Public Responses to Data Practices Survey Reviewed

The Advisory Group heard the results of a survey that is part of its effort to better understand how sharing and releasing data on individuals is perceived in Minnesota. The survey covered general concerns about data, what data is shared among government agencies, and what is shared with the public.

Generally, respondents were not concerned about the government keeping or sharing information but said the data should not be shared with the public.

Questions

Q1: How concerned are you about (READ LIST) …are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned, or do you not know enough about it to say?

Q2: There are some common situations where government agencies share criminal justice information WITH EACH OTHER. In your opinion, should (READ LIST) be always shared, usually shared, usually not shared, or never shared?

Q3: I’m going to read phrases that describe common types of criminal justice information that is shared with the PUBLIC, which includes individuals, organizations or businesses, or the media. In your opinion, should (READ LIST) be always shared, usually shared, usually not shared, or never shared with the public?

See the PPT presentation from the meeting to see several characteristic correlations that emerged.

The Advisory Group asked the sub-committee to mine the data for more information and try to identify any holes in the data. The data practices sub-committee also surveyed Minnesota criminal justice stakeholders.

The Group hopes to share the results of both surveys with the legislature in the fall. Minnesota Management and Budget Management Analysis and Development and the University of Minnesota helped the data practices sub-committee develop and administer the survey.

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.

Revised Advisory Group Bylaws Approved

The Advisory Group finalized and approved language in its first bylaws with three changes to the draft document.

- A third point under the Responsibilities section was added, indicating “Bylaws may be changed biannually. Changes will require 30 days notice to the group.”
- The last sentence in the third graph under Membership and Officers was edited to read “Only members of the Advisory Group or their designees may speak on behalf of the Advisory Group when needed.”
- The last sentence in the Designees/Proxies section under Meetings was changed to read: “Proxies may vote; however, if an appointed member fails to attend or sends a proxy more than two meetings in a row, the Chair will contact the member or the proxy’s appointing/designating authority regarding the Member’s continued participation.

Read the full, updated bylaws.

-------------- Subcommittee Updates --------------

Collaborative Relationships and Funding Subcommittee

The subcommittee will meet prior to the August 2017 Advisory Group meeting and report back to the Group on two topics.

- **Project Proposal Funding** – The subcommittee determined that in some cases, the cost of projects with statewide or multi-agency benefits are unfairly shouldered by a single agency. In addition, budget requests made by an agency for an Advisory Group-proposed project with statewide benefits can jeopardize that agency’s individual budget priorities and allocations. The subcommittee will develop recommendations for how proposals would be funded moving forward.

- **Advisory Group Branding** – The subcommittee will discuss branding needs and strategies for the Advisory Group.

Data and Identification Standards Subcommittee

The subcommittee identified two viable options for improving identification standards in the criminal justice process.

- **Photos** - Available of the subject during the criminal justice process to help ensure the party is indeed the subject.

- **Fingerprints** – Obtain two-finger prints of the subject earlier in the process to assist with identification.

The subcommittee determined that both would help improve ensure the criminal justice system is dealing with the correct individual.

Advisory Group members requested to continue the discussion at the August 2017 meeting.

Spencer Bakke Leaves Advisory Group

Longtime Task Force and Advisory Group member Spencer Bakke announced that he is resigning his spot on the Advisory Group effective immediately. Bakke explained the decision is due to a change in his role at the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office.

Bakke joined the Task Force in 2011 as a representative of the Minnesota Sheriff’s Association. He will reach out to the association about naming a replacement on the Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group thanks Spencer for his years of service.

Next Advisory Group Meeting    Friday, August 11, 2017 – 9 a.m.  Bureau of Criminal Apprehension