



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Data Sharing/Outcomes, Trends and Indicators Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs **Connie Kostelac** and **Ashley Billig**

Subcommittee Members Present:	Connie Kostelac, Ashley Billig, Brenda Ray, Laura Ninneman, Chris Henning, Zach Baumgart, Ellie Hartman, Mike Schwendau, Dave Harvey, Tim Duggan
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Tyler Brandt, Sara Ward-Cassady, Crystal Ruzicka
DOJ Staff:	Lara Kenny, Sabrina Gentile, Katie Snell, Ryan Anderson, Danielle Long, Sophia Hawley, Brandon Davis, Phil Zell
Other Agency Staff:	
Guests	Catoya Roberts (Milwaukee CJC), Ari Brown (Wisconsin Policy Forum)

Welcome and Opening Comments

Subcommittee Co–Chair Connie Kostelac welcomed members to the meeting at 2:31pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2024

A motion was made by Laura Ninneman and seconded by Brenda Ray to approve the April 16, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

State Criminal Justice Data Assessment Overview – Ari Brown, Wisconsin Policy Forum

Ari Brown, a researcher with WI Policy Forum, discussed the State Criminal Justice Data Assessment Overview. Kicking off project in September funded by the Public Welfare Foundation to understand criminal justice landscape at very high level. Other types of information will also be included in the landscape report, which will be worked on over 12-18 months. They are interested in creating an advisory group for the project. He will look for another state report (Colorado) that is similar to the deliverable for this project. He will also review to see if Clean Slate is mentioned in the previous Colorado report.

Agency Data Initiative Updates

The following agency updates were provided:

Department of Health Services (DHS) – Laura Ninneman

- The Act 181 RFP is moving forward, it has been posted and is now in the evaluation phase. The Act requires DOA to create a state opioid data system. The current direction is still to collect and report out data in aggregate format.
- Data modernization efforts are moving forward. The Data Interoperability Project involves creating efficiencies (possibly a data lake) to make data easier to link. Currently they are doing a proof of concept with AWS and Google.
- Demo set up for data request tracking system set up (Salesforce).

Department of Transportation (DOT) – Dave Harvey/Mike Schwendau

- State Patrol is working on WISTAR (WI Safety and Transportation Analysis Resource) with UW TOPS lab (Traffic Operations and Safety) to be able to merge these with crash data to use for various purposes but especially map overlays (heat maps, etc.).
 - Opportunity for any agency to put in data and see its intersection with traffic safety.
- Also working on FBI National Data Exchange (N-DEX) – pushing data to FBI’s intelligence database from TraCS. Three of the most used forms are mapped to their database. First choice of how to send it wasn’t available, the national TraCS is willing to build the mechanism and make it available to everyone.

Department of Corrections (DOC) – Zach Baumgart

- DOC is releasing a new Deaths in Custody dashboard likely towards the end of the month, including general descriptives and identifying information.

Department of Workforce Development (DWD) – Ellie Hartman

- DWD has updated evidence plan (posted in chat). They’ve seen an increase in data sharing requests – currently looking at establishing a process and finding a tool to help link data across systems and agencies (testing Google Vertex to help find and share DUAs and evidence – want to use AI to help), and also looking at the Administrative Data Resource Facility (ADRF). Arkansas is using this type of infrastructure to link data from across agencies, including security logistics. Continuing to explore what other states have done to link data across systems to more efficiently respond to data requests. DPI also has interest in sharing across education and workforce. Particular focus areas on youth with disabilities and those experiencing incarceration.

District Attorney Information Technology (DAIT) – Brenda Ray

- DAIT continuing with PROTECT modernization project and will not be moving the application suite to the web due to unknown costs. Instead, moving to middleware so it will be ready to move to the cloud in the future.

- Hired consultant to do digital evidence needs assessment; interviewing all DA's offices, county IT, state public defenders, etc. Recommendations will be put in budget request.
 - State Patrol plans to use TraCS for evidence software but is interested in whether TraCS could be integrated with new recommended system.

Court Operations – Tim Duggan

- Courts are modernizing data sharing interfaces with more modern APIs. Currently working on public assistance interfaces, DWD unemployment compensation interface, and then planning for next few years.

Department of Justice (WI DOJ) – Ashley Billig

- DOJ is getting ready to publish a new Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) dashboard that refreshes every morning. The dashboard shows the number of referrals and admissions to TAD programs from 2019-2023 with a few other filtering options on it. It also includes information on why individuals who were referred were not eligible to participate in a program. The dashboard will likely go live to the public next week.
- DOJ is also working on a new dashboard that will display crime offense rates, based on Uniform Crime Reporting data received by law enforcement. We already display offense counts, but a common request we get is for rates relative to the population. This will likely be published within the next few months.

MCW - Connie Kostelac

- New dashboards: CJC Executive Subcommittee dashboard, collisions dashboard, ARPA-funded violence dashboards in Milwaukee and across Wisconsin.
- New REDCap request system in place for data, research, analytic, and statistical support requests.

Demographic Data Discussion

- Ideally, the older demographic report can be updated and finalized; need any updates from agencies on how demographic information populates in each system and where it flows from.
 - Report to include how disparate data might display for the same person with different information from different systems.
- Have any agencies started to move towards the new OMB guidelines?
 - DHS has started drafting a new set and are actively meeting about it, but so many of their data sources are paid for by federal grants that guide what the values should be.
 - National compliance is within five years, but federal agency action plans should be submitted within 18 months.
 - Discussion around how the state should handle transferring old data to new standards and what might be possible.

- Need to also discuss not only how to collect it but how to report it out, for example, when two or more races are selected – is the person counted in their own “multiple” category? If so, that would artificially reduce the number of people in the separate categories of each of the multiple races that were reported.
- Many systems are based on federal agency standards, so the federal agencies need to switch first, since state system needs to match federal system.
 - **Will keep watching topic** - want to watch for the federal agency plans, which should be publicly available.
 - [OMB Publishes Revisions to Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity | OMB | The White House](#)

Metadata and Request Process Discussion

- DHS hired metadata specialist, is interested in any other agencies that have full metadata systems. DOT starting with Informatica. DOC has Alation as a system to document; seems like it would have everything they need if they adopted it fully.
 - **Action item: set up a meeting only for this topic in the next month.**

Justice Reinvestment Initiative (FY19) (JRI-19) – David Rinderle (DOJ/BJIA)

- The project is making progress; Sophia Hawley is a new intern working on the project for the summer. Data integration pieces are currently being worked on (crawlers, glue jobs, etc.). By the end of this month, the databases should be built.
- Finalized drafts of operating rules and standard MOU. Seeking feedback from group on these two documents; hoping for this feedback in next few weeks.
- Next steps are writing the transformations and matching methodology; also updating data dictionary of elements available in warehouse.
- Also working on entity-relationship diagrams and sharing request mechanism.

Justice Counts Update – Chris Henning (DOJ/BJIA)

- New research analyst (Caleb Coughtry-Carpenter) was hired for Justice Counts, and Brandon Davis (ISBA) was hired in BJIA as well.
- Met with 4 of other 5 implementation states.
- Presented to Wisconsin District Attorneys Association executive board last week; asked for pilot DA’s to walk through MOU and provide feedback and be willing to work w/ BJIA and DAIT in future on data exchange, and solicit feedback about data visualizations that would be useful to them.
- Upcoming meetings: Badger State Sheriffs Association on August 8, and Oct 2 at Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriff’s Association Jail Conference.
- Currently, staff are working on planning structure for jail and prosecution data.

Other Discussion

The full CJCC approved bylaws during its last meeting on June 12, 2024. The approved bylaws can be found on the CJCC website under About CJCC: <https://cicc.doj.wi.gov/>

Meeting date for next meeting is 15th of October.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

A motion was made by Brenda Ray and seconded by Mike Schewendau to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.