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**Advisory Group Focus on Advancing Sub-Committee Efforts**

**Data & Identification Standards**
This subcommittee is looking at identifying recommendations for strengthening Minnesota criminal justice identification standards as well as a process for accomplishing those changes.

The subcommittee reached out to other states to learn about their identification practices. About half have responded thus far.

The subcommittee will meet twice this summer to refine draft recommendations, review information received from other states, and identify next steps. The subcommittee will present the results of its work at the August Advisory Group meeting.

Contact Oded Galili to join this sub-committee.

**Data Practices**
Sub-committee members have had a difficult time finding a legislative audience to hear the results of their research on perceptions by the public and practitioners about criminal justice data.

They are now discussing next steps, including the possibility of working through legislative members who are on the Advisory Group.

**Collaborative Relationships & Funding**

**Funding** -- The subcommittee reported just one project was submitted by an organization looking for support for its funding request during the 2019 legislative session.

The Board of Public Defense and the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association asked the Advisory Group to support its request for $1.25 million to build an electronic path for case document distribution to their practitioners from the Minnesota Judicial Branch with new document notification capability. The path would potentially speed receipt of case documents and reduce courtroom delays.

The ongoing challenge is a funding mechanism – no agency has wanted the legislative request to be appropriated to their agency as it potentially competes with that agency’s other budget priorities. Allocating the appropriation to the Department of Public Safety’s Office of Justice Programs, to be managed as a grant program, is one option that may be more feasible. The subcommittee determined it would wait to determine a recommended funding mechanism until the next administration’s priorities are known.

**Collaborative Relationships** --- The subcommittee will encourage organizations to fill open spots on the Advisory Group.

**Advisory Group members sit in on subcommittee discussions**
Members next broke into their sub-committees for further discussions. This gave other advisory group members a chance to sit in on and/or participate in the conversations.

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