



MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Chief Vernon Riddick, Marc Pelka, Cheryl Sharp, Dan Parlapiano, Chief Neil Dryfe, Chief Fusaro, Claudine Constant, Michael Gailor, Werner Oyanadel, Commissioner James Rovella, Colonel Stavros Mellekas, Stacy Sobel, Shannon Trice, Gail Hardy,

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar, Jim Fazzalaro

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Dyson welcomed members and convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

II. Approval of the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 23, 2023 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. CSP Audit

Ken Barone gave an update stating that he is hoping to provide a draft of the report to CSP within the coming weeks. No other updates were available at this time.

b. 2022 Preliminary Traffic Stop Totals

Ken informed the advisory board that the 2022 traffic stop data is in the process of being processed. Based on the preliminary numbers it appears that there was an increase in traffic enforcement in 2022. The 2022 data should be finalized by early April. Bill Dyson asked if there was a fiscal impact on the reduction in traffic stops over the last few years. Stacey Manware from CIB stated that revenue is down, and she can share information for the next meeting. Judicial routinely reports on the volume of infractions processed through CIB each year.

IV. Legislative Update

a. S.B. 953: *An Act Concerning the Definition of Racial Profiling*

Rep. Howard highlighted during the public hearing that the term “identifying factors” in the updated definition may be confusing and require multiple factors to be identified in order to use race and ethnicity in a suspect-specific definition. This was not the intent of the change and we recommended that the term “identifying factors” be modified to “other information.” There was no objection to this change.

b. H.B. 6888: *An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice (Section 8)*

The project staff submitted public testimony regarding section 8 of this bill which would require the collection of pedestrian stop data. The project staff was particularly concerned over the implementation timeline outlined in the bill. As a suggestion, the project staff proposed pushing out the deadlines in the bill by at least 12 months. Ken also added that in their testimony it was suggested that there could be an exploration of the merits and feasibility of collecting pedestrian stop data.

Chief Dryfe informed the advisory board that the Police Chiefs Association submitted testimony expressing concerns on several issues. He added that in their testimony it was proposed for the advisory board to study the issue to see if there was a need for the collection of this information.

c. S.B. 1022: *An Act Requiring Police Officers to Provide a Driver with the reason for a Traffic Stop and Concerning Certain Police Officer Training*

This bill was voted out of committee with changes. The provisions that were of concern to the advisory board were removed from the bill. The remaining provision was regarding the requirement that motorists be verbally told why they were stopped.

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Data Collection, Analysis, and Quality

Stacey Manware updated members on the issue raised by the Hartford Police Department regarding the collection of search information when a search involves a person. The subcommittee was informed by the Hartford Inspector General that he believed terry searches needed to be captured as part of the law. The subcommittee is reviewing this issue and will have a recommendation soon.

b. Policy

There was no update and the next meeting will be held on April 11th.

c. Community Outreach

The staff is finalizing a contract with NYU to develop a law enforcement dashboard. The IMRP also hired a part-time person to help organize public forums. The

Community Outreach Subcommittee hopes to have the first public forum in May or June in Middletown. The discussion will continue at their next meeting on March 29th.

VI. General Discussion

There was no general discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.