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Memorandum

To: Authority Members

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Date: February 14, 2003

Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report – March 7, 2003 Authority Meeting

This memorandum highlights some of the work performed by Research and Analysis Unit staff since the Authority's last quarterly meeting.

I. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Publications

R & A staff published four (4) reports since the last Authority meeting.

- *On Good Authority: Police Use of Formal and Informal Station Adjustments for Juveniles in Illinois* (November 2002).
- *On Good Authority: Extended Jurisdiction Juvenile Prosecutions in Illinois* (December 2002).
- *On Good Authority: A Comparison of Local and Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Efforts in Illinois* (February 2003).
- *Research Bulletin: Methamphetamine in Illinois: An Examination of An Emerging Drug* (January 2003).

Staff also added thirty-one (31) previously published Research Reports to the Authority's website making them available for download.

B. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority meeting, R & A staff made presentations at and/or attended:

- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence Data Committee;
- Chicago Police Department Training Academy;
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence Training Conference;
- Fall Conference of the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association;
- American Society of Criminology annual meeting;

- Annual National Conference on Domestic Violence, National College of District Attorneys
- 17th Annual Statewide Forensic Conference (Illinois Department of Human Services)
- Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Grant Review Committee meetings;
- Meetings of the Cook County Girls Link steering committee, evaluation committee, education and program development committee;
- Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center advisory board;
- Association of Crime Analysts in Illinois;
- Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Partner's Meeting;
- Governor's Ex-Offender Employability Task Force;
- Administrative Office of Illinois Courts field staff training session;
- Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative grant site meetings;
- 4th Judicial Circuit's Juvenile Justice Council;
- North Lawndale DMC Forum;
- Illinois Juvenile Justice Forum, Training, and Data advisory committee meetings; and
- Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission meetings and a meeting of its Disproportionate Minority Confinement Subcommittee.

C. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about the criminal justice system. During the second quarter (10/1/02-12/31/02) of SFY03, R&A staff responded to 397 requests from people seeking information — an average of 132 requests per month. Most came from other government agencies (49 percent) and the general public (16 percent). Other requests came from private agencies (17 percent), researchers (7 percent), students (8 percent), news media representatives (2 percent), prison inmates (1 percent), and legislators (less than 1 percent). About 42 percent of the requests originated in Chicago. About one-third (30 percent) originated in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from outside Illinois. R&A distributed 21,896 Authority publications during this period. *[TABLE 1 (attached) provides statistics for the latest state fiscal year quarter.]*

D. Web Site Development

R&A staff also contribute toward the continued development of the Authority's Web site (www.icjia.state.il.us). We continue to expand the criminal justice data and information available on the site. We also continue to actively gather user satisfaction information and other feedback "on-line." Staff also continues to upload publications to the site and have perfected our on-line ordering forms and protocols. The site averaged nearly 600 daily user sessions during this period, and we now have 1,140 registered users of the Authority's email program (called "CJ Dispatch") which automatically alerts Web site visitors to new information added to the site. Staff continue work on database applications and new software for the site which will allow visitors to download, display and graph data in a variety of formats. *[Table 2 (attached) presents website statistics for the latest state fiscal year quarter.]*

E. FSGU Support Efforts

Upon request, R&A staff review and comment on proposed program narratives submitted by potential grantees to the Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU). The focus of R&A comments are in the areas of proposed objectives, goals, and performance measures. FSGU staff also request R&A assistance in the development of data reports for proposed programs. R&A staff has also assumed responsibility for the computerization of some program performance data and, upon FSGU request, we produce program status reports and/or profiles assessing performance over a given period of time. *[Table 3 (attached) presents FSGU support statistics for the latest state fiscal year quarter.]*

F. Technical Assistance

R & A staff is continually called on to provide a variety of technical assistance on extra-agency research and evaluation projects. For example, since the last Authority meeting:

- Staff continued to assist in several third-party research projects involving studies of individuals' criminal history records including those conducted by:
 - Loyola University's Department of Criminal Justice;
 - University of Chicago's Chapin Hall;
 - Department of Human Services and Mathematica Policy Research, Inc;
 - University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams School of Social Work;
 - University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy Studies; and
 - Northwestern University's Medical School.

II. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Special Short-Term Studies

Some R&A staff are currently engaged in developing short-term studies on specific issues and/or trends. The following examples will be completed this fiscal year:

DUI Trends and Issues – Short term project intended to describe significant statistical trends and issues related to driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Drug Arrest Trends in Illinois – Short term project intended to describe trends and related to drug arrests and substance abuse treatment in the State.

B. Illinois Substance Abuse Surveillance Network

R&A staff, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services' Office on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse established an Illinois Substance Abuse Monitoring Network. This group functions as a special workgroup to facilitate the exchange and analysis of information regarding the

nature and extent of drug use, drug abuse, and drug markets in Illinois. The inaugural meeting of the group was held at the Authority's offices on December 16, 2002, was very successful. Planning for the next (and future meetings) continues.

C. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is an ADAA-funded in-house effort to continually examine the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of this information, and to recommend strategies for its improvement. With regard to the current audit, the draft final report is undergoing final editing before in-house review. The next level of review will include comments from the Illinois State Police. Publication of the final report is planned for the Spring 2003. The methodology for the upcoming 2002/2003 audit project is being finalized at this time. The methodology will be presented to the Authority's Information Systems Committee for review in the Spring of 2003.

D. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The R&A Unit maintains a comprehensive database containing information on every homicide that occurred in the City of Chicago between 1965 and 1996. This information is culled from Chicago Police Department files following a long-standing collaborative process developed with the department's Detective Division. Staff recently completed an effort to update the dataset with information for the years 1997 through 2000, and will soon begin collecting 2001 data. We expect to generate a variety of research products from this dataset and to develop an archive version for use by other researchers through the University of Michigan's National Criminal Justice Data Archive. Staff is also collaborating on various third-party projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset:

- Arson associated homicides (Mr. Dallas Drake).
- Patterns of youth homicide victimization (Dr. Kimberly Vogt).
- Arrest histories of homicide offenders (Drs. Jens Ludwig & Philip Cook).
- Intimate partner homicides (Dr. Todd Shackelford).

Reports on these studies are under preparation for publication.

E. Statewide Crime Victimization Survey

Growing out of recommendations in the *State Criminal Justice Plan*, staff has initiated a state crime victimization survey modeled on the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics' Crime Victimization Survey, and similar efforts in other states. Through a "request for proposals" process, staff selected a vendor to undertake the survey, incorporate defined sampling and methodological strategies, and provide the Authority with a data file. After overcoming some technical difficulties and delays experienced with the Illinois Secretary of State's office, staff recently

took receipt of the survey sample. The survey project was launched in January 2003. Data collection continues at this point.

F. Program Evaluation and Research Projects

The R&A Unit pursues an aggressive program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house ADAA-funded grant program.

Current projects include:

1. Evaluation of the Jackson County School-Based Probation Program

As the result of a “request for proposal” process, the Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections at Southern Illinois University Carbondale was recently selected to evaluate the Jackson County School-Based Probation Program. The contracting process has been initiated and staff hopes to have the evaluation project initiated on April 1, 2003.

2. Evaluation of Moral Reconciliation Therapy in the Franklin/Jefferson County Evening Reporting Center Program

As the result of a “request for proposal” process, the Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville was recently selected to evaluate the Moral Reconciliation Therapy component of the Franklin/Jefferson County Evening Reporting Center Program. The contracting process has been initiated and staff hopes to have the evaluation project initiated on April 1, 2003.

Current/ongoing evaluation and research efforts supported by the Authority include the following:

3. Chicago Community Policing (CAPS) Program 2001-2002

This project is being conducted by Northwestern University and is the next-to-last phase of a comprehensive multi-year assessment of the Chicago Police Department’s community policing program. The Authority has been supporting this evaluation for several years. A final report on this phase of the study was submitted in December 2002. The full report and an Evaluation Summary are under review/preparation for publication.

4. Lake County Domestic Violence Probation Program Evaluation

This is an impact evaluation of a specialized probation program in Lake County focused on domestic violence offenders, and is being carried out by Justice Research Associates (JRA). The

project is a follow-up to an implementation evaluation recently completed by JRA. A final report is due by March 31, 2003.

5. Study of Disproportionate Incarceration of Minorities for Drug Crimes

This project is a collaboration between the Authority and Loyola University Chicago, The John Howard Association and TASC, Inc. The study is examining the impact of sentencing laws and practices on the minority community, particularly in response to convictions for drug related crimes. A presentation by the researchers was made at the Authority's September 2002 meeting. A series of research bulletins on the project is planned. The first two publications are under development at this time.

6. Little Village Community Youth Worker Study

This is an extended study of data derived from the Little Village Gang Violence Reduction Program (GVRP). The GVRP was one of a series of recent initiatives in Illinois and elsewhere to address the youth gang problem. The Chicago Police Department administered the project between 1992 and 1997 with federal funds provided by the Authority. University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration Professor Irving Spergel designed the project and became its coordinator. Among other components of the comprehensive program was the employment of youth outreach workers. This study examines survey data and other information on this component of the project. A final report is due this month.

7. Citizens and Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (CLEAR) Project Evaluation

The CLEAR project is a major initiative of the Chicago Police Department to integrate information systems and processes within the department and, in many ways, represents an evolution of community policing efforts incorporating technological advances, increased accountability measures, community participation and other developments. The University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University CLEAR is conducting the evaluation of. A final report on this study was submitted in December 2002. The full report and an Evaluation Summary are under review/preparation for publication.

8. Reintegration of Gang Offenders in the Community Study

In collaboration with DePaul University's Department of Sociology, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Attorney General's Gang Crime Prevention Center, a small-scale, pilot study of the reintegration process is being conducted. The study is largely qualitative, examining how gang & non-gang offenders go about reintegrating into their communities of origin. A final report on the study is due August 30, 2003.

9. Community Mobilization: Best Practices and Lessons Learned

This project involves the development of a series of four research briefs on different aspects of the Attorney General's Gang Crime Prevention Center Community Mobilization Program. The four research brief topics are: · Resident decision making versus representativeness – address the inherent tension within the neighborhood as well as make suggestions as to how to avoid or minimize this iatrogenic effect of community mobilization. · Community mobilization models – describe several approaches, along with their strengths and weaknesses, and how mobilizers responded to the varying amount of available resources. · Integration into the surrounding community - address the issue of integration, including impediments to integration and strategies to maximize integration. · Resident engagement/coalition building – how to identify and engage disenfranchised community residents and how to build a coalition of persons who may have diverse views. The first two reports have been submitted and are currently undergoing review and editing at this time.

10. CAPS at Ten

This project is being conducted by Northwestern University and is the last phase of a comprehensive multi-year assessment of the Chicago Police Department's community policing program. The Authority has been supporting this evaluation for several years. A final report on this phase of the study is to be submitted on December 31, 2003.

11. Returning Home-Illinois Research Project

This project is being carried out by The Urban Institute. It involves the development of several products including a portrait of prisoner reentry in Illinois, a briefing on pre-release expectations on returning Illinois prisoners, and an advisory report addressing how funds made available to the Illinois Department of Corrections through the Authority should be prioritized to reduce recidivism rates. The final report on this project is due by July 31, 2003.

12. Illinois Going Home Program Evaluation

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and a host of other advisory entities, Authority staff are preparing a "request for proposals" (RFP) for the evaluation of Illinois' Going Home Program. This major offender reentry program will be funded through a partnership of contributing federal agencies including the Departments of Justice, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Veteran Affairs, Agriculture, and the Social Security Administration. The Authority is partnering in the effort by providing federal funds and technical assistance for its evaluation. Once the program budget and operating parameters are finalized, the evaluation RFP will be finalized and published.

13. Circuit Court of Cook County, Department of Social Service, Domestic Violence Intervention Program

This project is being conducted by University of Illinois at Chicago under the direction of Larry Bennet and the West Side Domestic Abuse Project (WSDAP) in collaboration with the Social Service Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County. In 1999, UIC and WSDAP developed an assessment tool for batterers aimed to increase the safety of victims and improve the ability of staff to identify men who are at high risk and intervene to reduce their risk by assertive case management. This project will use existing Cook County PROMIS data and supplemental data collected from case records on men participating in the Domestic Violence Intervention Program. Researchers will be able to collect longitudinal data on predictors of attrition and outcomes for men who batter that can be used by policy makers and staff to improve intervention services. Researchers will also be able to contribute important information to the larger criminal justice and violence against women communities about the effectiveness of justice-based intervention with batterers. Staff has initiated the contract process for the project and hopes to initiate it by April 1, 2003.

14. National Evaluation of Multijurisdictional Drug Task Forces

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), staff is preparing to provide federal funds and technical assistance to participate in a national evaluation of multijurisdictional drug task forces. It is anticipated that the research will result in an advisory report to the Authority on the effectiveness and impact of these multijurisdictional task forces in Illinois, in the context of the broader national evaluation. Staff is currently awaiting further direction from BJA on the initiation of this project.

15. Supplemental Funds for Methamphetamine Enforcement: A Process Evaluation

This project will be carried out by researchers at Illinois State University. In 2002 four task force programs (East Central, West Central, South Central and Quad City) received supplemental funding from the Authority to facilitate investigations related to methamphetamine production. At the time of their application these four task forces, drawing from agencies in 18 counties, were comprised of 44 officers from 29 local agencies and the Illinois State Police. The supplemental funding allowed for hiring 7 additional officers (6.75 positions) for one year and for a variety of items in support of task force activities (e.g., bullet proof vests). This project will use site visits, face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews, and data from quarterly reports to assess how the supplemental money has been used, and to identify the uses for which it has proven most beneficial and the uses for which it has not been as helpful as originally planned. Staff hopes to finalize the contract for the project shortly so that it can be initiated by March 1, 2003.

Other Projects

Two additional external research and evaluation efforts are under development. Requests for proposals for these projects are under development:

- Evaluating Peer Juries in Chicago Public Schools;
- Analysis of Datasets Maintained/Available Through the Authority; and,
- Evaluating Bloom Township's Neighborhood Restorative Justice Mediation Program.

G. Externally-Funded Research and Evaluation Projects

R&A staff have been successful in pursuit of external discretionary grants to support research and evaluation efforts. Several current projects are or were supported by such grants:

1. NIJ Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHR)

The Chicago Women's Health Risk Project is a continuing collaboration of Chicago medical, public health, and criminal justice agencies, and domestic violence experts to identify factors that indicate a significant danger of life-threatening injury or death in situations of intimate partner violence. Collaborating agencies include the Chicago Department of Public Health, Erie Family Health Center, Cook County Hospital, Chicago Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Chicago Police Department and the Authority. Project research included detailed interviews with abused women sampled as they entered a hospital, clinic, or health center for treatment, as well as interviews with people who knew victims of intimate partner homicide. By comparing data on abused women with similar data on people who have been killed by an intimate partner, the project helps agencies develop collaborative ways to identify and respond to potentially life-threatening intimate violence situations. A follow-up study looked at the effects of community capacity to determine whether the violence stopped or declined in the abused women's neighborhoods. The research provides vital information to beat officers, clinical staff, and other decision-makers in the field. The Chicago Women's Health Risk Project was supported with grants from the National Institute of Justice, the Authority, and other agencies. A number of reports, journal articles and other publications have been developed from the research. Staff continue to be solicited for presentations and briefings on the research and project tools and data continue to be requested for use by other researchers. Most recently, Carolyn Rebecca Block was asked to present relevant findings as part of in-service training efforts in the Chicago Police Department.

2. NIJ Evaluation of the Cook County State's Attorney's Victim-Witness Program

This was a federally funded (National Institute of Justice) evaluation of the Cook County State's Attorney's Victim Witness Program. The final report has been submitted to NIJ and to the Cook

County State's Attorney's Office. NIJ will soon be making the final report available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service.

3. BJS Gun Crime Study

This is a federally funded (Bureau of Justice Statistics) project being carried out in partnership with the Illinois State Police, which we hope will establish a warehouse of criminal history record information for research purposes. Extracts of criminal history data have been received and have been analyzed. Archiving procedures are being finalized and the report on an analysis of all 1998 arrests for gun-related charges is nearing completion. The final report was submitted to BJS in December 2002, and *Research Bulletin* summarizing the report is under development for publication.

4. BJA Study of MEG Unit and Local Police Department Drug Targets

This is a federally funded (Bureau of Justice Assistance) study being carried out in partnership with Loyola University's Department of Criminal Justice. Data regarding criminal histories, and drug arrest dispositions, for a sample of Illinois' multi-jurisdictional drug task force targets and a comparison group of local police department arrestees has been collected and coded, and is now being analyzed to better understand the differences between MEG/TF and local police department drug targets. In addition, the project has also developed a means to compare Authority-funded MEG and Task Force activities with the general drug control activities in the areas they serve. This technique was used to develop new comprehensive statistical profiles for each unit, and place their efforts into the larger context of drug control efforts in the jurisdictions they work in. The final report for the project was submitted to BJA in December 2002. An *On Good Authority* summarizing the research was published in February 2003.

5. IJJC Evaluation of the Impact of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act

This project is funded by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, utilizing Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funds, and is a complex, multi-phase study evaluating the implementation, process, and impact of recent changes to the Juvenile Court Act in Illinois. The project involves the study of processes by which individuals and agencies impacted by the Act's legislative changes understand the major statutory provisions and the extent to which local implementation efforts are consistent across the state. The project also involves the collection of statewide juvenile arrest data from local law enforcement agencies. Two comprehensive reports have been published. Three *On Good Authority* publications based on the full report have been published since the last Authority meeting.

6. IJJC Study of Disproportionate Minority Representation in the Cook County Juvenile Justice System

This project is funded by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission utilizing OJJDP funds, and is a study of disproportionate minority representation among juveniles in the Cook County Juvenile Justice System. Staff has completed collection and analysis of aggregate data from various juvenile justice system contact points, and has presented a draft of those findings at a meeting of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. Staff is also collecting case-level data on a sample of juveniles to measure the possible influence of specific factors on decisions made as the juveniles are processed through the system. A Phase I (aggregate data) report is expected to be completed shortly. A Phase II (case-level data) report is expected to be completed in the Spring 2003. *Research Bulletins* drawing from these findings are also planned.

7. BJS State Police NIBRS Grant Project

A \$1.2 million discretionary grant application developed jointly with the Illinois State Police was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics. The project will lead to the development of local records management solutions and a state central repository for National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data. In connection with this State Police grant, R&A staff are to: (1) assist in the evaluation of crime analysis tools which will be developed as part of the project, and (2) develop "case studies" on how local law enforcement agencies make use of the expanded incident-based crime data. Staff continue to attend advisory committee and various subcommittee meetings.

8. JRSA Disproportionate Minority Confinement Grant Project

With the assistance of a \$20,000 grant from the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA), staff is developing comprehensive statistical profiles for each of Illinois' 102 counties focused on assessing disproportionate minority overrepresentation and containing a host of data and information relative to juvenile justice planning, problem identification and problem solving. The profiles will be available in printed form and will be downloadable from the Authority's web site. We expect to complete the profiles in January 2003.

9. BJS Crime Analysis and Mapping for Local Police Grant Project

Pursuant to a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics' State Justice Statistics program, staff has begun development of a crime analysis and mapping manual for local law enforcement agencies. The publication will be a companion piece to the already-published crime analysis manual. The grant was awarded in February and the project was initiated in March 2002. An advisory committee was formed and has convened several times to review plans and working papers. Three chapters of the final report have been drafted and are undergoing review at this time. The final product is expected to be completed by December 31, 2002.

10. JRSA Profile of Girls Committed to the IDOC Youth Centers

Pursuant to a \$22,190 grant from the Justice Research and Statistics Association, Authority staff in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) is conducting an in-depth examination of the backgrounds, needs, and services received by female delinquents that have been committed to IDOC. Ultimately, this project seeks to develop research, programming and policy recommendations to aid the State in the implementation of gender-specific programming for female delinquents. The project entails examining already existing information collected by IDOC on each female inmate. These data are being used to develop an in-depth profile of girls residing in IDOC. In addition, more detailed and exploratory data will be collected through focus groups of IDOC staff members regarding the barriers and successes to working with girls, girls' unique needs, and the types of services that may help girls return successfully to their communities. Additionally, a detailed inventory of the programs currently offered through IDOC and the characteristics of the girls receiving these programs, in combination with the needs assessment, will assist in identifying service gaps. The final report of the project is due on March 15, 2003.

11. OJJDP Recidivism of Gang Versus Non-Gang Members Released from Prison in Illinois

Pursuant to a \$49,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) through the National Youth Gang Center, R&A staff are conducting a recidivism study of adult inmates released from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), focusing on the differences between those identified as members of street gangs and those who are either not in a gang, or have renounced gang membership. In addition to examining gang membership as a factor associated to recidivism, staff is examining variables related to the inmate's age, race, prior criminal history, education level, marital status, substance abuse history, and the jurisdiction/environment the inmate was released back into. Inclusion of these variables allows staff to statistically isolate the influence gang membership has on the likelihood of an arrest for a new crime following release back into the community. A sample consisting of one month's releasees (November 2000) from the IDOC (approximately 2,000 adults, with an estimated 34 percent identified as gang-members) has been identified through examination of an automated data file on releasees provided to the ICJIA by the IDOC. Criminal history records provided by the Illinois State Police (ISP) are being used to summarize each individual's prior criminal history, as well as whether or not they were rearrested following release from prison. A variety of analyses are being conducted to measure the overall prevalence of recidivism among gang and non-gang members, as well as the degree to which gang-membership plays an independent role in recidivism likelihood. A preliminary draft report on the project has been reviewed by the National Youth Gang Center and OJJDP officials. Further analysis is underway at this time.

III. GRANT PROPOSALS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Staff is currently working three (3) research project proposals for federal discretionary grant funds:

1. Staff is partnering with INFONET staff and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault on a proposal for the National Institute of Justice to document the profile of Illinois sexual assault victims and their offenders, and to assess the outcome of sexual assault cases in Illinois. The proposal is due on February 21, 2003.
2. Staff is partnering with the Chapin Hall Center for Children, the Harris School for Policy Studies, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and Cook County Department of Corrections on a proposal for the National Institute of Justice to study the sexual assault victimization experience of women in the Cook County jail and its connection with later life experience. The proposal is due on February 21, 2003.
3. Staff is developing a grant application for consideration by the Justice Research and Statistics Association for a study of the validity, reliability and equity of scoreable screening instruments being used in Illinois in connection with juvenile detention decisions. The project will involve a collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, local probation departments, and others. The proposal is due on February 27, 2003.

IV. ONGOING STAFF DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

- Staff continues to conduct and/or take part in a variety of staff development and training programs and projects. These include: (a) observations/site visits to several key criminal justice agencies; (b) peer review process for project development and pre-publication; (c) partnerships with the academic community; (d) development of specific training classes including ArcView mapping, multivariate statistical analysis, basic SPSS use, data availability in criminal justice, among other topics; and (e) human subject research issues/concerns and practices.
- A total of nine (9) R&A staff persons are currently pursuing advanced academic degrees: Five (5) are enrolled in graduate programs and four (4) are in post-graduate programs. Additionally, three (3) staff are pursuing professional licenses for information systems auditing.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information on any of these activities.

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TABLE 1. Information Request Handling Statistics

ITEM	FIRST QUARTER 7/1 - 9/30/2002	SECOND QUARTER 10/1 - 12/31/2002	THIRD QUARTER 1/1 - 3/31/2003	FOURTH QUARTER 4/1 - 6/30/2003	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Information requests handled:	295	397			692
Monthly average number of requests:	98	132			230
Pct of requests completed within two days:	79%	84%			82%
Geographic Origin of requesters:					
Chicago metropolitan area	24%	42%			33%
Other region of Illinois	44%	30%			37%
U.S. other than Illinois	18%	17%			18%
Outside the U.S.	2%	3%			2%
Unknown	12%	8%			10%
Type of requester:					
Government agency	34%	49%			42%
Private citizen	21%	16%			19%
Private agency	25%	17%			21%
Researcher	7%	7%			7%
Student	9%	8%			8%
Media	1%	2%			1%
Legislators	1%	1%			1%
Inmates	2%	1%			1%
Unknown	-	-			-
Method of request:					
Telephone/fax	45%	24%			35%
Mail	3%	4%			3%
Email/Internet	35%	28%			31%
In-person	-	32%			16%
ICJIA Web site	17%	11%			14%
Publications disseminated:					
Mailed in response to requests	12,621	3,864			16,485
Downloaded from Web Site	16,221	18,032			34,253
Total	28,842	21,896			50,738

TABLE 2. Web Site Traffic Report

	FIRST QUARTER <i>7/1-9/30/02</i>	SECOND QUARTER <i>10/1-12/31/2002</i>	THIRD QUARTER <i>1/1-3/31/2003</i>	FOURTH QUARTER <i>4/1-6/30/2003</i>	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Hits for Home Page	535,203	516,072			1,051,275
Number of User Sessions	50,558	55,074			105,632
Average Hits Per Day	5,814	5,611			5,713
Average User Sessions Per Day	549	598			574
Average Use Session Length (minutes)	16	15			16
Unique Visitors	21,514	23,839			45,353
Visitors Who Visited Once	17,657	19,638			37,295
Visitors Who Visited More Than Once	3,857	4,201			8,058
Persons Registered for CJ Dispatch <i>(Email notification of updates)</i>	1,051	1,140			1,140

TABLE 3. FSGU Support Requested: Statistics

Activities Requested by Federal and State Grants Unit	PROGRAM	FIRST QUARTER 7/1-9/30/02			SECOND QUARTER 10/1-12/31/2002			THIRD QUARTER 1/1-3/31/2003			FOURTH QUARTER 4/1-6/30/2003			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE		
		REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING	REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING	REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING	REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING	REQUESTED	COMPLETED	PENDING
PROGRAM NARRATIVE REVIEW	ADAA	10	10	0	10	10	0							20	20	0
	JAIBG	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	VOCA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	MVTPC	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Total	10	10	0	10	10	0							20	20	0
DATA REPORT DEVELOPMENT	ADAA	14	14	0	9	9	0							23	23	0
	JAIBG	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	VOCA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	MVTPC	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Total	14	14	0	9	9	0							23	23	0
DATA REPORT ENTRY (Number of projects for which monthly/quarterly data reports were computerized)	ADAA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	JAIBG	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	VOCA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	MVTPC	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
PROJECT STATUS REPORT (Number of assessments completed)	ADAA	0	0	0	3	3	0							3	3	0
	JAIBG	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	VOCA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	MVTPC	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	3	3	0							3	3	0
PROGRAM PROFILE (Number of profiles)	ADAA	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	JAIBG	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0
	VOCA	2	2	0	0	0	0							2	2	0
	MVTPC	2	2	0	0	0	0							2	2	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0

	Total	4	4	0	0	0	0							4	4	0
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