

Data Sharing Task Force
Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Minutes

June 1, 2016, 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM
700 Kipling, 3rd Floor North Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

CHAIR

Jeanne Smith (Chair), Division of Criminal Justice

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Scott Turner, Attorney General's Office

Maureen Cain, Defense Attorney

Meg Williams, Juvenile Parole

ABSENT

Kris Nash, for Eric Philp, Division of Probation Service

Lang Sias, House Representative

STAFF

Christine Adams, Division of Criminal Justice

Issue/Topic: Municipal Data Action	Discussion: <p>We have not yet heard from Meghan Dollar (Colorado Municipal League). She was going to contact some local municipalities to see if they were interested. We will contact her again to confirm her interest in this group and to determine when she will be able to join us at future meetings.</p>
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Issue/Topic: Next Steps Action	Discussion: <p>The National Criminal Justice Association and the National Governor's Association have obtained a grant from the Arnold Foundation to provide technical assistance to five states on any of five topic areas related to criminal justice including data and information sharing. Ms. Smith thought it would be useful for this task force to help the state pursue this as it relates to municipal data sharing. Another area of interest will be information sharing as it relates to mental health and jails.</p> <p>The Governor's office is interested in doing something as a state and would like to help support an application.</p> <p>Last year this task force had a recommendation that was supported by the Commission for a statewide group to be created. Applying for this grant would help to accomplish the goal of this recommendation.</p> <p>Ms. Smith suggested she present, on behalf of this group, this idea and the Adams County model to the Governor's Criminal Justice Policy Group as a suggestion for how data sharing may be pursued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Cain feels that there are "cloud" options that may not be as costly and may already exist that could be developed further. - Mr. Turner stated that there was a late bill related to this that had a lot of money attached to it (Xerox) but was dropped. It was stated that the level of criminal justice support for this bill was often misstated. - Ms. Williams stated that she loves the Adams County model and the idea of expanding from this because a lot of the hard work has been done. This will really help with the gap of municipal data. The lack of a link to muni data is a real unmet need. - Ms. Cain is concerned that data sharing will exclude the defense. She stated that there needs to be multiple ways to access the data. The outcome needs to be some sense of reform. The purpose of the Arnold Foundation is to reduce mass incarceration and bail reform. Ms. Cain stated that this is very county based and the cost is high and may be of no interest to the state. She noted that while we do want to share data we need to know for what purpose.
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- Data that may be of interest would include number of crimes as well as services available. Crossover youth between counties would also be useful. This would all help with better planning and better service delivery and would possibly help to avoid detention.
- Ms. Smith reminded the group that we initially did focus groups around the state with case managers and they said data sharing was lacking, if it existed at all.
- As far as the reform goes people are still guessing about what's really happening. Adams County has an aggregated dashboard to help people assess issues based on fact rather than anecdotes.
- Data sharing is clearly something the Arnold Foundation is interested in since it's one of their 5 topic areas but whatever data we include in the data sharing it has to have a purpose.
 - What information is gathered will differ by who reports and for what purpose. For instance: Why was someone picked up for a curfew violation? Were they a victim of sexual assault? That would relate to a treatment plan.
- It will be important to include CIJIS because they're already our portal for some of our data. But we need to create this and make sure each entity is interconnected and not once again independently collecting information.
- We also need to make sure we're collecting good data. We need good data to make good analyses.
- Other important data to include is:
 - Trails data and other child welfare data and they're not all part of CIJIS.
 - DOC data and what they did with the offender while they were incarcerated.

Maybe one way to sell this is for us to walk through how we would use this information.

- Data sharing could help inform what an individual has previously done regarding treatment.
- This would be pretty restricted regarding access, but non-identifiable information could be used for research.
- This would help to develop evidence based decision making (EBDM).
 - What is the data actually telling you?
 - What is actually in your population?
- It would be nice to aim the treatment availability at what the needs are in the population.

Results First was mentioned as an example of how the Governor is interested in data and research based decision making. But it was explained that this was a cost comparison study. The amount spent vs. the amount received in return were compared. It has nothing to do with whether a program "works" for an individual

person.

- But yes, the Governor is interested in the data.

The other idea Ms. Smith had for this presentation goes along with the jails and Mental Health and Jails Task Force (a.k.a. Mental Health/Point of Contact Through Jail Release Task Force, Chair: Sheriff Joe Pelle) and Peggy Heil's work regarding mental health information sharing and jails.

The group then looked at various documents received from Debbie Allen (Adams County/17th Judicial District) regarding their data sharing system.

- Ms. Williams stated that what they're trying to do at the local level is what we should do at the state.
- The importance of a Governance agreement was briefly discussed. It was stated that this is important but that we must first build and each party must understand why it is being created, how it will be used, and what's in it for them.

Ms. Cain asked if CCJJ has the capacity to support this?

- Ms. Smith stated that CCJJ doesn't have the membership to do this but that they are a natural supporter. We need more technical, county, municipality, and governor's office participation.
- The ability to cooperate across these groups may be difficult.
- We must remember and must remind the group that no one is asking anyone to build a new system; we just want to interconnect existing systems with a portal.
- The governor's office would have to have a lot of leadership in this to get people to work together.

Groups that we may want to include are CML, CCI, Sheriffs (SO), County Commissioners, OIT, CIJIS and their agencies, child welfare, MH, Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health (OBH).

Other/future participants may come from the education system (174 school districts), CoRhio, community mental health.

- Save these stakeholders for a second effort though. We first need to establish a level of confidence that everything is not public.

If the objective is to get more information, how is more information bad?

- If you can't have all of the information how do you choose what to pick?
- The case managers have told us what they need and we need to have some faith in their statements.
- Mr. Turner stated that more information will help. An example is

	<p>that if person was picked up for prostitution once but was found to be victim of sex assault 5 times in muni court this may change how you look at their case.</p> <p>Important data sets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Race/ethnicity - Gender → differences by crime - Age groups → at what age does recidivism start to reduce
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Issue/Topic:	Discussion:
Next Steps	Dr. Adams will contact Meghan Dollar in an attempt to get to her to attend the next meeting.
Action	<p>Ms. Smith will update the group at the next task force meeting on the Governor's meeting presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Turner asked to briefly discuss attendance at meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance at the Commission has been an issue and it should be an issue here as well. If you're on this task force you should be here. But we're not sure what to do about this. - Ms. Smith will reach out to discuss interest. <p>Maybe we should go back to CCJJ and discuss expanding the group to cover the groups we want to reach out to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other groups that may be interested may be reached out to – i.e., Sub. Abuse TF, BH tran council, the (Xerox) Colorado Information Sharing Consortium

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Due to scheduling conflicts our next meeting will be on August 3.

CCJJ Data Sharing Task Force – 2016 Meeting Dates

August 3: 9:30am -11:30am
 September 7: 9:30am -11:30am
 October 5: 9:30am -11:30am
 November 2: 9:30am -11:30am
 December 7: 9:30am -11:30am