

Data, Study, and Evaluation Committee
Friday, February 25 at 9am

AGENDA

Reflection on Strategic Planning Session - 9:00am-9:10am

Review of Study Proposals - 9:10am-9:40am

TREC Recommendation in Question: STUDY RACIAL DISPARITY IN PROTESTS.

Commission a study of whether there are racial disparities in how protests and demonstrations are policed in North Carolina.

Process to Date: NCDOJ has collaborated with the Office of Strategic Partnerships to secure the attached proposals. We are

- Proposal #1: NC Wesleyan College Research Proposal
- Proposal #2: Florida State University Research Proposal
- Proposal #3: North Carolina A&T State University Research Proposal

Discussion questions for group:

- Does this proposal fulfill the TREC recommendation?
- Does this proposal help move us towards a policy recommendation on how to minimize or avoid racial disparities
- What questions do you have for this researcher?

Measuring Justice Dashboard - 9:40am-10:00am

Link to dashboard: <https://cjil.shinyapps.io/MeasuringJustice/>

TREC Item for Discussion: Data Committee discussed requesting the UNC Criminal Justice Lab add a tab regarding Drug Charges. For example, it could look similar to the Criminal Charging Tab and look specifically at the percentage of total misdemeanors that are related to marijuana possession and use. *(The work plan for the dashboard presented to us this fall is included below for your reference)*

Discussion questions for group:

- Does the charging tab satisfy our request for more accurate data on racial inequity in the charging of offenses related to drug possession or use?
 - o If yes, how can we use this data to track progress on either TREC Recommendations like *Rec #89: Study and adopt evidence-based reforms for reducing and eventually eliminating racial disparities in charging decisions and prosecutorial outcomes.*
 - o If no, what should we request to be changed or added?
- Do we have additional ideas for tabs beyond separating out drug charges?

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Quick Facts

How will stakeholders use the Dashboard?

The Dashboard will help stakeholders understand state and local systems, see where they are doing well, and spot areas that may need attention.

How will it work?

Users will choose a metric—such citations v. arrest rates—and navigate through data visualizations, tailoring content as they go. The Dashboard will let users

- ✓ Compare their county to other jurisdictions
- ✓ Look at state & county-specific results
- ✓ Examine different time periods
- ✓ Drill down on specific case types
- ✓ Explore racial disparities

What's the source for the data?

Currently the Dashboard is powered with information from our database of North Carolina Automated Criminal/Infraction System (ACIS) records. ACIS data is released every 6 months (January and July) and the Dashboard will update on that schedule. As of today, the Database is current through June 30, 2021. Because NC AOC has informed us that Odyssey system data will be released in the same way and on the same schedule, we plan to incorporate Odyssey data into our database. However, we have no specifications on the new Odyssey data and thus cannot project a timeline for that process. Population data comes from U.S. Census via the National Cancer Institute, which has processed the data to map onto the same ACIS racial categories. Over time we hope to add other data sources, to round out the picture of state and local resources and challenges.

What's the roll out schedule?

We're hoping to release the Dashboard in October. It will include data visualizations for two initial metrics. We'll add to the Dashboard over time.

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Draft Workplan—Metrics for Inclusion

Note: Because the Dashboard draws from ACIS data, we're limited to reliable data from that resource.

Phase 1: Initial Metrics—Projected Release Date: October 2021

1. Citation v. arrest
 - Case type: highest charge misdemeanor cases
 - Show results
 - Geographically
 - Over time
 - Raw counts
 - Racial breakdown
 - Users tailor by
 - Jurisdiction
 - Year
 - All misdemeanors, traffic misdemeanors, non-traffic misdemeanors
 - Unit of analysis
 - Case except for race, which is at the defendant level
2. Summons v. warrant
 - Case type: highest charge misdemeanor cases
 - Show results
 - Geographically
 - Over time
 - Raw counts
 - Racial breakdown
 - Users tailor by
 - Jurisdiction
 - Year
 - All misdemeanors, violent misdemeanors, non-violent misdemeanors
 - Unit of analysis
 - Case except for race, which is at the defendant level

Phase 2: Next Priority Metrics—Projected Release Date: Early 2022

1. Charging data
 - Case type: All (felonies and misdemeanors)
 - Show results
 - Geographically
 - Over time
 - Raw counts
 - Racial breakdown
 - Top offenses within categories
 - Users tailor by
 - Year
 - Offense type
 - All

- Felonies
 - Violent
 - Nonviolent
 - Nonviolent drug
- Misdemeanors
 - Violent
 - Nonviolent
 - Nonviolent drug
 - Non-DWI traffic
 - Ordinance
 - DWI
- Potential special features
 - Vary unit of analysis: Charge, Case, Defendant
 - Account for share of cases/charges attributable to repeat defendants

Phase 3: Additional Work

1. Additional visualizations
 - All metrics, by gender
 - For citation v. arrest, additional visualization of racial breakdown of repeat arrests
2. Additional features
 - Add download feature
3. Additional metrics
 - Non-appearance rates (by case type; separate out motor vehicle FTAs)
 - New pretrial criminal activity rates (by case type)
 - Disposition type (e.g., guilty verdict, plea, dismissal, acquittal, etc.)
 - Time to disposition
 - Appeals to superior court

Exploratory Work (overlapping with Phases 2-3)

1. Identify new data points in Odyssey
2. Sentencing data, including imposition of fines, fees and costs
3. GIS mapping, allowing users to look at metrics for specified areas such as town/city limits
4. Ability for users to generate reports

Next Level & Related Efforts

1. Incorporating aggregate and individual data outside of court records
2. Analysis of racial disparities (via reporting separate from the dashboard)