

Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, August 14, 2014 10am – 12pm Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Chris Sedelmaier, Mike Lawlor, Chief Doug Fuchs, Commissioner Dora Schriro, Michael Gailor, Tamara Lanier, Sean Thakkar, Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Aaron Swanson, Jeff Matchett, Sandra Staub, Jim Fazzalaro, Ken Barone, Matt Ross

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am

I. Welcome

Bill Dyson welcomed the advisory board thanked them for attending.

II. Approval of March 13, 2014 minutes

A motion was made by Sean Thakkar and seconded by Chris Sedelmaier to approve the minutes from May 15, 2014. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Draft Traffic Stop Data Report

Ken Barone and Jim Fazzalaro presented the draft report to the advisory board. The draft included a full profile of summary tables for all stops conducted in Connecticut from October 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014. The State profile was used to illustrate how the individual town profiles will be laid out in the report.

Ken and Jim noted that the report was still in draft form and some sections still require further elaboration. In particular, the "Forward" will be expanded to include language to caution the reader on the interpretation of data presented in this report. Also, Jim will continue to refine the section outlining the analytical matrix to be used in the January supplemental report.

Several members of the advisory board requested that the section that discusses complaints be expanded to include the number of complaints filed and the department where they have been filed.

Chief Fuchs also discussed his perceived weakness of the estimated driving population. He stated that he believed the margin of error was high and that the estimate did not accurately account for all drivers in a particular community. He was particularly concerned about major economic attractions such as a shopping mall. Orlando Rodriguez of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission also presented some concerns on the use of census data. These concerns were discussed and it was determined that they would continue to be discussed at future working group meetings.

Chair Dyson asked that the final draft report be distributed to the advisory board at least one week prior to its release. A press conference for the release of the report will be scheduled for the beginning of September.

IV. General Discussion

There was no general discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.