

CRCL Bi-Weekly Report—PROGRAMS BRANCH Activities
Period: 3/26/2021 – 4/08/2021

Accomplishments / To Be Noted

- Immigration Section and Compliance developed a considerations paper for the Family Reunification Task Force regarding the scope of individuals covered under the Executive Order on the Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families. The paper includes summaries of cases forwarded to CRCL's attention by stakeholders that provide salient examples of family separations occurring in the context of various policies, programs, practices, and initiatives intended to deter migration at the southern border.
- Immigration Section and Compliance developed a 2-pager on CRCL's key civil rights considerations and requirements for the use of hotels or other alternative shelters to house children at the southern border. CRCL leadership distributed the 2-pager to Department and Component leadership.
- Community Engagement collaborated with FEMA to respond to a community stakeholder concern which resulted in an updated Nonprofit Security Grant Program FAQs document which resolved the stakeholder's concern and allowed them to issue a press release encouraging other community stakeholders to apply for the grant.
- Community Engagement successfully completed the ICCT national conference call mechanism to discuss the recent shootings in Atlanta, GA, and the rise of hate crimes and targeted violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community nationally.
- SIIP represented CRCL at the Biometric Capabilities Executive Steering Committee which discussed several ongoing and emerging biometrics initiative being undertaken within the Department.
- ADG delivered three webinars for DHS grant recipients on completing the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool and DHS resources for developing nondiscrimination policies in recipients' external-facing programs. The topic of the webinar was frequently asked questions from recipients related to completing the tool and meeting civil rights obligations.
- ADG hosted a quarterly meeting of the DHS Language Access Working Group. Component representatives to the Working Group had an opportunity to hear from the new Officer, hear about CRCL efforts related to recent Executive Actions, and exchange information about accomplishments and challenges in providing meaningful access to limited English proficient persons.
- ADG continues to participate in the FEMA Civil Rights Advisory Group to offer support on addressing civil rights issues related to equity in vaccine distribution. Most recently, ADG has raised reports of vaccine inequities in predominately African American counties in Maryland and about the lack of accessibility of state vaccine registration websites and has suggested actions for addressing these concerns.

Items in Red – new or happening this week

Items in Black – still pending for next 6 weeks

Upcoming Travel/Key Events

Event Name/Description	City, State <i>All Virtual at this time</i>	Date	Audience	CRCL employee(s) participating
Stakeholder Calls	Portland	March, 2021 (TBD)	Stakeholders/ Government Staff	(b)(6)
Stakeholder Calls	Boston	March, 2021 (TBD)	Stakeholders/ Government Staff	
Stakeholder Calls	Seattle	March, 2021 (TBD)	Stakeholders/ Government Staff	
Stakeholder Calls	Florida	March, 2021 (TBD)	Stakeholders/ Government Staff	
Stakeholder Calls	Atlanta	March, 2021 (TBD)	Stakeholders/ Government Staff	

Items in Red – new OR need action this week

Items in Black – KEY items (items may show up once & disappear)

Items of Potential Interest to CRCL/DHS Leadership

Description of Item	Deadline for Approval if Applicable	CRCL Branch/Section/Employee Leading Initiative
DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool Renewal is underway. This is the data collection form that recipients of DHS financial assistance use to submit required data/ information to DHS. We are working with the DHS Paperwork Reduction Act Office, which published the required 60-day and 30-day Federal Register Notices. The renewal package will next go to OMB for approval.	N/A	(b)(6) (Programs)
Programs' Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform (Microsoft Dynamics), which will automate workflows for all four of Programs' sections and improve data capture, is nearing completion. The first phase of development will support ADG's Civil Rights Evaluation Tool. Acceptance testing is scheduled	N/A	(b)(6) (Programs)

to begin April 19, and go live is targeted for May 3, 2021.		
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Key External Meetings (within DHS or external to DHS)

Event Name/Description	City, State	Date	Purpose	CRCL participants
Center on Combatting Human Trafficking Victim Protection Working Group Meeting	Teams	BiWeekly	To coordinate across the agency to implement the Department's HT Strategy goals.	(b)(6) (I Section) and (b)(6)
State-DHS Migration Coordination Call	Call	Mondays	Coordinate negotiations and details of returns of migrants to their home countries and any developments related to Asylum Cooperative Agreements	(b)(6) (b)(6) (I Section)
Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies Disability Stakeholder call	Call	Weekly	Engage with members of the disability community on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery	(b)(6) or (ADG)
Weekly OTVTP/CRCL Leadership Mtg.	Teams	Weekly	Friday meetings on issues of mutual interest	(b)(6) Brian Sterling (SIIP), (b)(6) (b)(6) (CE)
NSC Counter terrorism Security Group/ Domestic Violent Extremism	Secure Call	Weekly	NSC-led 100 day sprint on DVE. Thursdays at 1:00 pm.	Brian Sterling (SIIP)
Fusion Center Sub-Committee	Call	Biweekly	Meeting of the National Fusion Center Association's Privacy and Civil Liberties Sub-Committee	Brian Sterling, (b)(6) (b)(6) (SIIP)
FEMA and CISA Active Shooter Working Group	Teams	Monthly	This is a component of Soft Targets-Crowded Places Working Group	(b)(6) (ADG) lead

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MPP Sync Call	Phone	M, T, Th	DHS call with components on MPP processing at ports of entry	(b)(6) (b)(6) (Compliance)
Family Reunification Task Force: Core Meeting	Teams	Wed. (weekly)	Call with core DHS Task Force members re compliance with Executive Order on the Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families	(b)(6) (I-Section), and (b)(6) (b)(6) (Compliance)
FEMA Civil Rights Advisory Board on Vaccine Equity	Zoom	Mon-Wed-Fri		(b)(6) (ADG)
OTVTP Field Ops / CRCL/ CE Briefing	Teams	February 25, 2021	Field Ops Work and Approach	CE Team
Biweekly OP&S Humanitarian Touch Point	Teams	Ongoing	Touch point with Supervisor of Humanitarian Affairs Division at OP&S	(b)(6) (I-Section)
DHS Quarterly Language Access Working Group Meeting	Teams	March 17, 2021	Coordination with Components on implementing EO 13166 on improving services for LEP persons	(b)(6) (ADG)
FGM/C Discussion	Teams	Monthly	Informal working groups with ICE and USCIS on future FGM/C efforts	(b)(6) (I-Section)
Watchlisting Advisory Council Meeting	Secure Call	March 25, 2021	Interagency meeting to discuss USG watch list issues	(b)(6) (SIIP)
Collaborating to End FGM/C: An Information Sharing Session with the U.S. End FGM/C Network	Teams	March 29, 2021	Interagency and Nonprofit collaboration and information sharing on efforts to end FGM/C	(b)(6) (I-Section) (b)(6) (CE)
DHS Common Operating Picture (COP) ESC	Teams	March 25, 2021	Quarterly DHS COP program update for Q1FY21 and review of program objectives/priorities.	(b)(6) (SIIP)

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CRCL and USCIS Ombudsman	Teams	March 30, 2021	Meet regarding deconflicting on individual case inquiries	(b)(6)
White House DPC	Teams	April 6	Meet on immigration policy issues	(b)(6)
CRCL-ICE HSI-DOJ/Civil Rights IER Monthly	Call	April 7, 2021	Monthly check-in call to discuss worksite enforcement issues	(b)(6) (I-Section)
USCIS OP&S-CRCL	Teams	April 8, 2021	Meet and Greet on policy issues	(b)(6)

Items Pending Review with CRCL Officer

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