



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, June 18, 2015

10am – 12pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Commissioner Dora Schriro, Tanya Hughes, Tamara Lanier, Aaron Swanson, Stacey Manware, Jim Fazzalano, Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Matt Ross, Cheryl Sharp, Glenn Cassis, Michael Gailor, Mui Mui Hin_McCormick, Captain George Battle, David McGuire, Dr. Cato Laurencin, Josh Sayles, Werner Oyandel.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am

I. Welcome

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

II. Approval of March 31, 2015 minutes

A motion was made by Andrew Clark and seconded by Glenn Cassis to approve the minutes from March 31, 2015. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. April 2014 Traffic Stop Report Release Debrief

The first racial profiling analysis was published on April 8, 2015 and this portion of the meeting was an opportunity for advisory board members to provide feedback. This feedback will be used to improve the release of the next report.

In addition to the feedback, the project staff updated members regarding several errors that were identified after the report was released. There was a duplicate reporting error with the Granby PD, the Windsor PD notified project staff that approximately 50% of their traffic stops were not reported, an adjustment needed to be made to towns with prison populations, and many departments did not properly record the enforcement category for traffic stops. These issues are all being addressed by the project staff.

IV. Next Steps for Data Analysis

Ken Barone discussed the project staffs initial thoughts on a follow-up analysis for the departments identified in tier 1 and tier 2 of the April 2015 report. The project staff met with all 10 departments in the weeks following the report to discuss the findings and steps moving forward.

The project staff will be looking to map traffic stop information for each town. This will allow for a deeper level analysis within census tracts of the town to better understand where stops are occurring. In addition, CERC is in the process of developing an officer level analysis that will use propensity score matching to measure officer activity. Propensity score matching is a statistical technique that has been used for over a decade. Matt Ross generally explained the method that will be used and answered member's questions. This method will be explained in more detail at future meetings.

V. Stamford PD Update

Ken indicated that there was still little progress in accessing the Stamford PD racial profiling information. The information that was sent to the project staff had over 50% of the records with significant errors. Stamford was the only department not included in the April 2015 report.

The advisory board asked that project staff reach out to Stamford and ask a representative to attend the next advisory board meeting. Many members were concerned that the problem were persist and were looking for immediate progress to be made. The project staff indicated that it would reach out to the department immediately and work to resolve their outstanding issues.

VI. Public Forums

The project staff has hosted over 5 public forums with the AAAC and other advocacy groups. Public forums are still being planned for Waterbury, Meriden, Norwich and Stamford.

VII. Fair and Impartial Policing Training

CCSU has scheduled FIP trainings for supervisors and patrol officers over the course of the summer. It is anticipated that over 500 officers will receive this training in the next 3 months. The project staff is working to schedule FIP training on a regular basis throughout the state.

VIII. General Discussion

There was no general discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.