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Advisory Group Members Asked to Discuss Integration Project Needs with Organizations

Planning is already underway for the 2019 legislative session – the next budget session – and Advisory Group members are asked to reach out to the agencies, associations and organizations they represent regarding any legislative funding requests for criminal justice information integration projects.

As the Policy Group did in the past, the Advisory Group will advocate on behalf of certain projects with the legislature and the governor’s office. Recently, this helped secure millions in legislative funding for projects such as the new Criminal History System, the Crime Reporting System and the new Predatory Offender Registry.

The Advisory Group’s Legislative Funding Request Form is posted on the Advisory Group Website. The Advisory Group will review proposals according to the following schedule.

- Prior to Jan. 2, 2018 – Advisory Group members meet with agencies/associations/organizations you represent
- January 2, 2018 – Legislative Funding Request Form submission deadline
- February 9, 2018 – Advisory Group review of proposals received
- May 11, 2018 – Advisory Group will determine which (if any) proposals the group will endorse

Persons/organizations interested in submitting a project for Advisory Group review are asked to complete the form and submit it to bcaadvisorygroupsupport@state.mn.us for Advisory Group review before the January 2, 2018 deadline.

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Jay Arrowsmith-DeCoux Leaves Advisory Group

Advisory Group member Mayor Jay Arrowsmith-DeCoux has resigned his spot on Advisory Group effective immediately. Grand Marais Mayor Arrowsmith-DeCoux joined the Task Force in 2015 as a representative of the League of Minnesota Cities.

The Advisory Group thanks Jay for his service.

Two New Members Join Advisory Group

Lolita Davis Carter and Shawn Tweten are the two newest members of the Advisory Group.

The governor’s office appointed Davis Carter and Tweten to public member positions on the Advisory Group. One public spot on the Advisory Group remains open.

Welcome Lolita and Shawn!

Government Data Update

The Data Practices Subcommittee met last Tuesday to further analyze the results of the study on sharing and releasing data on individuals in Minnesota. The subcommittee will provide an update at the November 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 Approves Plan to Develop Identification Standards Proposal

At its August meeting, the Advisory Group voted to move forward with a plan to develop an identification standards proposal.

Certain data about individuals – name, date of birth, fingerprints, DNA – is collected from people who interact with the Minnesota criminal justice system according to a tiered system based on the seriousness of the encounter.

If someone whose encounter does not require the collection of biometric information gives false information – like someone else’s name and date of birth – that can cause problems for the person whose name they give. Here’s an example: When Bob has an encounter with law enforcement he tells officers that he’s James. Now, when an employer does a background check on the real James, Bob’s incident comes up, and James may not get the job.

The Data and Identifications Standards Subcommittee discussed several possible remedies, including strengthening identification requirements at every encounter with a photo or fingerprints. The subcommittee recommended a vetting process to understand the pros and cons of collecting additional data, as well as the public appetite for it.

The BCA will work with Minnesota Analysis and Development (MAD) to put together a proposal on how the work would be done. The Advisory Group will review the proposal at its November meeting.

Have you visited the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group Website Lately?

The Advisory Group Website, located within the BCA Website, contains information about Advisory Group membership, past meetings, and reports. You can also find the Path to Integration, the report documenting progress in criminal justice information integration. You can find the Advisory Group Website at https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/boards-committees/cjji-advisory-group/Pages/default.aspx

You can also go to the BCA Website at bca.dps.mn.gov, click on Boards/Committees, then Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group.

Building the Advisory Board Brand

The Advisory Group began a discussion about its vision for its relationship with the legislature and criminal justice agencies. The goal is to move beyond the CriMNet model by reshaping the identity and activities of the group. Members offered many ideas.

- Future and solution focused
- Setting and auditing technical standards
- Establishing consistency in criminal justice systems
- A voice about policy
- Unbiased source of information about criminal justice issues and project funding proposals

Members suggested leveraging private industry, the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs and criminal justice associations’ lobbying groups for expertise on topics. Members also suggested continuing to meet with legislative committee chairs to offer assistance as they discuss criminal justice related issues and requests.

Next Advisory Group Meeting     Fri., November 3, 2017 – 9 a.m.  Bureau of Criminal Apprehension