



Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Present: William Dyson (Chair), Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Jim Fazzalaro, Commissioner James Rovella, Brian Foley, Chief Neil Dryfe, Rashad Glass, Claudine Fox, Michael Gailor, Tanya Hughes, Dr. Cato Laurencin, Cheryl Sharp, Tamara Lanier, Shannon Trice, Werner Oyanadel, Kathryn Overturf, Maurice Reaves, Gail Hardy, Marc Pelka

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. *Chair Dyson convened the meeting at 10:05 am. Members introduced themselves.*
- II. Approval of the June 3, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. *The minutes from 6/03/21 were approved via voice note.*
- III. Old Business
 - a. 2019 Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings report update
Ken Barone informed members that the staff was working to finalize the 2019 report. In particular, the staff determined that due to the marginal disparity with the Old Saybrook police department data, they did not believe it warranted a full follow-up analysis. COVID-19 had delayed the release of the 2019 report and the project staff was recommending finalizing the report. The advisory board agreed to finalize the report without conducting a complete follow-up analysis for Old Saybrook and to release the report in September.
 - b. Wethersfield Border Discontinuity Analysis Report Follow-Up
Chair Dyson asked members if they had any follow-up comments since the Wethersfield Border Discontinuity analysis report was released in June. Ken Barone informed members that the project staff had met with the new acting Chief and command staff following the release of the report. The project staff will work with the department to explore changes they have made to traffic enforcement in recent years. The department seemed more

open to these discussions than in the past. There were no additional questions or comments from members.

IV. New Business

a. 2020 Preliminary Analysis Timeline

The project staff and research team are working to complete the preliminary statewide analysis. The goal is to present the preliminary findings during the October advisory board meeting.

b. Research Assessment Proposal

Lead researchers Matt Ross and Jesse Kalinowski developed a research proposal that was presented to the advisory board for their consideration. The proposed study would assess whether decreases in police enforcement of equipment violations and administrative offenses aimed at reducing racial and ethnic stop disparities has had an adverse impact on roadway safety and/or crime. Members reviewed the proposals and provided feedback.

V. Work Group Updates

a. Policy Work Group

The Policy Work Group has been meeting to review the data collection system and determine if any changes should be made in 2022. A proposal will be shared with the full advisory board in the coming months.

VI. General Discussion

a. Updated public database with 2020 traffic stop records

The CT Data Collaborative has uploaded the 2020 traffic stop records to the public database. The data can now be downloaded and accessed through the ctrp3.com website.

b. Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force Primary and Secondary Stop proposal

The Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force passed a primary and secondary stop proposal. The proposal was guided by the report submitted by the advisory board. The Policy Work Group will evaluate the proposal to determine if the advisory board should take a position on it.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.