



MINUTES

Thursday, October 24, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
LOB 1B

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Chief Neil Dryfe, Michael Gailor, Eyvonne Parker-Bair, Piotr Milczek, Chief Vern Riddick, Colonel Daniel Loughman, Werner Oyanadel, Chief Jack Drumm, Lt. Colonel Mark Davison, Rashad Glass, Stacey Manware, Commissioner Ronnell Higgins, Chief L.J. Fusaro

Staff: Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalaro, Erica Escobar

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. and members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of September 26, 2024, meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 26, 2024. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

III. Subcommittee Reports

a. Data Collection, Analysis, and Quality

Monthly data reports are in development to be provided to police departments, tracking interactions within their respective jurisdictions. The subcommittee continues to work on developing tools to improve data integrity, with a comprehensive report expected by the early 2025. This plan will also include additional training and information sharing with law enforcement agencies.

Benchmark Analytics, contracted since last year, has been working to automate data cleaning. They are currently in the process of obtaining direct access to the CIJIS database, which will allow them to clean data on a monthly basis and generate reports to identify missing or inconsistent data across police departments. A key objective of the subcommittee is to provide more tools for police administrators to understand and evaluate their data. Later phases of work

will involve expanding the system's capabilities to link additional data sets, such as infractions, to allow for automatic cross-referencing between records.

b. Policy

The subcommittee will be meeting in the coming weeks to continue evaluating legislation from the last session. They will assess whether any of these bills are likely to reappear in the upcoming session and determine if the subcommittee will take positions on any potential bills.

c. Community Outreach

A forum will be held on November 6th at UConn Law School, which will focus on educating law students about the Alvin Penn Law. The event will include a panel discussion with Cheryl Sharpe (CHRO), Gail Hardy (Division of Criminal Justice), Chief L.J. Fusaro, and Chair Dyson.

Additionally, the subcommittee is planning a series of public forums in 2025, with upcoming forums in Cheshire, Enfield, East Hartford, and Waterbury. These will be advertised as a series once dates and locations are confirmed.

IV. Old Business

a. CSP Trooper/Constable Record Reconciliation Report Presentation

The project staff provided members with a supplemental report to the CSP Data Audit that was originally published in June 2023. Ken Barone summarized the findings that are outlined in the supplemental report. The process for reconciling records and findings were reviewed, with an opportunity for the State Police to add any additional comments. A Q&A session followed, allowing for any questions to be addressed.

Ken Barone stated that the changes made to the CSP Trooper/Constable Record Reconciliation Report addressed key issues identified in the reconciliation process. He noted that CSP has informed the group they are reviewing additional actions to improve data collection. Significant progress has been made in addressing concerns from the June 2023 audit, and the project staff is confident that both the implemented and in-development changes have improved data accuracy. These improvements, along with enhanced oversight, are intended to strengthen public trust in the data reporting system. Ken emphasized that the group remains committed to working with all police partners to meet the law's goals.

V. New Business

a. 2024 Traffic Stop Data Update

Ken updated the Advisory Board on the 2024 Traffic Stop Data, indicating that the data is complete through July. He mentioned that the August and September data would be shared in November, with quarterly updates planned for the rest of the year.

Regarding the inclusion of racial demographics, Ken expressed caution, explaining that adding such data without proper statistical analysis could result in misleading conclusions. He indicated they would explore the best way to present this data moving forward.

Concerns about demographic information were raised, with the suggestion to wait before addressing them publicly to avoid potential inaccuracies. It was recommended to add the issue to the Data Subcommittee's agenda to ensure timely and accurate data. The goal is to improve data cleaning with Benchmark Analytics and responsibly release information between regular reports.

VI. General Discussion

a. Lifesaver Conference CTRP3 Nomination

The Advisory Board was nominated for an award at the largest Traffic Safety conference in the country, which will take place in March in Long Beach, CA. The award recognizes community-based groups for significant achievements in traffic safety. The Board was nominated by two individuals from NHTSA, one from the national office and one from the regional office. While it is uncertain if the Board will win, the nomination itself highlights the impact of their work. If selected, the Board plans to attend the conference to accept the award.

b. Website updates and video production efforts

An update was shared on the CTRP3 website and video production efforts. Thanks were given to those who participated in the three-day video shoot. Additional content will be collected from those who couldn't attend. The website is being redesigned by the new communications manager to simplify the message and better highlight the Advisory Board's impact over the past 12 years. They will work with the community outreach subcommittee to ensure the message is clear and effective.