

Valcour Gov Board

12/11/2024

Attendees: Mark Anderson, Jen Beane, Mark Barber, Elizabeth Tracy, Eric Shepard, Michael Manley, Jennifer Morrison, Robin Nilson, Josiah Raiche, Loretta Stalnaker, Justin Steadman, Betty Wheeler, Mandy Wooster, Helen Tanona, Vegar, Katrina Riley, Shawn Loan, Benjamin Herrick, Adam Cohen, Michelle Hunt,

Call to Order 1002

Minutes from Nov

Motion to accept minutes by Justin

Seconded by Loretta

Approved Unanimously

Mark Abstaining

DPS Data Lake Request – Commissioner Morrison

Commissioner Morrison: Envisioned a data link that would have multiple data links to be able to do real time data mining. Before the 2022 violent crime increase were thinking a lot about building public-facing data related to types of crime in their community or use of force. This project was envisioned three or four years ago and did receive federal funding.

Robin Nilson, IT Lead from ADS. Josiah Raiche, States Chief Data and Lead AI Officer, lead on this project.

Project Objective: Single source for data analysis. Help agencies increase public trust, accountability and transparency. Optimize resources and services.

Build the trust with the community and address some of the LEO resource issues.

Project Overview: Received federal grant to improve statewide LE data access via service, CJIS compliant, data link. Improvements to automate the heat map. Access to real-time data for decision-making.

Seen a lot of value from the statewide heat mat. Single source tool has been very helpful. Although the heat map is manual and takes a lot of work to pull together. See value in adding other types of data and enhancing overall reporting capabilities. Currently looking at Valcour data sets but in the future would be looking to bring other state data sources. This would be secure and CJIS compliant which allows to link at the person level because CJIS compliant.

Project Approach: Minimum viable product. Initial users, single data source, samples. Grow Data Lake.

Prepare additional use cases, leverage experience, and conform to industry best practices.

As we develop looking to introduce start with proof of concept.

What is the smallest thing we can build to let people know what will come next? Not really “small” work due to being CJIS compliant because of security. Access will be really small at first – just Betty – but someday chiefs/sheriffs should be able to access. Governance is important: what reports are getting built and who accesses them.

Grow the data lake. Use cases (CAD/RMS + Siren + Overdose data) to target regional interventions.

Automated reports.

Commissioner Morrison plans to get the Dept of Human Services to contribute to the data source. How can we do a social autopsy to determine what tools were available and who did what and why. Help us find gaps in our current system whether that is in enforcement or care afterword.

Mark – tools to do our job better, lots of other agencies want access to Valcour and it is always a one way street, so this would allow everyone to be contributing and getting info. Great opportunity to do great work for the state broadly.

Com Morrison: asking for blessing to pull Valcour data into the project.

Mark – VGB is allowed to pull general data but not specific data points in the charter.

Betty – Discuss how that data is going to be pulled? Josiah – design of data lakes. Take a copy of the system and enable it for analytics, then we are able to evolve with the system. CrossWind could filter the data inside the system and they have an approach to make sure expungements and internals are not being brought into the data lake. Or Slalom (building the lake) could filter the data when it leaves Valcour before it enters the lake. In the next two or three weeks will be starting to work with test data then can move to live data.

Eric – like the idea of the project and sharing data and getting some in return. Are we going to exceed our authority of the VGB? Concern that confidential info should not even be leaving the system at all and depend of a second vendor. We could lose agencies if agencies have any concern about the sensitive data leaving Valcour. Josiah – neither approach has sensitive data leaving.

Mark – Lots of non-technical users and up until 2019 could not get lots of agency heads to submit their race data in Valcour. Need to be able to explain how this is good in ways that everyone can understand and accept.

Robin: Ecosystem that all works and want to move forward while addressing all the questions and potential issues. The data lake is not being published; it's to look at the state as a whole. Trying to see what there is to work on and having a show and tell experience.

Com Morrison: performance issue for the grant, we can't just keep expanding. Want VGB to come on this journey with us, but Com Morrison does have authority because DPS owns the data in Valcour. In the long run, think all agencies would benefit from having data lake to be more transparent.

Mark – think many sheriffs and chiefs would argue they own their own data. Could VSP deliver the minimal viable product? Betty – yes, but currently reports look at state wide data so only using VSP data moving forward the data lake wouldn't get where needs to go to be beneficial.

Eric – what if we move forward and then a specific chief or sheriff cries foul and doesn't want their data used? How do we address that?

Mark – think the VGB could be an ambassador for asking agencies to opt in versus forcing all data in.

Michael was also thinking that: opt in versus opting out.

Com Morrison: Could theoretically give better data but would only be able to change your choice once a year.

Betty – if we can show the agencies that it is sanitized data and guarantee that nothing sensitive is being pulled then we will have more buy it. Biggest question is how to go about sanitizing data: crosswind or slalom.

Eric – don't think we can blanket approve anything now. We are going to have to see the technical piece.

Adam – clear concise communication about what it is, the trust that is how you are going to pull the people in. They need to see the value of the product and gain the trust once they see it.

Eric – Data isn't going anywhere outside of us right now. Does anyone feel we need to take a vote? (no response) Moving forward keep VGB in the loop with this so we can watch it develop and advance. Ask Commissioner that before you commit to either Crosswind or Slalom, let VGB weigh in.

Com Morrison – We will come back in January

Mark – would there be value to a subset of the VGB working with the internal team? Eric, Mark, Betty, Adam

Mark – knowing what data you are looking for would be a good place to start getting other on board

Request for Access – VCJC Act 56 Investigator

Moot point because it has already been approved. Previous investigator still has access

Board Vacancy Discussion

Last meeting we discussed the board vacancy. Vacancy at the moment was for agency under 20.

Chris Coyner, UVM PD interested but UVM PD is slated for over 20 sworn.

Sharron Patenaude, Winooski PD – interested but not able to be present today

Mark Barber, Vergennes PD – started with Vergennes in 2014, part of the onboarding with Valcour and currently their PM. Active in Valcour, believes small agencies have a different insight than other agencies. Run records request and dispatch self to own calls. Eight sworn. Not 24/7, off duty after 2200 then on call until 0700.

Liz Tracy, Middlebury PD – currently dispatch supervisor, not 24/7 dispatch yet. Was VSP dispatcher, 40+ years of experience and helped with onboarding of Spillman. Working on creating dispatch coordination.

Mark A – Geographically distributed as part of guidance to get a well-represented board.

Entering executive session 1059

Exiting executive session at 1111

Nomination of Mark Barber by Michael

Seconded by Loretta

Passed unanimously

Want to thank everyone who put his or her name in the hat. Eric will reach out to all to let everyone know the results.

Sanctions Policy – Draft emailed by Eric on 11/15

Mark A – motion to adopt the policy as written.

Seconded by Justin

Passed unanimously

Mark B abstaining

Motion by Mark A to amend the Sanctions Policy to include the proposed policy: It is the policy of the Valcour Governance Board to ensure appropriate use of the system and address complaints at the lowest level possible.

Seconded by Ben

Approved unanimously

Mark B Abstaining

Juvenile names policy check-in – Sub-group

4.4.1.2 “after attaining 14 years of age but not 22 years of age” per 33vsa5280(b)

Motion by Michelle to approve the policy with changes to 4.4.1.2

Second by Michael

Passed unanimously

Mark B abstaining

Awareness item from Crosswind: Password changes coming

CJIS requirements and DPS standards changed and CrossWind is making sure that we know the change is coming to comply with that.

With the boards blessing maybe Eric send Jeff Wallin an email letting them know to solve the technical standard they are creating a human issue.

A lot of different industries are pushing back on this type of password policy. *NIST* recommends that businesses enforce *password* expiration and *password* resets only when a known compromise has occurred, or every 365 days.

Motion to adjourn by Michael

Seconded by Mark A

Passed unanimously

Adjourned at 1133