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Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Briefing: Policing Practices

Chicago, IL – On Thursday, April 29, 2021, the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold the second in a series of public briefings to discuss the ongoing crisis of police violence against people of color in Minnesota. The Committee will review the status of the implementation by Minnesota law enforcement of the recommendations of their 2018 report [Civil Rights and Policing Practices in Minnesota](#) which identified a need for comprehensive use-of-force training, training in de-escalation techniques, and training in mental health interventions.

The Committee will hear from scholars, law enforcement, policy makers, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders as it gathers testimony for a report to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The Committee will examine the value of and adherence to each recommendation from the 2018 report but will focus specifically on Minnesota law enforcement implementation of recommendations related to (1) implicit bias training, (2) procedural justice training, (3) data collection, and (4) transparency.

The second meeting will take place on Thursday, **April 29, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Central Time.)** This meeting is open to the public and those interested can access the meeting by calling **800-367-2403 and using Confirmation Code 1602385**. There will be an open comment period during the meeting. The Committee will also accept written statements submitted to David Barreras at dbarreras@USCCR.gov.

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- I. Chair Velma Korb Opening Remarks and Introductions (12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.)
- II. Panel 1 (12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.) – (control + click link for bio)
 - A. [Dr. Michelle Phelps¹](#), Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota

¹ See Professor Phelps's report on policing: [Over-Policed and Under-Protected: Public Safety in North Minneapolis](#)

- B. **Dr. Ebony Ruhland**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati, Appearing in her capacity as an affiliated faculty member of the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Minnesota.
- III. Panel 2 (12:50 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- A. **Commissioner Abigail Cerra**, City of Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission.
- B. **Puneet Cheema**, Manager – Justice in Public Safety Project, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Washington, D.C.
- IV. Break (1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.)
- V. Panel 3 (1:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.)
- A. **Paul Applebaum**, Civil Rights Attorney, Minneapolis, MN
- B. **Nick Kor**, Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) Minnesota
- VI. Panel 4 (2:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- A. **Brian Fullman**, Lead Organizer BBCC of ISALAH/Faith in MN
- B. **Michelle Gross**, Communities United Against Police Brutality
- VII. Public Comment (3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.)
- VIII. Closing Remarks (3:10 p.m.)

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