Advisory Group Contracts with MAD to Gauge Response to Identification Standard Recommendations

The Advisory Group will gather feedback on a plan to photograph individuals as part of identification procedures during initial encounters with law enforcement.

The state’s Management Analysis and Development, or MAD, will hold presentations/discussions with stakeholders, civil liberties and victim advocates, community representatives and others to gauge their reaction to the plan. If this approach is not feasible, MAD will conduct individual interviews.

The Data and Identification Standards Subcommittee recommended photos be taken during an individual’s original encounter with law enforcement to reduce incidents of misidentification of persons in the criminal justice system. The image would be associated with the file that would follow the individual through the criminal justice process.

MAD intends to complete its work by the end of March 2018. The BCA is funding the effort.

Data Practices Subcommittee Pursuing Presentations to Legislative Groups

Members of the Advisory Group’s Data Practices Subcommittee are attempting to schedule time with the Legislative Commission on Data Practices to present the findings of its surveys on data sharing.

MAD surveyed criminal justice stakeholders and public earlier this year on general concerns about data, what data is shared among government agencies, and what is shared with the public. The goal was not to find solutions but rather hear a broader spectrum of voices on the issue.

Subcommittee members will work with Minnesota Representative Peggy Scott, who chairs the legislative committee to schedule the presentation.

Where do we go From Here? Advisory Group Discusses Options

Advisory Group members at their November meeting continued discussions to define the group’s function and purpose. Members talked about whether the Advisory Group could be useful in the areas of criminal justice information research, advocacy, process/practice uniformity and other areas.

The group also discussed whether a change to the Advisory Group’s name would be helpful.

The Collaborative Relationships and Funding Subcommittee will provide an overview of its next steps at the next Advisory Group meeting.

Note: The information in this publication is an unofficial summary of activity. It should not be considered official meeting minutes or an official program status report. Information subject to change.
Advisory Group Members Asked to Serve on Subcommittees

Advisory Group subcommittees are asking for more members to join their ranks as they move forward with their work. Subcommittee members do not need to be Advisory Group members – so if you know of someone with knowledge or experience beneficial to a subcommittee’s work, please contact them about taking part. There are three Advisory Group subcommittees.

- Collaborative relationships and funding
- Data and identification standards
- Data practices

A reminder – subcommittee chairs are asked to email a list of current members to bcaadvisorygroupsupport@state.mn.us. New member information should go to the same address. Updated subcommittee member lists will be available at the February Advisory Group meeting.

Nominations Sought for new Second Vice-Chair

The Advisory Group is seeking nominations from its membership for a new second vice chair. This is a six-year leadership commitment with the Advisory Group – the second vice chair fills this role for two years, then moves into the vice chair position for two years, then to the chair position for two years before rotating out.

Members should contact Dana Gotz at dana.gotz@state.mn.us to nominate yourself or someone else on the Advisory Group. Current chairs will review the nominees and members will elect the next second vice chair during the February Advisory Group meeting.

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a welcome to the two newest members of the Advisory Group.

- **Shawn Tweten** – Shawn works with clients in residential treatment and joins the Advisory Group as a public member.
- **Roger Pohlman** – Roger is chief of the Red Wing Police Department and represents the League of Minnesota Cities.

Reminders:

**Discuss Integration Project Needs with Organizations You Represent**

A reminder that Advisory Group members have until January 2, 2018, to submit Legislative Funding Request Forms for criminal justice information integration projects by agencies, associations and organizations you represent that are interested in Advisory Group support.

The Advisory Group will review all proposals received by the deadline at its February 9 meeting and will advocate on behalf of certain projects with the legislature and the governor’s office.

Persons/organizations interested in submitting a project for Advisory Group review are asked to submit the completed form to bcaadvisorygroupsupport@state.mn.us.

**Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group Website**

The Advisory Group website contains meeting materials, background information, the Path to Integration and more. Link to the website, or go to bca.dps.mn.gov, then click on Boards/Committees, and Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group.

Next Advisory Group Meeting  Fri., February 9, 2018 – 9 a.m.  Bureau of Criminal Apprehension