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OACP Membership,

Some big news regarding the Collaborative!

A new checklist has just been approved which allows an agency to easily show that their current policies meet the minimum standards without the need to add the verbatim Collaborative wording. This new approach allows an agency to keep their own policy wording, and helps to eliminate the concern that some agencies voiced of adopting the Collaborative wording in lieu of their own agency policies. The new checklist approach ([CLICK HERE](#)) is a direct result of feedback from our membership group and the work of OACP's Executive Committee to improve the certification process. The checklist should be submitted with the self-certification documentation that you send to OCJS.

- Another positive change is that the certification process will only require CALEA agencies to submit documentation one-time and only for the first two standards. The only exception to this rule will be if the Collaborative develops new standards that are not covered by CALEA standards, or if a CALEA agency drops out of the CALEA certification process. This change recognizes the professionalism and high standards of CALEA agencies. This was another change that was advocated by agencies within our membership.

- A third change to the process involves increasing the voice of OACP. New Collaborative Standards will be reviewed in advance by OACP with a greater number of individuals being involved. A group consisting of all OACP Executive Committee members AND an appointed representative from each of OACP's geographical districts will review and provide feedback on suggested standards prior to the standards being introduced. The new review group will assist with providing additional guidance and direction to OACP's Collaborative representative Chief Michael Navarre. This new process will ensure a greater number of voices and opinions will be considered prior to the adoption of new Collaborative standards.

The new checklist, the shorter certification process for CALEA agencies and the improved review and vetting process are positive changes and show the willingness of OCJS to work together with OACP for viable solutions.

Please contact Joel Brown at the OACP if you have any questions, feedback or are in need of Peer to Peer assistance.

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