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2 MEETING OF
3 THE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD
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5 July 13, 2011
6 10:12 a.m.
7 40 Rector Street
8 2nd Floor
9 New York, New York 10006

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11 DANIEL D. CHU, ESQ., CHAIR
12 JOAN M. THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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14 PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA:

- 15 1. Call to Order
- 16 2. Adoption of Minutes
- 17 3. Report from the Chair
- 18 4. Report from the Executive Director
- 19 5. Committee Reports
- 20 6. Old Business
- 21 7. New Business
- 22 8. Public Comment

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25 Reported By: Erwin Fried

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2 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

3 JAMES DONLON, ESQ.

4 DR. MOHAMMAD KHALID

5 BISHOP MITCHELL G. TAYLOR

6 YOUNGIK YOON, ESQ.

7 JULES A. MARTIN, ESQ.

8 MARY E. MULLIGAN, ESQ.

9 TOSANO SIMONETTI

10 DAVID G. LISTON, ESQ.

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1 THE CHAIR: I would like to start by
2 calling this meeting to order. Good
3 morning, everyone. Let's start with the
4 adoption of the minutes. Do I have a
5 motion on the minutes for the June
6 meeting?

7 DR. KHALID: So moved.

8 THE CHAIR: Is there a second?

9 MR. SIMONETTI: Second.

10 BISHOP TAYLOR: Second.

11 THE CHAIR: Okay. All those in
12 favor of adopting the June minutes?

13 IN UNISON: Aye.

14 THE CHAIR: Any opposition? Any
15 abstentions? Looks like it's unanimous.
16 I am sorry to say that despite getting a
17 very warm reception during the budget
18 testimony at City Council, when the final
19 numbers came out, we didn't get any
20 restoration, at this point, of any of the
21 funding.

22 So, obviously, what that throws into
23 jeopardy is the future of the APU,
24 administrative prosecution unit, the APU.
25 It's unfortunate. We're going to do

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1 everything we can in terms of trying to
2 keep that program going. As you know,
3 that's a program that was announced in
4 February of 2010. Our attorney here,
5 Laura Edidin, had her first solo trial at
6 the end of May and I believe that
7 decision is still reserved.

8 So certainly, we'd like to see that
9 program get a chance to really flourish
10 and to continue but, as it stands now,
11 the funding for that program, I think,
12 goes up to December 31st of 2011. So,
13 again, it's something that we're -- we
14 were hoping that -- you know, we would have
15 restoration. We never quite got up to
16 the anticipated four hires for the unit.

17 The initial anticipation was we
18 would have one lead attorney, a second
19 attorney, an investigator and a clerical.
20 And I believe at this point, we have one
21 lawyer and we have one investigator.
22 They've been tremendous -- they've taken
23 tremendous efforts and have done, I
24 think, a tremendous job.

25 And I think, again, it's -- it's,

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1 you know, very disappointing for all of
2 us that at this point, you know, we're
3 kind of -- we have our backs to the wall
4 and we really need to do what we can to
5 make sure this program doesn't just fall
6 by the wayside and doesn't fade away.

7 For the first time, as all of you
8 know, this is a historic step in terms of
9 having the CCRB, which is an independent
10 agency, do a solo trial in the Police
11 Department's trial room and we certainly
12 hope that anything that can be done, will
13 be done. I'm sure the Council has its
14 reasons for not being able to continue
15 the funding for us or help us restore the
16 funding but, again, hopefully we'll be
17 able to prevail in finding some way to
18 keep that program going. It would really
19 be a shame to see it fade away before it
20 really had a chance to reach its
21 potential.

22 Towards that end, we are trying
23 again to schedule some meetings. We were
24 supposed to have a meeting with Speaker
25 Quinn this afternoon. That has,

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1 unfortunately, been postponed for the
2 second time but we will keep you posted
3 in terms of when we do get to reschedule
4 that meeting.

5 THE CHAIR: All right. I'm going
6 to turn the floor over now to the Executive
7 Director, Joan Thompson

8 MS. THOMPSON: Good Morning.

9 MS. THOMPSON: Okay. So that
10 everybody knows, in your packages today
11 for the board members, there is a copy
12 of our newly issued annual report so you see
13 the new design of it and we're very proud
14 of the annual report. And also we redid
15 our CCRB informational brochure so for those of you
16 on staff and everybody else who hasn't seen
17 it, it's a whole new design with new
18 colors and I'd like to, certainly, thank
19 Linda for her shepherding all of this
20 through and getting this all done and
21 putting up with me as I decided that I
22 didn't like the original color and I was moving
23 on to something else.

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1 So again, this is -- we're in the
2 process of looking at all of the
3 materials that we have. Most of them are
4 being translated into various languages.
5 This has already been translated into
6 Spanish. We have a copy in-house and
7 we're looking at all of our materials in
8 the six languages that are required by
9 the City -- somebody can help me with
10 this -- which is Russian, Italian,
11 Cantonese, Mandarin, Haitian Creole --

12 BRIAN CONNELL: And Korean.

13 MS. THOMPSON: -- and Korean. Okay.

14 Thank you. That was just to let everybody know
15 about the updates on the informational materials.

16 My ED's report now and the monthly
17 stats are as follows: In June of 2011, the CCRB
18 received 572 complaints. This was 36 fewer
19 complaints than it received in June of
20 2010 when the agency received 608
21 complaints or six percent decrease in
22 complaint activity month to month.

23 In the first six months of the year,
24 the CCRB has received 3,133 complaints or
25 179 fewer complaints than it received for

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1 the same period of 2010, when the agency
2 received 3,312. This represents a five
3 percent decrease in complaint activity
4 year-to-date.

5 As this is the end of the fiscal
6 year, I would also like to report on the
7 numbers of complaints received by fiscal
8 year. In fiscal 2011, the CCRB
9 received 6,284 complaints. By
10 comparison, in fiscal 2010 the CCRB
11 received 6,984 complaints and 7,661
12 complaints in fiscal 2009.

13 In June, the board closed 327 cases.
14 43 were full investigations, 274 were
15 truncated and 10 were mediations. The
16 year-to-date substantiation rate is seven
17 percent, which is four percent lower than
18 in 2010 and the truncation rate is sixty-
19 four percent, which is four points higher
20 than in 2010.

21 With the board closing this month
22 207 fewer cases than it received, the
23 agency's open docket shows an eight
24 percent increase in relation to the
25 previous month's open docket. The docket

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1 stands at 2,902. About ninety-six
2 percent of our open investigations were
3 filed within the last year and seventy
4 percent were filed in the last four
5 months.

6 Of the open cases, 1,170 cases are
7 awaiting panel review or forty percent of
8 all open cases. 1,551 are currently
9 being investigated and 181 cases are in
10 the mediation program. By date of
11 occurrence of the incident, fourteen
12 cases in the CCRB's open docket are
13 eighteen months and older, four cases are
14 on DA hold, nine are pending board review
15 and one case involved multiple officers
16 and a complex set of circumstances.

17 On average from January to June, it
18 took the board 289 days to close a full
19 investigation and 97 days for a truncated
20 case. For fiscal years, the board
21 closed a full investigation in 282 days
22 in fiscal 2010 -- 2011, excuse me as
23 compared to 327 days in fiscal 2010 and
24 342 days in fiscal 2009.

25 This decline in the average time to

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1 complete investigation has resulted in a
2 lower number of substantiated cases being
3 referred to the Police Department before
4 they reach the statute of limitations
5 deadline. In fiscal 2011, all
6 substantiated cases were referred to the
7 Police Department prior to the eighteen
8 month expiration date. Only fourteen
9 percent, as compared to twenty-four
10 percent in fiscal 2010 and thirty-seven
11 percent in fiscal 2009 were
12 fifteen months and older when
13 substantiated.

14 In May, the Police Department
15 disposed of seventeen cases. The
16 department declined -- excuse me. The
17 department disciplined eleven officers
18 who received command discipline and
19 instructions. In five cases, the
20 department declined to prosecute the CCRB
21 cases. In one case, the officer was
22 found not guilty after trial. The year-
23 to-date discipline rate is seventy-six
24 percent and the department decline-to-
25 prosecute rate is twenty-one percent.

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1 There are a couple of other stats
2 that I would like to report to the board.
3 First, the number of web site visitors
4 and web site visits have increased
5 significantly. In fiscal 2011, 124,882
6 visited the CCRB web site for a total of
7 444,758 visits. By comparison, in fiscal
8 year 2010, 108,107 visitors visited the
9 web site for a total of 301,703 visits.

10 By both indicators, traffic to our
11 web site has increased. Similarly, the
12 number of complaints filed through the
13 web or by e-mail has increased as well.
14 In fiscal 2011, the CCRB received 430
15 complaints by e-mail. By comparison, the
16 CCRB received 403 in fiscal 2010 and 328
17 in 2009.

18 There's one thing that I would like
19 to just talk a little bit about was --
20 would be our Ambassador Program. And I
21 just wanted you all to know that we are
22 and we had just completed the training
23 portion and it's the CCRB Ambassador
24 Program in partnership with the ERDA,
25 which is the East River Development

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1 Association.

2 And we've completed our four-day
3 intensive training with the CCRB staff
4 and Dawn and her team has -- they put
5 together the training and the Outreach
6 Unit was assisted by Roger Smith, one of
7 our attorneys -- or our only team attorney
8 right now; as well as Rob Rodriguez who is the
9 Manager of Team 3 and Lisa Cohen who is the Director of
10 Mediation.

11 The training incorporated overviews,
12 obviously, of our -- all of our
13 strategies for our outreach and the staff
14 gave the twenty-five college access
15 students -- I believe that's what the
16 Bishop calls them -- an overview of
17 CCRB's jurisdiction and investigative
18 role. We gave them an understanding of
19 conflict resolution and effective communication
20 skills using mediation. In addition, the
21 Outreach Unit developed skits which
22 emphasized public speaking.

23 Also, to that, again, I want to
24 thank Dawn and her small, but dynamic team
25 that she has. But this -- we just

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1 received this note from the National
2 Association for the Advancement of
3 Colored People, the mid-Manhattan Branch.
4 And it was addressed to Ernest Hart, our
5 former chair and it said "Dear Mr. Hart,
6 The NAACP mid-Manhattan branch wants to
7 thank Ms. Dawn Fuentes for serving as a
8 panelist along with investigator Ryan
9 Meltzer."

10 Ryan, as you know, had worked here
11 and just resigned recently to go to law
12 school. And I think this is the great part
13 "Ms. Fuentes was awesome. Her discussion
14 regarding civilian complaint review board
15 relation efforts was on point. The
16 audience grasped the information and was
17 motivated to ask questions.

18 "The committee was certainly glad to
19 have had the opportunity to have met her
20 along with Mr. Meltzer and her
21 willingness to share her time and
22 expertise in the area of policing which
23 is crucial to the success of the
24 presentation."

25 They further had suggested that

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1 their legal redress committee, which is
2 having a fall forum, will be asking us to
3 come back, specifically Dawn, and they
4 said that they felt that the CCRB was
5 most positive and that this would be a
6 great representation and how the public can
7 interact with the Police Department.

8 Again, they closed by saying "We are looking
9 forward to having you back this fall
10 representing your agency and having
11 dialogue with the New York City Police
12 Department to better assure the community
13 in a healthier working relationship with
14 one another." And again, so publicly I'd
15 like to -- is Dawn here?

16 UNIDENTIFIED STAFF MEMBER: Yes.

17 MS. THOMPSON: Ah. Stand up. I'd
18 like to thank Dawn.

19 (Applause)

20 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Dawn.

21 MS. THOMPSON: Oh Tony has a question.

22 MR. SIMONETTI: Mr. Chair --

23 THE CHAIR: Yes.

24 MR. SIMONETTI: -- I have several
25 questions.

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1 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

2 MR. SIMONETTI: First question is,
3 the visits to the web site --

4 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

5 MR. SIMONETTI: -- you cited two
6 numbers which I understand the first
7 number; I don't know if I completely
8 understand the second number.

9 MS. THOMPSON: One is people that I
10 think just came to look and I think the
11 second number is the one where people
12 really went through the web site and
13 looked and picked up various -- different
14 kinds of information. It wasn't just --
15 you know, sometimes people will go
16 through city agencies and they'll look
17 and they'll hit different ones and see if
18 they're either looking for jobs or
19 they're looking for whatever else.
20 This -- there's two numbers that they
21 separated out.

22 MR. SIMONETTI: I'm still a little
23 confused.

24 MS. MULLIGAN: Its' called
25 stickiness. It's an Internet concept.

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1 And so when you stay on a web site longer
2 and you look around, you stick there.

3 MR. SIMONETTI: Yeah.

4 MS. MULLIGAN: And so that's a good
5 thing from Internet. So when you are
6 sticky on an Internet site --

7 MR. SIMONETTI: So if you're
8 unsticky --

9 MS. MULLIGAN: You're unsticky that
10 means --

11 MR. SIMONETTI: You get off and on?

12 MS. MULLIGAN: -- it's like
13 surfing and you take a quick look and
14 you're not particularly interested. It
15 might be one -- assumptions from the
16 fact. And so if you're an Internet
17 service where you get advertising, you
18 want people to stick around. But we're
19 not in that category. But, anyway --

20 MR. SIMONETTI: But is --

21 MS. THOMPSON: They can measure
22 these things --

23 MR. SIMONETTI: Is one to assume
24 that -- I mean, based on that -- those
25 definitions, I would assume that there

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1 would be less sticky but according to
2 that report, there are more sticky? Am I
3 not correct?

4 MS. MULLIGAN: Yes. You're
5 right. There were more sticky which is
6 good for us. That means more people are
7 looking --

8 MR. SIMONETTI: I'm still confused.
9 I mean, you know -- so why don't we just
10 go --

11 MS. THOMPSON: More people could be
12 looking --

13 MR. SIMONETTI: -- with the sticky.
14 Why are we reporting two figures?

15 MS. THOMPSON: I -- because I think
16 it shows up and it's Marcos. And Marcos
17 wants to be exacting in how he reports
18 things. Because I think there are showing
19 different points.

20 MR. SIMONETTI: Okay.

21 MS. THOMPSON: different kind of things,
22 that's all.

23 MR. SIMONETTI: Okay.

24 THE CHAIR: I guess one is windows
25 shopping --

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1 BISHOP TAYLOR: Right.

2 THE CHAIR: -- and the other is they
3 actually come into the store and pick up
4 some items.

5 MR. SIMONETTI: Yeah but I think if
6 more people --

7 BISHOP TAYLOR: Very good
8 analogy.

9 (Speaking simultaneously)

10 MR. SIMONETTI: It appears that the
11 larger number is important

12 MS. THOMPSON: Exactly.

13 MR. SIMONETTI: There are more curious
14 people.

15 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. Looking at
16 the website.

17 MR. SIMONETTI: If that be the case,
18 why don't we report that number? Why are
19 we reporting if I just happen to glance
20 across -- I go to nyc.gov and I look up
21 fire department or CC - whatever? And I
22 just keep going to another agency. Why
23 wouldn't we report the people who are a
24 little more curious and at least maybe
25 take a look at our annual report

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1 MS. THOMPSON: Well, we have them.

2 I think that --

3 MR. SIMONETTI: Okay.

4 MS. THOMPSON: -- you know, we can

5 do that from now on.

6 MR. SIMONETTI: Okay. But I think

7 it's a little confusing.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

9 MR. SIMONETTI: It was confusing to

10 me so --

11 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

12 MR. SIMONETTI: -- thank you for

13 clarifying.

14 MS. THOMPSON: You are welcome.

15 MR. SIMONETTI: Another question.

16 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

17 MR. SIMONETTI: Or another comment.

18 I'm a little troubled, really, with the

19 327 total cases that were investigated

20 last month because the truncation rate

21 approaches eighty-four percent.

22 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

23 MR. SIMONETTI: Okay? Now, that's

24 extremely high.

25 MS. THOMPSON: Right.

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1 MR. SIMONETTI: So -- I would just
2 caution to everybody that's involved in
3 the investigation of the cases that they
4 look and make sure that these are
5 absolutely truncated cases.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Well, Tony, these are
7 the cases, though -- a lot of them --
8 that I'm closing. So that's why the
9 truncation rate is so high.

10 MR. SIMONETTI: Well, that's -- I --
11 that makes more of a reason to look at
12 the cases. In other words, let's --
13 whoever's looking at them, it doesn't
14 matter. I know we gave -- we authorized
15 staff at certain levels to close cases.
16 But what I'm saying this is approaching
17 an alarmingly high number. Eighty-four
18 percent. I mean I remember the days when
19 we were at forty-five percent.

20 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

21 MR. SIMONETTI: You know? And we
22 held at that level for a long time.

23 CHAIR CHU: Right.

24 MR. SIMONETTI: And it -- and let me
25 tell you anecdotally; I just did seven

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1 panels, by the way, in the last month.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Okay.

3 MR. SIMONETTI: And anecdotally, I
4 can tell you I sent a lot of cases back
5 that were truncated because the
6 allegations were very -- I saw -- I
7 deemed them to be very serious. There
8 was one particular case where the person
9 went to the hospital, got five sutures
10 and, I mean, the case is closed.

11 You know, I think when the
12 allegations are that serious, I think
13 people have to press the complainants a
14 little bit. You know? I mean that's --
15 maybe that's my personal preference but I
16 think, you know, it's our obligation to
17 the complainants.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Yes.

19 MR. SIMONETTI: You know, for
20 whatever that they don't want to pursue
21 the case, if that is the case, okay. But
22 if it's not, I mean we've got to give
23 them an opportunity to pursue these
24 cases -- particularly with the serious
25 allegations. And I notice a lot of

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1 truncated cases contain serious
2 allegations.

3 THE CHAIR: And to your point, Tony,
4 I think the high truncation rate that
5 you're referring to, I think that's part
6 and parcel with the fact that we do not
7 have, unfortunately, a steady flow of
8 panels meeting. So, in particular, like
9 today, you had seven panels, I had three
10 or four panels. The numbers are going to
11 be very good for this month. I think
12 last month was a bit of an anomaly and
13 most of the closings were done by Joan
14 and they were the truncated cases.

15 MR. SIMONETTI: I hope it is a blip.

16 THE CHAIR: That's what we hope.

17 MR. SIMONETTI: If it's a blip,
18 fine. But -- I mean, just -- I think we
19 should pay attention.

20 THE CHAIR: I agree. And in terms
21 of the serious allegations and serious
22 injuries with the truncated cases, I
23 believe I was with you on those cases and
24 I agree wholeheartedly. I think, in
25 terms of the seriousness of the injuries

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1 or the allegations, we owe it to the
2 public, even if the victim is being
3 uncooperative or following through, to at
4 least order the meds and see if
5 there's -- you know, see what happened
6 and get an idea of what that case is all
7 about.

8 But, again, unfortunately, some of
9 that ties in to the limited budget and
10 the lowered head count. It's harder for
11 us now despite really vamping up the
12 outreach, it's hard for us to send
13 investigators out in the field or to
14 follow up when we're not getting
15 cooperation from the victims or the
16 complainants.

17 MR.DONLON: I -- you know, I can
18 understand that but also, don't forget,
19 we have a decrease in the number of cases
20 that we're receiving. So I mean, that
21 comes into play also.

22 THE CHAIR: Absolutely. And that's
23 why, I think, on the serious allegations,
24 there should be follow-up.

25 MR. SIMONETTI: Thank you.

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1 DR. KHALID: Mr. Chairman, in spite
2 of the fact that the -- this complainer
3 does not write a sworn statement, how do
4 we proceed with that with uncooperative
5 complainants?

6 THE CHAIR: Well, that's one of the
7 difficulties and, you know, in a perfect
8 world, we would be able to be more
9 accommodating, we would be able to maybe
10 stay open later or have people go out and
11 make things easier for people that have
12 issues with coming down or, you know,
13 signing a paper on their own.

14 But I think, you know, the bottom
15 line right now is, given all the
16 constraints that we're facing, we're
17 trying to do more with a lot less. As
18 you know, over the past five years, we
19 have lost -- how many investigative
20 heads?

21 MS. THOMPSON: Well, we've lost a
22 total of fifty-one staff.

23 THE CHAIR: We've lost fifty-one
24 staff. And, you know, for an agency our
25 size, I don't need to tell anyone, we're

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1 cut to the bone and we're to the marrow.
2 So, again, that's kind of the sign of the
3 items. I know everyone's taken a hit,
4 every agency. But I think we feel it
5 more, given our small size.

6 But, certainly, we're still trying
7 to make sure that all of the serious
8 allegations are followed up with whether
9 or not the complainants are very quick to
10 come in and cooperate in terms of
11 proceeding.

12 Anything else? Yeah. Well, all
13 right. We're going to move on to the
14 committee reports and I think that segues
15 nicely to the Bishop in reference to the
16 Ambassador Program that Joan already
17 started speaking of. Bishop, did you
18 want to say anything about the status of
19 that program?

20 BISHOP TAYLOR: I just want to echo
21 the sentiments that have already been
22 expressed. I think that Dawn and her
23 team have been doing a fabulous job in
24 working to structure and to implement and
25 execute the training with the ERDA

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1 scholars which are about twenty-five or
2 twenty-six young people that after the
3 training they'll be deployed throughout
4 the city, giving training to other youth
5 groups and other organizations that have
6 youth groups.

7 And it's really exciting. It gives
8 the kids a chance to interact with their
9 peer groups and transfer what they've
10 learned in these trainings. And so we
11 expect this to be a program that can be
12 replicated throughout the five boroughs
13 of New York City and a good tool for
14 youth, for criminal justice and all of
15 the reasons why this program is
16 important.

17 So we're excited about that. I have
18 a calendar of events where the kids will
19 be presenting in different places. One
20 place they're -- at the Fortune Society.
21 They're also presenting at TA meetings,
22 LaGuardia College and different places,
23 too. So I think it's very exciting.
24 So -- and really a credit to Dawn and her
25 team as well.

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1 MS. THOMPSON: They're scheduled for
2 thirty-six presentations during the month
3 of July and August. So that's a
4 large number.

5 MR. SIMONETTI: It's a great
6 outreach effort.

7 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, I agree, that's a
8 great outreach effort.

9 MR. LISTON: Terrific.

10 MS. THOMPSON: And that's mostly
11 directed to the youth -- particularly in
12 the areas of Long Island City, Jamaica,
13 Flushing, Astoria and the Rockaway areas
14 of Queens.

15 THE CHAIR: Now, in terms of going
16 out, have they actually started making
17 presentations or are they still in the
18 training phase at this point?

19 BISHOP TAYLOR: I think that they
20 just finished the training phase and they
21 go -- I think they went out and did two
22 presentations, right, Dawn?

23 BISHOP TAYLOR: You want to speak to
24 that?

25 MS. FUENTES: Yes. We --

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1 BISHOP TAYLOR: Can she speak to
2 that?

3 MS. THOMPSON: Of course.

4 MS. FUENTES: Fine. Yes, we have
5 actually been out for the last -- about a
6 week now and we've probably done about
7 seven presentations.

8 THE CHAIR: Oh, seven.

9 MS. FUENTES: And they've been well
10 received by the public who have done
11 evaluations and the kids seem to be very
12 effective. And the message is definitely
13 coming through. So we have quite a few
14 more to do but what we've seen so far has
15 been positive.

16 THE CHAIR: And in terms of going
17 out to these presentations, are they
18 always supervised by staff --

19 MS. FUENTES: Yes.

20 THE CHAIR: -- from CCRB?

21 MS. FUENTES: Yes. Exactly.

22 THE CHAIR: Okay.

23 MS. FUENTES: It's by their
24 (indiscernible) coordinator community
25 outreach and the students are there to

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1 basically communicate some of the message
2 that we're trying to deliver
3 about what CCRB does and the services we
4 offer all New Yorkers. So we're basically
5 doing what we naturally do at community
6 outreach but we're being able to show,
7 through the kids, as a form of
8 communication, CCRB's responses and how
9 we interact with the Police Department.

10 MS. MULLIGAN: Yes. To the extent
11 that young people are sometimes targeted
12 for stop and frisk, I really think that
13 this type of education is so important
14 because that's obviously been a priority
15 for the City and for the board to look
16 into that issue. And that type of
17 education, I think, can really assist
18 with that issue that's been so important
19 to this board.

20 MS. FUENTES: And exactly -- and one
21 of the kids is showing how
22 (indiscernible).

23 MS. MULLIGAN: Right. Thank you.

24 MS. FUENTES: You're welcome.

25 MS. THOMPSON: And in fact, we're

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1 also now working on informational palm cards
2 to give out to the youth to say what to
3 do in their police encounters and how to
4 respond and, should it rise to that
5 level, how to file a complaint.

6 MS. MULLIGAN:: Okay.

7 MS. THOMPSON: So, we're in the
8 process now -- Linda has just given me
9 the final draft of the card and we'll be
10 getting them to the printer shortly.

11 THE CHAIR: Okay. And we have
12 another committee report from Mr. Liston.

13 MR. LISTON: Yes, thanks very much.
14 On behalf of the ADR committee with
15 includes Jules Martin and Jim Donlon, I'm
16 happy to report that the mediation
17 program is maintaining and building on
18 the significant growth achieved in 2010.

19 During the period of January through
20 June 2011, total ADR closures increased
21 by approximately fifty-six percent from
22 the same period in 2010. We had 212 ADR
23 closures in 2011 versus 136 in 2010.

24 Cases closed as mediations, as a
25 percentage of total closures during that

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1 period of January through June 2011, were
2 2.7 percent, up from 2.4 percent during
3 the same period in 2010 and 1.7 percent
4 during the same period in 2009.

5 Total ADR closures as a percentage
6 of total closures were 7.1 percent during
7 this period compared to 3.5 percent
8 during the same period in 2010 and 2.4
9 percent during the same period in 2009.

10 With respect to case processing, the
11 rate at which investigators are offering
12 mediation has remained consistent at
13 approximately 53 percent compared to 53.8
14 percent during the same period in 2010
15 which marked a significant increase over
16 the offering rate of a mere 28.1 percent
17 during 2009.

18 The number of cases referred to and
19 accepted by the mediation program has
20 declined slightly from 329 cases during
21 the period of January through June 2010
22 to 303 cases during the same period in
23 2011. However, this is still a
24 significant increase over the number of
25 cases referred to mediation program which

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1 was 200 during the same period in 2009.

2 The decline in the overall number of
3 complaints received by the CCRB in 2011,
4 we believe, has been a contributing
5 factor in the number of cases referred to
6 the mediation program and, therefore, the
7 number of complaints mediated.

8 Lastly, I should note, as part of
9 the Ambassador and Internship Program
10 which Bishop Taylor described and Joan
11 described, our esteemed Director of the
12 Mediation program, Lisa Grace Cohen, held
13 a well-received workshop where the
14 interns learned about conflict resolution and
15 communication skills.

16 So that's our report. We're excited
17 about the progress we're making and
18 excited about the future.

19 THE CHAIR: Right. And I thank you
20 for that. And again, I think, in this
21 climate where we have limited resources,
22 it does seem like ADR and the alternative
23 resolution certainly is a good
24 alternative sometimes to coming in with a
25 traditional investigation. Do you find

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1 that the satisfaction rate is high on
2 both sides?

3 MR. LISTON: Yes. Yes. I would say
4 so. I think that there's been a real
5 effort and Lisa has led this effort to
6 get officers to embrace the concept of
7 mediation. And in doing that, she and we
8 have had to overcome certain
9 misperceptions about how it works. But I
10 think we're overcoming that.

11 THE CHAIR: Thank you very much.
12 Are there any other committee reports?

13 Seeing no more committee reports, is
14 there any old or pending business?

15 Any new business?

16 All right. Is there any public
17 comment?

18 All right. Seeing and hearing no
19 public comment, we will now adjourn to
20 our Executive Session. Thank you very
21 much for attending.

22 (Whereupon proceedings were concluded)

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