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Thank you all for this collaboration! In San Luis Obispo, we are also aiming to put together a working group. I'd love to hear from other counties how your office is approaching the task, and also to have any briefs shared.

So far, what I've come up with working group tasks:

1. Study the law and have some designated attorney subject matter experts
2. Determine our data collection resources/capacity, and approach/practices
 1. Including: Determine our date interpretation resources (experts/academics- we have a college in town)
3. Communicate with the Justice Partners Group (court, defense, prosecution) to talk about what process should be followed to litigate these motions (including, what if it is the court's conduct which is questioned.)
4. Look at best practices to remove implied bias moving forward (e.g. Yolo DA has a way to remove references to race in the cases they review for filing.)

Thanks!
-Sheryl

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Thank you for sharing, Holly!

We used Professor Kris Henning from Georgetown University. She is absolutely phenomenal. She's done two separate trainings for us, an in person training in 2019 and a virtual training last year. We also used retired Captain Scott Meadors (Stockton PD) last December to train our inspectors and attorneys who are members of our DA OIS team. His training is geared more toward law enforcement personnel, but his depth of knowledge and attention to implicit bias and its roots in our criminal justice system is invaluable. Our attorneys and inspectors appreciated the training and found it extremely valuable. Professor Henning addresses bias in the system and specifically how prosecutors can play a role in being "interrupters" and combatting and addressing the bias.

Let's keep sharing.

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