



MINUTES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Chief Neil Dryfe, Cheryl Sharp, Tanya Hughes, Rashad Glass, Robert Klin, Commissioner James Rovella, Gail Hardy, Stacey Manware, Joe Cristalli, Marc Pelka, Patrick Griffin, Dan Parlapiano, Allison Beas,

Staff: Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalano, Gwen Ross, Natalie Casanova

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Chair Dyson convened the meeting at 10:03am. Members introduced themselves
- II. Approval of the March 17, 2022, meeting minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Andrew Clark and seconded by Gail Hardy to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Update- 2020 Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings Report
 - i. Torrington PD Data Issue
 1. Ken Barone provided an update on the efforts to work with the Torrington Police Department to rectify data errors. Upon further review of the 2020 Torrington data, it was determined that there was an issue with the time stamp on traffic stop records. Many stops were submitted with a default time of midnight, which did not reflect the actual time of the stop. The project team was able to work with Torrington's vendor to resolve the reporting issue. Researchers conducted an updated analysis with the corrected records and determined that there was no longer a statistically significant disparity in traffic stops. Therefore, the project staff recommended no additional follow-up analysis. Jim Fazzalano notes that when this situation occurs, what they would normally do is take a closer look at data

currently being analyzed to ensure that these mistakes do not continue to happen.

- ii. Updated results from analysis of Hartford and Torrington
 - 1. In addition to analyzing the Torrington data again with corrected records, the project staff also analyzed Hartford data with the 6,000 new records submitted late to the state. Based on an analysis of all records submitted by Hartford, the department would not be identified with a statistically significant racial and ethnic disparity. The project staff recommends no further action for Hartford at this time.
- iii. 2020 and 2021 tentative report release
 - 1. The project staff is working to complete the 2020 report, which includes a follow-up analysis of the Middletown Police Department. The staff is also working to complete the preliminary analysis of traffic stops for the 2021 calendar year. The 2020 report and preliminary 2021 analysis are scheduled for release in the fall.

b. Legislative Update

- i. JJPOC Pedestrian Stop Proposal
 - 1. During the past two legislative sessions, the JJPOC has presented a pedestrian stop bill for legislative consideration. Project staff recommend that the advisory board review this concept prior to the 2023 legislative session.
- ii. PTATF Primary/Secondary Stop Proposal
 - 1. Ken Barone informed members that the primary/secondary stop proposal developed by the Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force did not pass the legislature. There was a robust hearing on the topic and the advisory board may want to consider vetting the proposal prior to the 2023 legislative session.

c. CJIS upgrades to the reporting system

- i. CJIS informed the project staff that effective July 30th the racial profiling servers and the entire system will be upgraded. CJIS is working with vendors to ensure minimal interruptions to the system. CJIS anticipates adding the new data fields approved by the advisory board no later than January 1, 2023.

IV. New Business

a. NYU Marron Institute of Urban Management- Early Warning System

- a. NYU has been working to develop a system for police administrators to analyze traffic stop records and identify issues throughout a calendar year. The NYU Marron Institute assigned two of summer interns to conduct analysis and develop concepts

for an early intervention system. They are making substantial progress in this system.

b. New Research Initiative

a. Data for Good Proposal: "Using Point-to-Point Mobility Data to Build a Better Benchmark for Police Traffic Stops"

- i. Researchers have begun a new research initiative that will use mobility data to develop a driving population on our roadways. Researchers will initially use state police records because they provide the most comprehensive location information. This research is groundbreaking, and it is anticipated that it will be vetted and reviewed by academics across the country. Chair Dyson asked what steps are being taken to ensure the privacy of the public. Ken Barone informed members that the research team will meet all UConn Internal Review Board standards and will have oversight of the university. Chief Dryfe mentioned that this data has been used in the past to help identify travel patterns in a town. There was no personal information revealed but it helped Cheshire determine traffic patterns. It is worth pursuing this project.

V. General Discussion

a. 10 Year Progress Celebration- September 15th at UConn Hartford

- i. The CTRP3 advisory board will host a 10 Year anniversary celebration with more information to follow in the coming weeks.

b. Advisory Board Member interviews

- i. In preparation for of the ten-year celebration the project staff will be asking members to participate in sit down interviews on their experience, the work you've done with this group and how their organization has contributed. Bill Dyson notes that over the years they've had ups and downs and that they have built trust. He states that things look well for the future.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.