



## MINUTES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual

**Advisory Board Members Present:** William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Rashad Glass, Chief Neil Dryfe, Colonel Daniel Loughman, Werner Oyanadel, Lt. Colonel Mark Davison, Stacey Manware, Shannon Trice, Chief Vern Riddick, Tamara Lanier, Diana Gugliotta, Piotr Milcek, Eyvonne Parker-Bair

**Staff:** Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalaro, Erica Escobar

### I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. and members introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of December 18, 2024, meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 18, 2024. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

### III. Subcommittee Reports

#### a. Data Collection, Analysis, and Quality

The subcommittee recommended combining the 2023 and 2024 calendar years into one report. The 2023 data is ready, and the 2024 data will be finalized soon. The combined report will be published by August or September 2025. The board unanimously approved analyzing both years in one report.

An update was provided about the status of future CSP data audits. CSP completed an internal audit of their 2022 data and are currently working on 2023 data. The subcommittee recommended reviewing the internal audit, rather than conducting a separate audit. After this review, the subcommittee can determine whether additional steps need to be taken. The board unanimously agreed to review the CSP internal documents.

Additionally, the subcommittee clarified the reporting requirements for DUI checkpoints and spot checks. The definitions and guidance endorsed by the subcommittee and approved by the board are the following:

### ***DUI Checkpoint Clarification***

Traffic stop information must be reported as part of a DUI checkpoint only when:

1. The stop goes beyond the initial routine questioning of the driver. For example, if a driver is suspected of operating under the influence and asked to participate in a field sobriety test, this would constitute a reportable traffic stop.
2. The pre-established pattern for engaging with a driver is broken. For example, if the agency determines that every third driver will be questioned, but the behavior of the second driver in line causes an officer to stop and question the driver.

Traffic stops resulting from a DUI checkpoint should be coded as a "Spot Check."

### ***Other Spot Check Activities***

Traffic stop information must be reported for spot check activity that results in the detention of a vehicle. Simply looking into a vehicle to determine whether a violation occurred is not a traffic stop.

For example, if an officer is acting as a "spotter" to observe drivers using their cell phone and a second officer stops the vehicle, that would be considered a traffic stop and must be reported.

Traffic stops resulting from a Spot Check should be coded as such when reporting the data.

### **b. Policy**

The Policy Subcommittee provided an update on potential upcoming bills for this session. The 2024 governor's bill to strengthen police data reporting was raised by the Judiciary Committee. The subcommittee will track any changes and provide updates. Another bill, titled "An Act Concerning Racial Profiling Data," was raised in the Public Safety Committee. The subcommittee is looking into it and will follow up once they have more information.

There's also a new version of the secondary stop bill that's been raised by Judiciary. The bill is called "An Act Concerning Non-Traffic Safety Stops," and the subcommittee will monitor its progress as it moves forward.

Lastly, Commissioner Higgins asked the board to consider changing how driver demographics are collected. The subcommittee is looking into this request and decided the first step is to talk to the DMV to see if their system can capture racial demographic info on licenses. They'll continue to explore the issue once they have more details from the DMV.

c. Community Outreach

The Cheshire Public Forum will take place next Thursday, January 30th, at the Cheshire Public Library, starting at 6:00 PM. Panelists include Cheryl Sharp, Chief Dryfe, and Chairman Dyson. Board members are encouraged to share the event details. Additional forums will be held in East Hartford in March and in Enfield in May, both at local libraries.

A forum for UConn law students is scheduled for March 5th at 5:30 PM at UConn Law School, with participation from the CT Bar Association and other affinity law groups. Advisory Board members are invited to attend any of these events.

IV. Old Business

a. Database modification implementation timeline

CJIS made the required modifications to the data collection system in August and technical instructions were provided to RMS vendors for implementation. One RMS vendor has completed making the updates and others continue to work on implementation. Seven agencies still use the COLLECT system for data reporting. Three agencies are transitioning to a new RMS vendor by March. We will continue to identify alternative solutions for the agencies that continue to use the COLLECT terminals for data collection.

The goal is to have all agencies switched over to the new data fields by July 1st, with the hope of completing the updates between April and July. This initiative ensures that no additional costs are incurred by municipalities.

V. New Business

No new business was introduced.

VI. General Discussion

a. Draft Intervention Evaluation Review

An update was provided on the Draft Intervention Evaluation Review, which examines the effectiveness of interventions aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in policing. The official evaluation write-up will be completed in the

coming days, and the full findings will be presented at the next meeting. This evaluation covers 29 interventions over the past decade, assessing both the reduction of disparities and the impact on roadway safety and crime rates.

b. Project website update

An update was provided on the website overhaul. The project website is being redesigned for simplicity and improved user experience, with feedback from the Community Outreach Subcommittee. The data website is also being revamped with clearer navigation and better instructions, making it easier to download and interpret data. Both websites are expected to go live in March.

There was no additional business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.