



Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

Present: William Dyson, Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, George Sinclair, Ana Maria Mitchell, Amy Bepko, Chief Neil Dryfe, Werner Oyanadel, Melvin Medina, Cheryl Sharp, Tamara Lanier, Chief L.J. Fusaro, Andy Friedland, Rashad Glass, Matt Ross, Brian Foley

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Welcome

Chairman Dyson welcomed the advisory board and thanked them for attending.

II. Approval of the June 25, 2019 minutes

Andrew Clark made a motion to approve the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Werner Oyanadel and the minutes were approved.

III. General Announcements

Ana Maria Mitchell, IMRP community outreach coordinator, announced that there will be a public forum in New London on September 18, 2019. The forum will take place at the New London Technical High School from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The forum will be filmed and highlights from the forum will be made available to advisory board and members of the public on our website. All advisory board members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Ken Barone informed members that the Policy Work Group met earlier in the month to discuss its agenda for the remainder of the year. The work group highlighted several areas that they will be focusing on including, (1) the definition of racial profiling, (2) racial disparities in consent searches, and (3) urban trauma. The group extended a thank you to Chief Drumm for hosting the meeting and providing lunch. The next meeting will take place in October on a date still to be determined.

Ken also informed members that the data sharing agreement between CCSU and the Centralized Infractions Bureau has been signed and should be fully executed soon. Lastly, Ken informed advisory board members that the IMRP will be conducting an audit of the New Milford Police Department traffic stop records dating back to 2016. This is the result of a complaint submitted to the IMRP regarding possible records not being submitted to the state. The advisory board will be informed of the results of the audit once complete.

IV. “Identifying Racial Bias in Traffic Stops and Exploring Policy Interventions”, presentation by Matthew B. Ross, Ph.D.

Matthew Ross presented several research initiatives that he and his team have been engaged with over the last several years to help advance the analytical tools available for assessing racial disparities in traffic stops. In his presentation he discussed new ways for identifying discrimination in traffic stops, and how social scientists frame the problem. Matt and his team have published three academic articles about the Veil of Darkness approach and other factors that may impact the analysis. Additional research being conducted includes testing for discrimination using weather, exploring disparities in exposure and conditioning on risk, understanding how much early exposure to diversity matters, and understanding how much experience and training matter. A full copy of the presentation and supporting research is available on our website at www.ctrp3.org.

V. General Discussion

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (L.O.B. room 1B) where the preliminary results for the 2018 Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings will be presented to the advisory board.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.