

Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting Date | 3/16/2021 3:00 p.m. | Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs Connie Kostelac
Medical College of WI

Megan Jones
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Staff Matt Raymer
Heather Kierzek
Dennis Powers
Lara Kenny

Subcommittee Members Present

Megan Jones, Connie Kostelac, Erika Schoot, Mandy Potapenko, David Harvey, Milda Aksamitauskas, Laura Ninneman, Ousmane Diallo, Chris Henning, Brenda Ray, Derek Veitenheimer, Sara Ward-Cassady

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Michael Schwendau, Jean Bousquet, Bryan Huebsch

AGENDA TOPICS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Due to an issue with the Zoom meeting ID, this was not a properly noticed public meeting. The approval of minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

Potential Data Sharing Legislation

Megan Jones provided an update on data sharing legislation that was passed in Florida. Badger Institute invited individuals from Florida to give a presentation on the legislation. After the presentation Jones, Connie Kostelac and several others met with Badger Institute to provide a summary of the work the Data Sharing Subcommittee has done and is doing in relation to the potential for legislation in WI. A short summary document was created and distributed to Badger Institute and has also been distributed to subcommittee members and the Chairs of the CJCC. Project Return has been a leader in the movement towards creating WI legislation that mandates data sharing among criminal justice agencies, and Jones and Kostelac are hoping to be part of a meeting with that group to share the same information that was shared with Badger Institute.

Overview of National Data Sharing Efforts

Kostelac provided an update on Justice Counts - <https://justicecounts.csgjusticecenter.org>, a national data sharing effort. They are attempting to aggregate statewide criminal justice data to inform policymakers.

Jones provided an update on the Criminal Justice Administrative Records System (CJARS) – <https://cjars.isr.umich.edu/overview/research/data-documentation/summary-of-current-data-holdings>, through the University of Michigan and the U.S. Census Bureau. They are attempting to link criminal justice data with census data. Documentation will be shared in SharePoint.

Mandy Potapenko provided a brief update on the Data Driven Justice Initiative – <https://craftmediabucket.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/DDJPlaybook.pdf> and <https://www.naco.org/resources/signature-projects/data-driven-justice>. Quarterly peer conversations also occur around this effort.

Demographic Data Survey Review

Kostelac discussed the changes made to the survey. The survey will be sent out to law enforcement agencies to gather information on how and when demographic information is being collected. Kostelac and Derek Veitenheimer will contact the Crime Information Bureau (CIB) at the Department of Justice (DOJ) to get more information on the TIME system and the additional connected systems. Members also discussed the complications of utilizing a State Identification Number (SID) to connect records. Members can provide additional feedback on the survey through the end of the week. The survey will be sent out in Qualtrics sometime next week.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative Update

Veitenheimer provided an update on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The action plan has been submitted and feedback has been received. The plan will be updated based on the feedback provided. Veitenheimer hopes to have the position recruitment in process by the next meeting.

Data Sharing Agreement Template Update

Milda Aksamitauskas continues to develop a data sharing agreement template. Currently the draft template is being worked on by legal services at DOJ.

Indicator Development

Jones led a discussion on developing performance indicators that could only be established through data sharing. Kostelac discussed that she thinks it is important to develop indicators to show the value and potential of data sharing. She will develop a spreadsheet with different topic areas. Subcommittee members are asked to update the spreadsheet with performance indicators that would be beneficial to create under each topic. Some possible topics could include reentry, overdoses, gun violence, driver's license revocation, and COVID impacts.

Additional Discussion

No additional topics were discussed.

Public Comment

Rhonda Frank-Loron indicated she was attending as a member of the public.

The meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.