



**Gun Violence Prevention Task Force**  
**JUNE 5, 2020**  
**12 pm - 1 pm**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Bishop Charles Carroll, Chair, Andrea Chamblee, Co-Chair, Maria Hiaason, Co-Chair, Jacqueline Allsup, Tim Altomare, Elizabeth Banach, Sandy Bartlett, Bob Bates, Pam Beidle, Mackenzie Boughey, Rhonda Pindell Charles, Melissa Ellis, Niles Kalyanaraman, Stacy Korbela, Anne Colt Leitess, Adrienne Mickler, David Moller, Chris Moore, Jennifer Purcell, Dawn Stoltzfus, Greg Swain, Sue Ward and Trisha Wolford

Also in attendance were County Executive Steuart Pittman, Roz Hamlett, PIO, Derek Matthews, Special Assistant to the County Executive, Jenny Proebstle, Communications Assistant, and Kristy Alvarez, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff from the County Executive's Office. Katherine Goodwin from the Anne Arundel County Police Department, Krystle Coldiron from the Health Department, and Jennifer Barnhart, Ann Walsh, and Alice Bauman from Luma Health Consulting were also in attendance.

**Members Absent:** Lt. Brian Andre, Jamie Benoit, Christina Cornwell, Iris Krasnow, Allison Pickard, Alba Reyes, Elizabeth Ruddy, Kevin Simmons, Pete Smith, Jennifer Sowers, James Spearman, Steven Thomas, and Nathan Volke.

**Visitors:** Four members of the press and public viewed the virtual meeting as attendees.

### **Call to Order**

Bishop Charles Carroll, Task Force Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. A quorum was present. Bishop Carroll announced that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the task force website next week. There was a moment of silence and minutes from the December meeting were approved.

## **Announcements**

- *National Gun Violence Awareness Day*: Dr. Jennifer Purcell spoke about National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Task force members were asked to wear orange to remember the victims and survivors of gun violence. A screenshot was taken to post on social media. The proclamation was shared on the screen for members to view.
- *Current events*: Bishop Charles Carroll briefly spoke about the current events surrounding gun violence locally and nationally. Special attention was given to 42 gun incidents in Anne Arundel County during the month of May 2020.

## **Final Report**

Dr. Purcell gave a brief reminder of the task force process and timeline and introduced Jennifer Barnhart of LUMA Health Consulting whose team drafted the final report on behalf of the task force.

Ms. Barnhart described the contents of the report, and focused on the Social Ecological Model framework. A graphical representation of the framework was shared on screen.

Bishop Carroll asked for questions from the task force. There were a few questions about the current climate, which is not reflected in the report. The task force voted in favor to approve the final report for submission to the County Executive.

## **Gun Violence Intervention Team**

Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman described the purpose, composition, progress and plan moving forward for the Gun Violence Intervention Team.

## **Comments by the County Executive Steuart Pittman**

County Executive Pittman shared his thoughts on the importance of the task force, how it related to the current environment, and his commitment to reducing gun violence in Anne Arundel County. He read his quote from the press release and noted that gun violence decreased in 2019 and gun sales have gone up. He thanked the task force for their work.

## **Final Thoughts/Questions**

Bishop Carroll thanked the County Executive and the task force and offered some final thoughts. He asked the task force if they had any final thoughts or questions. Andrea Chamblee thanked Bishop Carroll for his leadership. There was a request to get numbers for gun violence incidents from the City of Annapolis. Rhonda Pindell Charles, Chief Altomare, and Dr. Kalyanaraman noted that that would be something they would work to acquire. Alice Bauman stated that the numbers in the SEM chart did reflect numbers from Annapolis City. Only police-related data were missing.

**Approval of the June 5th Meeting Minutes**

Kristy Alvarez shared the June 5th Meeting Minutes on screen and the meeting minutes were approved.

**Adjournment**

Bishop Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. All were in favor.

SUBMITTED BY: Kristy Alvarez