Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group Meeting
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Subcommittee Updates

Data & Identification Standards
Chief Jeff McCormick provided an overview of subcommittee recommendations for addressing questioned identity and biometrics.

The subcommittee recommended the BCA develop a marker in criminal history records to indicate the most recent legal name. If the person charged is proven not to be the person cited or arrested, the prosecutor could automatically send an expungement with dismissal.

The subcommittee also recommended that law enforcement take fingerprints when citing someone for an offense. The fingerprint would be stored in eCharging, which limits how the data could be accessed and would keep it untied from criminal history or other databases. In court, the suspected offender’s fingerprint would be captured again, proving they are — or are not — the same person. These recommendations would require changes in statute and new processes and rules surrounding data retention and privacy would need to be developed. There would also be a need to create or purchase new technology.

The Advisory Group also discussed the possibility of using facial recognition. Several members noted that the national conversation is trending against the use of facial recognition technology, with some jurisdictions already banning it or pushing legislation to ban it.

The subcommittee will submit more detailed information on specific statute changes and cost estimates during the May Advisory Group meeting.

Data Practices
The subcommittee met in January to discuss options for highlighting data sharing successes and issues. The subcommittee is on a brief hiatus while its chair, Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, is on reassignment outside of the Department of Administration.

Collaborative Relationships & Funding
Members are encouraged to submit funding requests (PDF) which the committee will review and bring to the full Advisory Group.

Advisory Group Announcements
- The Advisory Group nominated and approved Red Wing Police Chief Roger Pohlman to the second vice chair position.
- The agenda for the May meeting will include a discussion on how to gain input from communities of color, a presentation on implementing Rap Back, and possible legislative updates.

Next Advisory Group Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2020
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
Room W277

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