



Community Outreach Subcommittee MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Community Outreach Subcommittee Present: Gail Hardy (Chair), Rashad Glass, Rachel Timm, Ana Mitchell, Eyvonne Parker-Bair, Cheryl Sharp, Chief LJ Fusaro

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

I. Welcome & Introductions

Gail Hardy convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of the December 6, 2023, minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 6, 2023. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. Glastonbury Public Forum Feedback

Cheryl Sharp provided feedback on the Glastonbury Forum, suggesting that assigning individuals with microphones in larger settings would facilitate audience questions. Additionally, involving more community members was recommended to enhance future events. Despite this, the turnout was impressive, and the discussion proved fruitful, with well-balanced topics and thought-provoking questions.

IV. General Discussion

a. DMV Information Sharing draft.

Ken Barone provided an update on the language proposed for DMV to share project information on their website. Eyvonne Parker-Bair, who initially proposed the concept, presented draft language for information that could be provided at DMV Centers. The draft highlights the state's racial profiling prohibition law, details its enactment, and emphasizes the requirement for police to inform motorists of their right to file complaints. Overall, the draft



underscores the law's existence, educates about motorists' rights, and encourages further exploration on the website.

Eyvonne mentioned that after analyzing the website data analytics, they found that licensing and registration pages receive the most traffic. To maximize information dissemination, they propose placing the language developed for all state agencies on these high-traffic pages. Ken suggested simplifying the language by avoiding specific statute references. Chief Fusaro proposed adding a bullet point emphasizing that complaints are thoroughly investigated beyond just police departments, highlighting law enforcement's commitment to addressing racial profiling allegations.

Cheryl Sharp highlighted that the CHRO agency only gets involved when a complaint is filed with them or if there's a state-initiated complaint due to allegations of discrimination. She requested to consider this aspect when drafting the wording. Ken suggested focusing on expressing the commitment of all involved entities, from police to prosecutors, to take complaints seriously and investigate them thoughtfully. He emphasized the importance of balancing the message without making it overly detailed. Ken proposed directing people to the website for more information on filing complaints and expressed his intention to refine the language accordingly.

Ken introduces the website language proposed by Erica Escobar to initiate a discussion on website content for all state entities. He encourages members of the subcommittee to review the options and offer suggestions for further discussion. After discussing the options, Ken proposed that if there was consensus around the edited version of option three, it would be circulated to the group, including absent members. If there were no objections, the suggestion would be presented to the advisory board.

b. Public Outreach Activities

Ken Barone provided an update on the public outreach activities. He expressed the need to prioritize discussions on public forums to ensure efficient use of time. He mentioned ongoing efforts to schedule introductory meetings with the tribes and explore hosting public forums in Brandford and Guilford in May or June. Additionally, Ken highlighted the importance of reaching out to Danbury, Berlin, New Britain, and the Westport area due to their inclusion in recent reports and the communities' engagement in the topic. He emphasized the challenges of organizing multiple forums and suggested focusing on the tribal forum in March and possibly Danbury in very early May. He welcomed feedback on these plans and potential adjustments to the proposed locations.

c. Notice to be included in past reports regarding CSP data quality.



Ken shared draft language about the impact of inaccurate data reporting by State Police between 2014 and 2021. The updated language replaces "records likely to be false or inaccurate" with "unsubstantiated infraction records." Following the discussion, Ken proposed moving forward with the revised language. He suggested that if there were no objections, he would adjust the wording based on feedback, circulate it to the group, and advance it as a recommendation to the full Advisory Board.

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

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.