

## **New England StatNet Holds Meeting on Police Departments**

***Next Meeting Will Be in February and Will Focus on Inspectional Services***

The fall New England StatNet meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Charlton Public Library in the Town of Charlton. The topic of the meeting was data and performance management in police departments, and it was attended by approximately 100 city and town managers, police chiefs and officers, and other state and local officials.

In addition, this meeting was the first StatNet meeting to host international guests, as a delegation of 10 police officers from Abu Dhabi attended the meeting. The delegation has been touring the United States to learn more about performance management and cost accounting in police departments.

Topics discussed at the meeting included information technology, use of geographic data, constituent surveys and internal surveys, geographic districts, performance measures in police departments, and the role of crime analysts. In addition, the Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts (MACA) presented a case study on the value of crime analysis, and the Abu Dhabi delegation spoke about their travels learning about performance management in police departments.

StatNet is a network of municipal officials interested in improving their use of data in management and policymaking. Coordinated by the Collins Center, StatNet participants learn from each other about best practices in municipal performance management and operations. StatNet holds three meetings per year focused on different areas of municipal government, such as public works, police, fire, budget, IT, or inspectional services. StatNet also hosts an annual conference to train municipal officials on the use of data and performance management in municipal government. Participants represent municipalities of all sizes from across the Northeast.

Further information about the February meeting will be available in December. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact StatNet Coordinator Amy Dain at [Amy.Dain@umb.edu](mailto:Amy.Dain@umb.edu) or Director of Municipal Services Michael Ward at [michael.ward@umb.edu](mailto:michael.ward@umb.edu).

Thanks to funding from the Patrick-Murray Administration's Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Grant Program included in the Municipal Performance Management Program, StatNet participation has been free for Massachusetts municipalities since October 2012.

Additionally, through funding from a second CIC Grant, the Somerville Public Schools – in partnership with three other school districts, the Collins Center, and several other organizations – is running School StatNet, which is a parallel initiative focused on data and performance management in Massachusetts school districts. For more information, please contact Stephanie Hirsch at Hirsch, Stephanie [shirsch@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:shirsch@k12.somerville.ma.us).