



Community Outreach Subcommittee Minutes

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

Subcommittee Members Present: Rashad Glass, Eyvonne Parker-Bair, Cheryl Sharp, Chief Fusaro, Rachel Timm, Lt. Col. Mark Davison, Piotr Milczek

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar, Valerie Gordon

I. Welcome & Introductions

Gail Hardy was unable to attend the meeting and asked Ken Barone to chair. Ken convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of the March 27, 2024, minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from March 27, 2024. The minutes were unanimously approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. Notice to be included in past reports regarding CSP data.

Ken Barone updated members on the notice regarding CSP data. The language was presented to the full Advisory Board on April 11th. Concerns were raised by the CSP and the item was tabled. The subcommittee agreed to review the language again with CSP.

The notice presented to the full Advisory Board on April 11th read as follows:

The Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project advisory board authorized a comprehensive audit of racial profiling records submitted by the Connecticut State Police between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2021. The audit identified inaccurate infraction records that were submitted to the racial profiling database by both troopers and constables throughout the audit period. These inaccuracies had a statistically significant impact on the analysis

of Connecticut State Police data published before 2021. For further details, visit www.ctrp3.org

Ken emphasized that the statement aimed to mirror the report without implying intentionality. He pointed out the difficulty in categorizing records as inaccurate, clarifying that while some had data issues, they weren't necessarily false.

During the audit, they initially analyzed all available records. They then removed unreliable records, which disproportionately skewed towards White non-Hispanic drivers. This removal of unreliable records increased the disparity. The audit stated that overreported records were more likely to be reported as White non-Hispanic drivers and underreported records were more likely to be Black or Hispanic drivers.

Chief Fusaro stressed the importance of clear, straightforward messaging for the public. He emphasized the need to focus on the bottom line, making findings easy to grasp. Fusaro endorsed slight modifications to ensure clarity, highlighting the significance for maintaining trust and reputation. He underlined the importance of ensuring understanding among colleagues and the broader public.

After subcommittee discussions, consensus was reached amongst members on the notice for past reports regarding CSP data. A proposed change was agreed to which would state that "inaccurate records most likely had a small but statistically significant impact," ensuring fairness and truthfulness in the statement. This adjustment addresses concerns raised by CSP regarding combined years and their reflection in the report. It maintains a true and accurate representation of intentions while acknowledging potential varied interpretations by readers.

IV. General Discussion

a. Future report clarifications

Ken Barone informed the members about upcoming report clarifications. He mentioned that Valerie Gordon, IMRP's Communications Coordinator, will assist in examining CTRP3's most recent report and website to facilitate a discussion within the subcommittee on making them more accessible to the public.

Valerie invited subcommittee members to provide their insights on CTRP3, its initiatives, and key messages for the public. She noted down their input for future discussion at the next meeting. Additionally, Valerie encouraged

anyone interested in adding to their responses or contributing to the conversation before the next meeting to contact her.

b. Updated website and social media presence

This was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.