



## MINUTES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Chief Neil Dryfe, Commissioner James Rovella, Chief Riddick, Gail Hardy, Stacey Manware, Joe Cristalli, Marc Pelka, Chief Fusaro, Shannon Trice, Tamara Lanier, Allison Beas, Claudine Fox, Dan Parlapiano

Staff: Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalaro, Natalie Casanova

Guest: Taylor Johnston, Bill Cummings, CT-N Rep

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Chair Dyson convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Members introduced themselves.
- II. Approval of the June 23, 2022, meeting minutes
  - a. Minutes approved via voice vote.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Update- 2020 Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings Report
    - i. Ken Barone informed members that the staff corrected data reporting issues with Hartford and Torrington. The analysis was redone for both agencies. It was determined that only the Middletown Police Department required a follow-up analysis. The staff hopes to complete the follow-up analysis and release the 2020 report by November.
  - b. Update- 2021 Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings preliminary report findings
    - i. Staff reported that four of the six statistical tests have been completed. It is anticipated that preliminary findings will be available before the end of the calendar year.

- c. Update- NYU Marron Institute of Urban Management- Early Warning System
  - i. The project staff provided an update on the data collaboration with the NYU Marron Institute to develop an early warning system for police administrators. The institute spent the summer developing several options for both a public database and system available for police administrators. The staff hoped to have NYU present their initial plans later this Fall.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Connecticut State Police Data Quality Concerns
  - i. Ken Barone informed the board that steps were taken after an article came out in Hearst Media alleging that four CT Troopers fabricated hundreds of tickets in 2018. The staff contacted Colonel Mellekas to express our concern about this reporting and asked CSP to respond to a series of questions to better understand the scope of the problem. Staff also made a request to the Centralized Infractions Bureau to provide all infractions issued by CSP since January 1, 2014. Additionally, the staff reviewed redacted copies of IA reports investigating the 4 Troopers highlighted in the article.

Staff also decided to meet with CSP personnel and representative from their RMS vendor to understand the current reporting system. The initial question we need to answer is did the known falsified data make it into racial profiling data? If it did, how did it happen, how many false records were submitted, what demographic information was entered, and is this isolated to the four troopers or is the problem more extensive.

Our recommendation is that we determine if the four troopers submitted false records into our system. Additional information needs to be provided by CSP in order to connect the racial profiling data and the CIB data. This request has been made to CSP. Additional information will be available by our October meeting.

Members asked questions about how this work might conflict with the criminal probe being conducted by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. Ken Barone stated that we have not been contacted by the office but would be happy to share any relevant information they request.

Commissioner Rovella stated that he is unable to discuss any ongoing investigations but did state that he asked his office to review the troopers in questions and if they participated in any federally funded campaigns.

The advisory board agreed that staff should evaluate whether records for the 4 Troopers in question were submitted to the racial profiling database prior to determining how to best proceed. Additional information should be available in October.

- b. New subcommittees for consideration, volunteers, and chairs
  - i. Chair Dyson stated that the advisory board is looking to develop new subcommittees to ensure a robust discussion of issues throughout the calendar year. He asked members to consider both participating on or chairing a subcommittee. Project staff will follow-up with more information regarding the subcommittees.

## V. General Discussion

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.