall be remunerated for services.

Section 3. The SWC shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or disability.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The SWC shall consist of 17 members. The Enfield Alliance Coalition (EAC) Board of Directors shall appoint two residents as chairpersons of the SWC, who shall also be members of the SWC, based on the recommendation of a majority vote of the SWC. The EAC governing body may appoint a member as a liaison to the SWC. Prospective members shall reside within Halifax County. The Town of Enfield, shall appoint five (5) members with the following expertise:

- Public policy (1)
- Community organizing (1)
- Justice-involved (1)
- At-large (2)

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. SWC meetings will occur once a month at a time and place to be determined by the SWC members. The SWC may hold meetings more frequently if necessary.

Section 2. Members will receive the agenda via e-mail, prior to the monthly meeting. All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals wishing to be heard may do so and the amount of time each individual will be allotted will depend on the number of persons wishing to be heard at any given meeting.

Members - Enfield Community Safety & Wellness Coalition

- **Tony Person**
- David Dufresne
- Annette McDaniel
- Marilyn Person-Turner