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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8050

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCLOSURE OF
RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA TO HENNEPIN COUNTY
FOR WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS**

The Working Group on Youth Interventions (“Working Group”) was created by the Minnesota Legislature to assess the current systems and resources for addressing the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth who have been adjudicated a Child in Need of Protective Services or delinquent. Act of May, 2023, ch. 62, art. 2, § 119, Minn. Laws 1994–97. The Working Group is tasked with reporting its recommendations to the Legislature in February 2024. *Id.* at 1996. Hennepin County is assisting the Working Group with its data collection and analysis effort. For that effort, the State Court Administrator’s Office has provided Hennepin County with bulk juvenile protection and delinquency court records.

One aspect of the legislation calls for the Working Group to evaluate racial disparities. *Id.* Hennepin County requests self-reported race and ethnicity court data (the “Records”) be included with the court records already provided. Pursuant to Rule 4, subd. 1(e), of the Minnesota Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch, these records may be disclosed in bulk format only if the recipient executes a nondisclosure agreement and obtains an order from the Supreme Court authorizing disclosure.

Hennepin County has executed a nondisclosure agreement with the State Court Administrator. Hennepin County has agreed to use the Records solely for the reasons listed above and has agreed not to disclose to any third party any information in the Records from which the identity of any individual or other characteristic that could uniquely identify any individual is ascertainable. This Court has the inherent power and statutory authority to regulate public access to records maintained by the judicial branch and is fully advised in the premises. *See In re GlaxoSmithKline plc*, 732 N.W.2d 257, 269 (Minn. 2007).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Rules 2 and 4, subdivision 1(e), of the Minnesota Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch, the requested Records be made available to Hennepin County subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Nondisclosure Agreement between the State Court Administrator and Hennepin County.

Dated: November 16, 2023

BY THE COURT:



Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice