

This is an Extract from the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Toronto Police Services Board that was held on December 14, 2017

P261 Implementation of Recommendations Arising from the Inquest into the Death of Andrew Loku

The Board was in receipt of a report dated November 8, 2017 from Andy Pringle, Chair, with regard to this matter.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Re-assert its support for the ongoing work of its Mental Health Sub-Committee;
2. Approve the establishment of a new committee to consider possible or identified disparities in services and outcomes for racialized persons and consider interventions to address any such disparities, with membership and terms of reference to be determined, and reported in a future public Board report;
3. Direct the Chief to establish a steering committee to oversee a pilot project in 14 and 51 Divisions where there would be more intensive community involvement, education, and training (keeping in mind resourcing) concerning interactions with people who have racial and/or mental health and/or addiction differences to determine whether this has a positive impact on reducing 'use of force' incidents, and name one Board member, at a minimum, to sit on the steering committee; and
4. Forward a copy of this report to the Chief Coroner.

Deputations: Ruben Charles
Jennifer Chambers
Aseefa Sarang, Across Boundaries*
Miguel Avila-Velarde
Desmond Cole

Written Submission*

Steve Lurie, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association Toronto Branch

Chair Pringle read a statement regarding the recommendations directed to the Board, arising from the Inquest into the Death of Andrew Loku. The Chair said that the Board supports immediately implementing all three recommendations directed to the Board. In particular, the Chair emphasized the establishment of a new Board Committee to look at issues of race. The Chair announced that Ms. Notisha Massaquoi, Executive Director of Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre, has agreed to be the Co-Chair of the Committee. A copy of the Chair's statement is attached to this minute.

The Board received the deputations and written submission. The Board approved the forgoing report and approved the following Motions:

- 1. THAT the Board approve the establishment of an interim Steering Committee consisting of one nominee of the Board, Ms. Notisha Massaquoi, and one nominee put forward by the Andrew Loku Coalition, to recommend to the Board the composition of the Committee noted in recommendation no. 2, its terms of reference, governance matters including financial resources and any other matters relevant to the mandate of the committee. The report would be expected for consideration at the February 2018 Board meeting; and**

- 2. THAT the Steering Committee noted in recommendation no. 3 provide a report to the Board recommending approval of the terms of reference of the pilot project and its resourcing.**

Moved by: J. Tory
Seconded by: U. Chandrasekera

*Written submission provided, copy attached to this minute.