



Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

ATTENDEES: Tanya Hughes, Mike Gailor, Werner Oyanadel, Tamara Lanier, Claudine Constant, Darcy Strand, Chief Neil Dryfe, Cheryl Sharp, Kristin Daniels

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

Guest: Michelle Feldman, Charlotte Resing, Scarlet Neath, Darian Pitts

I. Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Old Business

a. Racial Profiling Definition Judiciary Committee concept raised.

Ken Barone provided members with draft testimony to be submitted for S.B. 953, An Act Concerning the Definition of Racial Profiling. Members suggested minor edits and approved a recommendation to the full advisory board that the testimony be submitted in support of the bill.

b. Penalties for falsifying records-CSP Audit update

Ken Barone stated that project staff was still working on the audit of the Connecticut State Police infraction records. He suggested that this discussion may be appropriate to table until the audit is complete, and members have an opportunity to review any findings. He also stated that in the Police Accountability law, the legislature added language to the decertification law regarding violations of the Alvin W. Penn Act. Members agreed to table this discussion.

c. Presentation: Center for Policing Equity: Redesigning Public Safety, [Traffic Safety report](#)

Staff from the Center for Policing Equity released a ‘Traffic Safety Report’ where they explore how other states and municipalities are redesigning traffic safety. The Center for Policing Equity was invited to share its most recent report and what has been happening across the country in this area.

CPE presented a brief overview of the organization and its mission. They highlighted the police agencies they have worked with in CT. The goal of the “Traffic Safety Report” was to address two issues, biased traffic enforcement, and rising road deaths. The white paper included recommendations on ending pretextual stops, investing in public health approaches to road safety, limiting the uses of fines and fees, piloting alternatives to armed enforcement, and improving data collection transparency.

CPE shared the three ways to tackle the pretext stop issue which are prohibiting officers from engaging in pretext stops and conducting consent searches, banning stops for low-level violations, collecting data, and enforcing reform through accountability.

CPE also provided an overview of what other states are doing in this area. Some states have taken legislative action to ban categories of low-level stops. In terms of the academic peer-reviewed evidence on these kinds of policy changes, CPE shared a couple of examples such as Fayetteville, North Carolina, Nashville, Philadelphia, and the Oregon Police Department. Other states include Washington, California, New York, and Memphis.

III. General Discussion

a. PTATF Primary and Secondary Traffic Stop Proposal (Concept raised on 2/8/23 in Judiciary)

Ken Barone updated members about the Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force proposal to make certain traffic violations secondary. At this time, the bill language has not been released. This information will likely be released within a couple of weeks. He states that the concept has been raised and that he anticipates they will follow PTATF’s model as a starting point. Members briefly discussed the bill concept.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.