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DCRA Data Collection Infrastructure

State Death-in-Custody Law

Nevada Revised Statute or NRS Chapter 211.030 requires the County Sheriff as the custodian of the jail to report to the County Commissioner not later than 48 hours after the death of a prisoner in the county jail or any branch county jail. The report includes without limitation basic demographics. The sheriff shall submit to the board a biannual report that contains aggregated data similar to the information submitted pursuant to the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013, Public Law 113-242, concerning the deaths of prisoners in the county jail and any branch county jail in his or her county during the immediately preceding 6 months and the circumstances surrounding any such deaths.

Reporting Universe

- The Department of Corrections (DOC) maintains eight major institutions and 11 facilities that include one restitution center and one Transitional Housing Center.
- Nevada has 20 jails in 17 counties.
- Nevada’s juvenile justice system is divided between the counties which are responsible for front-end services including short-term detention, probation, and counseling, and the state, which is responsible for deep-end and post-release services such as long-term correctional housing and parole supervision. The Nevada Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Juvenile Services Programs Office is responsible for three juvenile detention centers.



Non-Participating Agencies

There are no non-participating agencies in Nevada's DCRA data collection.

Training and Technical Assistance

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Assistance (OCJA) provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to assist state and local agencies with reporting DCRA data. Death in Custody presentations or updates if needed are given to the Nevada Sheriff's and Chiefs Association (NVSCA) meetings which are held quarterly. NVSCA membership represents all law enforcement agencies within 17 Nevada counties and their detention facilities. A TEAMS presentation was conducted for the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators to ensure inclusion of juvenile detention centers in data collection.

No TTA is needed from BJA at this time.

Data Collection Methods

Data Collection Responsibility

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) as the SAA for the Byrne JAG grants is responsible for the DCRA data collection from all law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities within the state of Nevada. One individual, the Administrator is assigned to coordinate DCRA data collection and reporting.

Data Collection Procedures

OCJA works with justice system agencies through effective informal agreements that provide information regarding death-in-custody incidents. On the first business day of the month after the end of the quarter, (i.e. October 1) an email distribution list is used to send an email out to all agencies required to report DICR data. The BJA template and a document containing "Examples of Reportable and Nonreportable Scenarios" is attached to the email. The email gives bullet point information about the DICR requirements and has a due date of the 20th of the month. That gives OCJA time to contact an agency who did not respond. If the agency has no death incidents to report, they are instructed to reply to the email that "xxx agency has NO deaths to report".

OCJA contacts the agency if there is any missing data prior to the upload.

Challenges

No current challenges are present. The procedure is effective, and organizations are cooperative. There is ongoing communication with the law enforcement agencies as the manager of the Byrne JAG Grant.

Data Collection Tools

The DICR reporting spreadsheet template developed by BJA for bulk uploads is used for data collection. The spreadsheet is emailed to all organizations required to provide DICR data. OCJA combines all data from the organizations into one spreadsheet and uploads it into the BJA PMT website.



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Reporting Data to BJA Methods

Reporting Data

The Data is reported to BJA in the PMT through the upload of the DICR template. Occasionally data comes to OCJA after the bulk upload and that is entered manually in the PMT.

Quality Assurance

OCJA reviews the DICR data received and contacts the agency if there is missing data that must be added prior to submission to BJA.

Records Pending Investigation

The process for tracking and updating the status of records that are open or pending investigation is to add those records to a separate spreadsheet that will be reviewed during the quarter and updated the next time the PMT DICR is due.