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### Discussion on FOIL

1. If agencies are not collecting data, then there is no data to be collected, which is an important finding for UIC's advocacy efforts going forward to mandate such data collection and it further substantiates the need for accurate data collection, in lieu of the Data Genocide.
2. Recommendation: Move towards addressing Data Genocide & Whitewashing of Data
3. UIC has several options regarding the next steps in FOIL/OPRA/FOIA in NY, NJ, and CT: New York and New Jersey appear to have barriers in submitting duplicative requests, while Connecticut does not seem to impose any barriers in terms of duplicative requests. However, the process will be long and arduous if the end result is filing appeals and litigating against the agencies if they deny requests for information on missing AI/AN individuals.

4. There is a strong possibility that duplicative requests will be met with the same responses as before. (Ultimately generating no more data than we have now); Governing thought is Resources and Intervention on the MMIP Crisis
5. The Cardozo team's next steps were to research public databases regarding missing and murdered AI/AN individuals to see if we can acquire any of the information without having to request it from public agencies through Muckrock
6. UIC may consider formulating new questions to acquire data on murdered AI/AN individuals.
7. Due to life and limb in the balance, as the MMIWP Crisis continues- we need to consider not just how to perceive and interpret and defining the crisis, but also how to contain it to implement Harm Reduction Strategies to effectively intervene on it.

## **In Kinship and Community,**

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