Welcome and Introductory Items

Advisory Group Chair Steve Washburn called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 2021 Advisory Group meeting minutes. A vote was taken. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. A vote was taken. The motion carried.
The Violence Project – Dr. James Densley, Public Member

James Densley and his colleague Jillian Peterson presented on The Violence Project, which conducted research and created a database of mass shootings. There has been increased state and national attention to mass shootings in recent years. The project was funded by the National Institute of Justice. The cases included begin in 1966 to present day and include those cases with four or more people killed in a non-gang related shooting. The database is compiled by 170 life history variables of the shooter. These variables include the shooter’s mental health, education, how they got access to firearms, family life etc. The project also includes a firearms database and victim’s database. The project included correspondence with suspects in prison and interviews with survivors and first responders. The Violence Project revealed that mass shooters are “insiders” and that 90% percent of workplace shooters are current or former employees. It also revealed that most school shooters are current or former students, and many place of worship shooters are current or former congregants.

In some cases the suspect is suicidal before the attack takes place. Shooters research other shooters and will leak their plans ahead of time to peers or co-workers. In 40% of mass shootings, the shooter commits suicide and 19% are killed by law enforcement also known as “suicide by cop”.

Based on research and interviews, four factors were identified: childhood trauma; identifiable crisis point; other research of other mass shooters; and access to people/places/firearms.

James and his colleagues are working on a new initiative called The Off-Ramp Project which launches on May 12, 2021. This project is a resource hub through The Violence Project which offers training and courses to help prevent those that are going through a mental crisis and to prevent individuals from committing violence against themselves and others.

Colorado has implemented a program called Safe2tell. This response teams are 24x7, 365 days a year.

James encouraged the group to bring this information back to their respective organizations.

BCA Fusion Center See It, Say It, Send It Update – Diane Bartell

Diane Bartell presented an update on the BCA Fusion Center’s See It, Say It, Send It app. The app is an anonymous tip reporting tool that is housed at the BCA’s Minnesota Fusion Center. Phase 1 is using the app as a tip reporting tool to report planned violence or criminal activity at schools or places at worship, to report suspicious activity or terroristic plans, and to provide tips on cold cases.

The Fusion Center at the BCA will field all phone calls. Currently staffing is Monday-Friday normal business hours. No funding available at this point for 24x7 staffing; however a legislative budget request was submitted as part of the Governor’s budget this session.
Rap Back Overview – Julie Letourneau Lackner

Julie Letourneau Lackner presented the FBI’s RAP Back program. This program is offered by the FBI to allow for the continuous vetting of individuals in positions of trust such as school bus drivers, teachers, foster care providers, daycare workers, nurses, security guards, school employees and other service providers to vulnerable populations (children, elderly and those disabled).

Julie provided an example of a possible RAP back scenario:

- Current world scenario: Individual undergoes a fingerprint based background check and the employer or licensor makes a decision based on the response from that day. No check is performed after that. If the person is arrested and/or convicted of a crime, the employer may not find out or may find out from external source like a media outlet.

- With RAP Back: Individual undergoes a fingerprint based background check, their fingerprints are retained, and if there is a new offense, the employer or licensor is notified and can take action if necessary.

Steps to implement RAP back – State must have legislative authority to participate, including authority to retain fingerprints. State must identify privacy risk mitigation strategies. States must also have systems in place to facilitate the program. This would allow the agency to set up a subscription, cancel a subscription and securely receive notifications of new criminal activity.

The BCA and FBI held a stakeholder meeting in September 2019 with a number of external stakeholders such as the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Health-Related Licensing Boards, the ACLU, tribal organizations, the Association of Minnesota Counties etc.

RAP Back implementation has been delayed due to some concerns of stakeholders and lack of consensus.

Data & Identification Standards Subcommittee Update – Dana Gotz

Dana Gotz provided an update for the Data & Identification Standards Subcommittee in Chief McCormick’s absence. Steve Holmgren discussed the letter submitted on behalf of the Board of Public Defense. The Board of Public Defense supports the initiative stating misidentification is a real issue within the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System. The response from the Board of Public Defense will be forwarded to the subcommittee for review. No other action was taken.

Diversity Subcommittee Update – Barbara Carson

Barbara provided an update from the Diversity Subcommittee and presented five recommendations to the group.

The subcommittee is planning to provide more detail for each recommendation at the August meeting.

Proposal for Welcoming Diverse Voices to CJJIAG

1. When there is a vacancy in CJJIAG, a notice is sent to the designated individual or organization to remind them that a replacement is needed and include the following statement, “We encourage you to
reflect upon the diversity of your organization and of justice-involved people in Minnesota when selecting this replacement.”

2. We extend an invitation to justice-related organizations to send someone to join our standing committees.

3. We send an invitation to justice-related organizations that focus on issues of historically oppressed groups, to attend and speak at CJJIAG meetings, although they will not be eligible to vote. If these organizations want, we routinely send them our agenda of topics being covered.

4. We routinely invite justice-related organizations that focus on issues of historically oppressed groups to make presentations that will assist us in the mission of CJJIAG.

5. We hold discussions with legislative groups about how to change statutes that would ensure diverse are a part of CJJIAG.

**Member Roundtable**

Steve Washburn – The group is in need of a 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair. Steve’s term as Chair also ends in November. The time commitment is minimal, so please let Dana know if you are interested.

Shana Conklin – Cities are dealing with large data practices requests from companies on the history of when the city was started, property matters and other items cause a strain on resources.

Kathy Hoyle – Board of Public Defense has been working on system integration on obtaining audio/video with Ramsey County for over a year. Once the audio/video is in the system it’s assigned to a specific case.

Nate Reitz – Criminal History scores have become much more accurate.

Stephanie Revering – Police Reform is being discussed at the Legislature. Special Session to take place. More information can be found on the MN Police Chiefs Association’s website.

**Possibly August agenda items:**

- Fusion Center presentation on See It, Say It, Send It
- 1st Vice Chair & 2nd Vice Chair Elections
- Anything further on Data and Identification Standards White Paper
- Diversity Subcommittee

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, August 13, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
WebEx

**The meeting adjourned.**