



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, January 19, 2017

10:00am – 12:00pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 2B

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Jim Fazzalano, Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Cheryl Sharp, Chief Doug Fuchs, Lt. Marc Petruzzi, Aaron Swanson, David McGuire, Subira Gordon, Tamara Lanier, Tanya Hughes, Lt. Col. George Battle, Michael Gailor, Lt. Col. David Rosado, Dane Silcox, Dr. Cato Laurencin

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am

I. Welcome

Bill Dyson welcomed the advisory board and thanked them for attending.

II. Approval of the November 10, 2016 advisory board minutes

David McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes from November 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Michael Gailor. There was no discussion and the minutes were passed unanimously.

III. Update on the Data Work Group activities

Ken Barone and Jim Fazzalano provided an update on the recent Data Working Group meetings. Project staff is in the middle of implementing a data validation process to ensure that the data is as good as possible. Project staff have been reaching out to police administrators to confirm their traffic stop totals for Year 3. In addition, they are looking for methods to better clean duplicate records from the system. The project staff is hoping to have a verified clean dataset ready for publication by March 2017.

The Wallingford Police Department presented two scenarios that required clarification for when to collect and submit traffic stop records. The first scenario involved an officer stopping a motorist because the passenger failed to have their seatbelt on. The department wanted to know if the demographic information of the passenger should be collected rather than the driver. The advisory board agreed with the assessment of the

working group that the law requires the collection of driver demographics. Although in this scenario the passenger was the reason for the stop, the driver's information should still be recorded. The second scenario is similar, except this time the officer finds contraband that belongs to the passenger. The passenger is then arrested. Again, the advisory board stated that the only demographic information that should be recorded is the driver.

Andrew Clark provided an update on a traffic survey proposal that was presented to the working group as a way of estimating driver demographics and violation rates in some communities in Connecticut. The proposal was presented to the working group by the Preusser Research Group. The proposal will not be finalized until funding is secured. We hope to identify funding sources within the next few months and finalize a proposal with the advisory board.

IV. Update on 2017 reports

Ken Barone provided an update on the progress of the Year 2 follow-up report and the Year 3 analysis. The follow-up report is still being written by the research staff. Each department receives their own analysis which requires a lot of work by research staff. The goal is to share a draft of the individual analysis with each department by early April and prepared the report to be published by May. Due to delays in cleaning the year 3 dataset, it is anticipated that the analysis for all departments won't be released until June 2017. Advisory board members will be kept up to date on the progress of these reports.

V. Recent presentation to the Transportation Research Board sub-committee on Law Enforcement

In January, Jim Fazzalano, Ken Barone, and Chief Doug Fuchs traveled to Washington D.C. to present on the work of the advisory board to the Transportation Research Board sub-committee on Law Enforcement. Connecticut law enforcement requested that this sub-committee review the methodology used in Connecticut. Jim Fazzalano and Ken Barone presented on the Connecticut methodology and approach to assessing racial disparities in traffic stops. Chief Fuchs then presented on some of the concerns that Connecticut Police Chiefs have regarding the methodology used to assess disparities. Chief Fuchs shared the statement that was read in Washington to the advisory board outlining CPCA's five main concerns. The advisory board discussed these concerns at length and provided feedback on some areas to improve relations between CPCA and this project.

VI. General Discussion

The first CTRP3 listening session is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Hartford Public Library. The listening session will start at 6:30pm. All advisory board members are encouraged to attend.

There was no further general discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.