



Community Outreach Subcommittee Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

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

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

I. Welcome & Introductions

Gail Hardy convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of the January 24, 2023, minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 24, 2024. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. DMV Information Sharing- Updated Draft

Ken Barone updated members regarding DMV information sharing. Erica shared updated options for language to be displayed on the screens at DMV centers. The group then engaged in further discussion on the topic. Edits and adjustments were made to the language. Eyvonne Parker-Bair suggests taking a video of the information sharing screens at the DMV, which she will then email to the group. This will allow everyone to see how it appears at her DMV location, which could be helpful for all members. Ken suggested he and Erica wordsmith the language options today, then email them out for written feedback. They'll reconvene in a couple of weeks to vote on any further refinements.

b. State Agency Website Approved Language- Next Steps

Last week, the Advisory Board approved the language crafted by the Community Outreach Subcommittee members for inclusion on state agency websites. The approved language reads: "Discover how Connecticut's Alvin W. Penn Racial Profile Law ensures fair and equitable treatment in traffic stops. To learn more about your rights, visit ctrp3.org." Ken suggested engaging



various state agencies to include this language on their websites. He suggested placing the language on the DMV registration and license renewal page, while also considering the state police and the chief state attorney's office.

Ana Mitchell suggested focusing on the community side and highlighted the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as a potentially valuable state agency to engage with. She also recommended considering libraries as another avenue for inclusion. Eyvonne proposed sharing the information with all state agencies, given its general relevance to everyone. Each agency can then decide whether to include it on their websites. Ken suggested considering the Commission on Women and Children for inclusion, along with providing the information to all 95 municipal police departments. He proposed suggesting to them to consider adding it to their home pages.

Ken discussed coordinating with Erica and Ana offline to discuss community groups and initiating outreach to other state agencies, now that the language has been approved. Eyvonne confirmed that she will ensure the approved language is placed on the appropriate page. Additionally, she will ensure the language is displayed on the television screens at all DMV branch locations. Ana suggested including the language in Spanish, and Ken agreed, confirming the feasibility of converting it.

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

Ken informed the subcommittee that although the language had been previously approved, he would like to revisit it to ensure its appropriateness for past reports. The language, found in Recommendation 1, would be added to reports published between 2014 and 2021. Ken shared his perspective, stating that he still believes the language is applicable, even after the investigative report. He emphasized that the report validated claims of inaccurate data reporting and suggested avoiding words like "falsified."

Ken proposed framing the last sentence to specify that the inaccurate records impacted analysis related to the state police, aiming for clarity about who was affected. He suggested removing the qualifier "a significant number" to maintain factual accuracy. The revised sentence would read, "Inaccurate records submitted had a statistically significant impact on the analysis related to state police." Ken will make these changes and send them out along with the "did you know" modifications for review.

d. Future public forums- Tribal Community and Branford

Ken provided a quick update on future public forums. He had a conversation with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal General Counsel, who expressed interest



in hosting a public forum. They plan to bring the request to their tribal council for approval, and Ken will speak briefly at their next meeting to communicate their intention. Ana provided an update on the Branford public forum. She has reached out to the Lekman Cosgrove's office and the James Blackstone library to secure a venue for the event. She is aiming for dates on March 27th or 28th, avoiding Good Friday. Ana is waiting for a response from the library but mentioned it has ample parking and technology resources. She plans to keep the panel small to allow more community participation, like the successful approach in Glastonbury.

Cheryl Sharp expressed her desire for CTRP3 to participate in organizing a panel for a community access event at the state Armory. The event aims to engage communities from Hartford, Bridgeport, Norwich, and other areas, with residents being transported from across the state. She suggested that the panel discuss findings and work related to fair and impartial policing, emphasizing the importance of the group's work to the communities they serve. Cheryl also proposed setting up a table at the event to provide information about CTRP3 and its partnership with the community. Ken confirmed he would provide the 'did you know' posters from the anniversary event and expressed his commitment to participating in the event.

IV. General Discussion

a. Public website and data sharing efforts

Ken provided a brief update on the ongoing efforts to enhance the public website and data sharing. The project aims to improve the accessibility of collected information for the public. Collaboration with NYU has resulted in a couple of mock-up models, which are in the finalization stage. They aim to have these mock-ups available soon for the Community Outreach Subcommittee to review and determine the preferred direction.

b. Future report clarifications

Ken acknowledged that their reports' executive summaries are dense and may not be easily understood by the general public. He sought feedback from members to identify areas for improvement in readability. To facilitate this, he proposed sharing the most recent executive summary with the group for review. Their input would help prioritize revisions to make the summaries more consumer friendly. Ken expressed his hope that the group could undertake the task in the coming months.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.