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**Illinois Integrated Justice Information System
Booking and Standardized Rap Sheet Subcommittee**

Bureau of Identification, 260 N Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 815-740-5160

May 26, 2006

10 am – 12:00 pm

Attendance:

Lt. Patricia J Jordan – Chair, Illinois State Police
Karen Levy McCanna – Vice Chair, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Colin Simpson, Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Ron Lewis, McLean County Public Defender's Office
Bob Libman, Illinois State Police
Herbert Johnson, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Paul Fields, Cook County Public Defender's Office
Joyce Ogden, Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Marikay Hegarty, Chicago Police Department
Tammi Kestel, Illinois State Police
Michael Carroll, Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Marcel Reid, Illinois State Police
Carol Cates, Illinois State Police
Carol Gibbs, Illinois State Police
Wil Nagel, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Discussion of Issues:

Mr. Lewis began the discussion by introducing an issue currently affecting the efficiency of public defenders across the state: timely access to their clients' criminal history record information for bond purposes. Currently, public defenders receive criminal history information by filing a discovery motion with the court. The state's attorney's office then provides the information. Alternatively public defenders may subpoena the information from the Illinois State Police. This alternative motion frequently does not provide the information in time to represent a client at a bond hearing.

Mr. Simpson responded with an explanation of the bond hearing process as it occurs in Cook County. The county has electronic access to criminal history information and passes this information along to the public defenders as appropriate. The electronic access allows the court officers to access criminal history information in a timely manner and more efficiently than those counties without electronic access.

Mr. Fields reported that the public defenders are not requesting direct access to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) but would like to have criminal history record information provided via the pretrial services investigation report process. Mr. Fields also offered four recommendations for consideration:

1. Electronically implement pretrial services to ensure that authorized officials receive CHRI data electronically.
2. Change the language in the Uniform Conviction Information Act to waive fees for the public defender's office and electronically deliver the information.
3. Change the language in statute(s) to include the public defender's office as a criminal justice agency for the purposes of exchanging information.
4. Explore processing changes to allow public defender's access to criminal history record information prior to the bond hearing stage.

Examples of suggested legislation may be found in Washington and Colorado state law.

Ms. Gibbs pointed out that the issue does not seem to be access, as the members agree that the public defenders should have the information, but rather the manner in which access is gained.

The subcommittee members agreed that this discussion should be reconvened to include the subcommittee and representatives from the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and other representatives of pretrial services staff. Mrs. Levy McCanna has volunteered to coordinate this meeting.

Review of 12-Month Action Plan:

Information Resource documentation for committee use – this is an on-going activity that results from subcommittee members' participation in other IJIS committee events. The documentation will be produced as appropriate to requests.

Opinion Paper: pros and cons of Livescan technology in the courtroom – Mrs. Levy McCanna introduced the topic as the result of discussions with courts clerks during Criminal History Record Audit project site visits. Lt. Jordan introduced the possibility of a pilot project that will allow for mobile identification via fingerprint for officers on the street as well as officers in the courtroom. This may be an option for those counties that can not afford a Livescan machine. The goals of placing fingerprint based identification capabilities in the courtroom should be able to accomplish two goals:

1. Verify identify of defendant in the court
2. Improve the ability to match court records with preceding arrest and state's attorney submission to the central repository.

To compile the information necessary for the opinion paper and the pilot project, an extensive literature review will be completed regarding the pros and cons of this

technology in the courtroom along with examples of the use of Livescan technology currently in Illinois courtrooms.

Colin Simpson, Marikay Hagerty, and Paul Fields have volunteered to provide information for the literature review documentation.

Booking Scenario for vetting by IIJIS stakeholders – The scenario should be formatted to match the scenario previously produced by the IIJIS Planning & Policy Committee. As explained by Ms. Gibbs, the scenario should be a narrative describing what the ideal booking situation should be and identify the ideal methods for data exchange. This will be used to identify gaps in the current booking process. Future work may begin to fill those gaps.

As Mike Carroll is currently working on a similar project for the Cook County Integration effort, he has volunteered to lead this work effort for the subcommittee.

Draft Report of Standardized Rapsheet requirements for vetting by IIJIS stakeholders - The goal of this document is to revise the standardized reporting of information to improve the efficiency of reporting, processing and the use of booking/rapsheet information. The members reached consensus that this concept should be better defined and a workgroup composed of booking personnel should begin work on the documentation. This work may begin by identifying necessary data elements and defining each. This will allow workgroup members to work with the Information Exchange Package Documentation (IEPD) workgroup on the arrangement and relationship of elements to revise the reporting standards.

Tammi Kestel, PJ Jordan and Colin Simpson have volunteered to participate as workgroup members.

Draft IEPD of standardized booking for vetting with IIJIS stakeholders – Mr. Libman began by explaining that an IEPD allows the mapping of data elements and the relationships so that technical standards may be developed. He is currently working with this type of effort for the ICASE project.

Bob Libman has volunteered to lead this work effort for the subcommittee. Karen Levy McCanna will assign audit center staff to assist him.

Opinion Paper: defense access to criminal history record information – See the above discussion on this issue.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on June 28, 2006 @ 10AM; Bureau of Identification in Joliet. A video and telephone conference will be established for those who are not able to travel to Joliet.