



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, May 17, 2012

10am – 12pm

Legislative Office Building

Room 1D

Meeting Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Andrew Clark, Ken Barone, Glenn Cassis, Chief Douglas Fuchs, Michael Gailor, Werner Oyanadel, Robert Brothers, Tamara Lanier, Sean Thakkar, Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Thomas Maziarz, Stephen Cox, Aaron Swanson, Art Kurezcka, Jim Fazzalano, Cheryl Sharp, Rep. Joe Verengia, Under Secretary Mike Lawlor, Commissioner Bradford, Gabriel Cano, Colonel Danny Stebbins

Absent: John DeCarlo, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Rep. Gary Holder-Winfield, Joseph Cristalli

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

1. Welcome on behalf of Co-Chair William Dyson

Mr. Dyson welcomed members to the third advisory board meeting. He also welcomed the newest member of the advisory board, Rep. Joe Verengia.

2. Approval of 4-5-2012 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Tamara Lanier and seconded by Werner Oyanadel. Minutes passed unanimously.

3. Legislative Update

Jim Fazzalano updated the advisory board about SB 364, "An Act Concerning Traffic Stop Information" which passed both houses at the end of session. It is now referred to as P.A. 12-74 and a working group will get together to propose implementer language.

4. Project Update

Andrew Clark provided a project update. Andrew mentioned that CCSU was working with DOT to complete the appropriate grant material. The grant provides the advisory board with some resources to complete its work. CCSU will continue to work with DOT to develop a business plan and outline the scope of work.

Under Secretary Lawlor reiterated his support for CCSU and the advisory board in developing a useful racial profiling program for the state.

5. Northeastern University, Institute on Race and Justice presentation

Dr. Jack McDevitt and Lisa Laguerre from Northeastern University made a presentation regarding their work in other states on developing and implementing traffic stop data collection programs. They have worked with several states including, Massachusetts, Missouri and Rhode Island.

For presentation material please see attached.

6. Working Groups: Data Collection, Public Awareness, Training and Systems

Co-Chair Dyson discussed the need to develop four working groups to begin the process of developing a traffic stop data collection system. Co-Chair Dyson stated that the success of this project was dependent on the level of involvement from board members. Working groups will be inclusive and members are encouraged to identify other potential partners.

Working group material will be disseminated to board members in the coming week from project staff and meetings would be scheduled shortly.

7. General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

8. Next Meeting: June 21, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.