

## *Key Process Issues*

# Process Points from the Executive Order

### ***Timeline and Scheduling***

1. Final Report by December 1, 2020
2. Must meet twice a month
3. Virtual meetings permitted

### ***Decision Making***

1. A simple majority is a quorum
2. Decisions ultimately by majority vote of present members

### ***Flexibility***

1. Potential to add additional issues
2. Potential for interim recommendations

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# Issue Areas from the Executive Order

"This Task Force's mandate is to develop evidence-informed strategies and equitable policy solutions that address the structural impact of intentional and implicit racial bias while maintaining public safety for at least the following areas:

1. Law Enforcement Practices and Accountability
  - a. Law enforcement training to promote public safety and build community support
  - b. Use of force
  - c. Community policing
  - d. Recruiting and retaining a diverse and racially equitable workforce
  - e. Law enforcement accountability and culture
  - f. Investigations
  - g. Pre-arrest diversion and other alternatives to arrest
  
2. Criminal Justice Practices and Accountability
  - a. Pre-trial release and bail practices
  - b. Charging decisions and criminal trials
  - c. Use and impact of fines and fees"

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# Working Groups

**Proposal:** To divide Task Force members into several Working Groups. Each Working Group to be assigned a collection of related Issues Areas listed in the Executive Order for research and development of recommendations.

**Each working group would:**

1. Meet independently and review relevant data and research.
2. Develop recommendations for the implementation of policies with clear and measurable goals to achieve greater racial equity in the assigned issue areas as well as any arising issues.
3. Have a government agency staff member assigned to help facilitate both substantive work and administrative tasks associated with the Working Group's mission.

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# Working Groups

### **Next Steps:**

1. Survey #1
  - *Date Sent:* Today
  - *Deadline to Respond:* July 14, 2020
  - *Data Collected:* 1) Preferred number of Working Groups, 2) The Issue Area assignments for the Working Groups, 3) Any Additional Issues the Task Force should look into, and 4) Feedback on task force schedule.
  
2. Survey #2
  - *Date Sent:* July 16, 2020
  - *Deadline to Respond:* July 21, 2020
  - *Data Collected:* 1) Ranking of the three most representative Working Group configurations 2) Preferred assignment to the Working Groups and 3) Willingness to be the Chairperson of a Working Group.

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# Public Comment Options

### **Proposal:**

**Every Task Force Meeting:** Members of the public will be able to view the meetings and provide comment via the chat feature of WebEx.

**Every Working Group Meeting:** Members of the public will be able to view the meetings.

**Two to Three Public Comment-Only Meetings:** In addition to the working Task Force meetings, members will convene virtually to hear from members of the public. Members of the public will be given two minutes each to make their voices heard to the Task Force.

**Listening Sessions:** The Task Force will also convene smaller listening sessions organized by region for members of the public and stakeholders to express their opinions, concerns, and ideas.

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# Expert Data Gathering

**Proposal:** Make use of the *Data Consultation Team* when exploring and developing requirements for data production and reporting relevant to transparency and accountability. *Data Consultation Team* will be a group of external experts to deal with all things data-related for the entire Task Force.

### Main Areas of Expertise

- a. Catalogue of Sources
  - **Where does data exist? If it doesn't exist, where should it live?**
- b. Reliability of sources
  - **Do experts in the field consistently make use of these reporting fields?**
  - **Are there other indicia of reliability?**
- c. Legitimacy of data
  - **Does this data answer the question the Task Force wants it to?**

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# Consultation with Outside Groups

“The Task Force is expected to consult with local, state, and national criminal justice and racial justice experts and people with experiences relevant to the Task Force's mandate. The Task Force shall collaborate with and promote the research and solutions developed by at least the following commissions, councils, and programs to the extent their work intersects with the mission and purpose of the Task Force:

- State Reentry Council Collaborative;
- School Justice Partnerships;
- North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission;
- North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission;
- North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission;
- North Carolina Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System;
- North Carolina Justice Academy;
- Governor's Crime Commission; and
- Center for the Reduction of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force.

Furthermore, to the extent they do not already, these groups are strongly encouraged to consider and report on racial and ethnic disparities in their work.”

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# Consultation with Outside Groups

**Proposal:** Name one person from the Task Force to serve as the main point of contact to each of the groups named in the Executive Order. The point of contact will help the Working Groups meet with and hear from the groups named in the Executive Order that overlap with their assigned Issue Areas.

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## Recommendations from the Task Force

At the second Task Force meeting, members will discuss and decide whether any immediately recommendations should be made public at the conclusion of that meeting.

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Draft Schedule

*See schedule document.*

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## Transition to Meeting Room

**Task Force Members:**

You were just sent an email by Ellen Spolar with a link to a Zoom meeting. Please click on it and join us in the Zoom meeting at the end of this 5-minute break.

**Members of the Public and Press:**

We are transitioning to take advantage of the Breakout Room Feature in Zoom meetings; however, Zoom meetings cannot be live streamed if that feature is activated. Instead, we will record this portion of the meeting and post to the Attorney General's YouTube channel in the coming days.