



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, November 7, 2013

10am - 12pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Mui Mui Hin McCormick, Sean Thakkar, Sandra Staub, Aaron Swanson, Jim Fazzalano, Art Kureczka, Andrew Clark, Ken Barone, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Michael Lawlor, Tanya Hughes, Stacey Manware, Chris Seledmaier, Glenn Cassis, Douglas Fuchs, Joseph Cristalli, Gabriel Cano, Michael Gailor, Nicholas Boulter,

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

I. Welcome on behalf of Co-Chairs William Dyson and John DeCarlo

Bill Dyson welcomed the advisory board thanked them before continuing on to the rest of the agenda.

II. Approval of October 3, 2013 minutes

A motion was made by Chris Sedelmaier and seconded by Cheryl Sharp to approve the minutes from August 8, 2013. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Update on October 1, 2013 Implementation

Ken Barone provided an update on the implementation of the Alvin W. Penn Act. The law went into effect on October 1, 2013 and all law enforcement agencies should now be collecting new data elements. Training has been provided to law enforcement on the changes to the law. Each agency received a one-year supply of complaint notice booklets.

The project staff has been working with CJIS to finalize the technical requirements for submitting traffic stop data electronically. Many vendors have been submitting test files and we anticipate live data being submitted by the beginning of December.

IV. Data and System Work Group Update

a. DRS Exemption Recommendation

Robert Wazer and Marc Papandrea from DRS were present at the meeting to discuss the role of DRS Law enforcement officers. They were requesting an exemption from completed traffic stop information in some cases because of the nature of their work. DRS conduct approximately 50 or less motor vehicle stops each year. Most of those stops are of commercial vehicles for tax ID stickers or dyed fuel tests. The working group had a brief dialogue regarding the possible exemption.

The working group unanimously decided to recommend to the advisory board that the exemption be granted in cases of stops made to commercial motor vehicles during inspections. The full advisory board agreed with the recommendation of the working group and granted the exemption.

b. Benchmarking Data Process Update and Explanation

Jim Fazzalano and Ken Barone went through a more detailed presentation of the benchmarking method that is to be used in Connecticut. They discussed some of the assumptions that have been made and resolved. Using the estimated driving population is a fairly mechanical process because once the formula is identified it can be replicated across CT. It will also allow us to identify the unique driving situations in the state like the casinos. The project staff will be using this Rhode Island model as a set of guidelines because all of the steps will need to be refined in ways that are important to Connecticut.

V. January 2014 Progress Report Outline

Jim Fazzalano presented an outline of the January 2014 progress report for the General Assembly. Advisory board members discussed the definition of racial profiling in the statute. It was decided that a phone conference would be scheduled with Lorie Fridell to discuss this topic in more detail.

VI. General Discussion

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Next meeting: December 12, 2013

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Full Advisory Board Meeting

Name	Organization
Jim Fazzalard	CCSU
CHRIS SEDELMAYER	UNH
GLENN CASSIS	AAAC
Deborah DeIPrete Sullivan	OCPD
Sean Thakkar	CJIS GB
DOUG FUCHS	CPCA
Sandy Gandy	ACLU CT
Stephen B. Manware	Judicial
Joseph Cristalli	DOT Highway Safety
Aaron Swanson	DOT - Highway Safety
Tanya Hughes	CAHO
Monica Hammie-Richardson	CHRO
GABRIEL J CAVO	NH TSA
Michael Carlor	OCSA
Nicholas Bouter	Simsbury Police
Mui Mui Hin-McCormick	APAC
ART KURECZKA	CCSY
MIKE LAWLER	CPM
Andrew Dale	CCSU