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Regular Authority Meeting
Friday, March, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
160 N. LaSalle
Chicago

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 7, 2007 Regular Meeting
- Chairman's Remarks
- 2. Executive Director's Remarks
- 3. Budget Committee Report (*Eugene E. Murphy Jr. Chair*)
 - a. Report on January 3, 2008 Budget Committee Meeting
 - b. Fiscal Report
- Trends and Issues Data Presentation (*Mark Myrent*)
- Adjourn

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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

**December 7, 2007, 9:15 a.m.
120 S. Riverside Plaza, 21st Floor
Chicago, Illinois**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Sorosky convened the regular meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and asked Jack Cutrone, the Authority's General Counsel to call the roll.

In addition to the Chairman, other Authority Members in attendance were:

Chief David Bradford
Clerk Dorothy Brown
Sheriff Thomas Dart
Sheriff Jerry Dawson
Mr. Brad Demuzio
Ms. Barbara Engel
Mr. Norbert Goetten
Mr. Theodore A. Gottfried
Clerk Becky Jansen
Mr. Thomas J. Jurkanin
Honorable William Mudge
Ms. Maryana Spyropoulos
Mr. John Z. Toscas

Chairman's Remarks

Before calling for approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2007 Authority Meeting, Chairman Sorosky announced that Authority Board Member Ted Gottfried, Director of the Office of the State Appellate Defender, was retiring and that this would be his last Authority Meeting. Chairman Sorosky lauded Mr. Gottfried as an excellent lawyer, devoted to his clients. He added that Ted Gottfried always has been a strong advocate, vigorously asserting the rights of the accused to assure that the criminal justice system remained fair. Chairman Sorosky thanked Mr. Gottfried for his work on the Authority Board representing his constituency, and said he would be missed.

In response, Mr. Gottfried stated that he enjoyed his affiliation with the Authority Board. He remarked that he felt it was important to work together with all sides of the criminal justice system since it is one system, and to illustrate his belief, he recounted that when he started as a Public Defender at 26th Street, his best friends were the two State's

Attorneys in the courtroom with him, and the police officers who came to court. In conclusion, he thanked Chairman Sorosky for his comments.

{Chairman Sorosky moved that the Authority praise Ted Gottfried for his distinguished service to the Board and to the State of Illinois. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Toscas and approved by unanimous voice vote.}

Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2007 Authority Meeting

{Mr. Toscas made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2007 Authority Meeting. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Dart and approved by unanimous voice vote.}

Executive Director's Remarks

Director Levin updated the Board about the \$810,000 that was taken out of the budget as discussed during the last Authority Board Meeting. She reiterated that the \$810,000 was the Authority's state match for the federal dollars that it administers. The Director then reported that after the Board met in December, she had a number of meetings with CMS, and with the Governor's Office, both with then Deputy Chief of staff for Public Safety Jill Morgenthaler, Deputy Governor Louanner Peters, and Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations Bob Greenlee. She said that through the hard work of Authority General Counsel and Chief of Staff Jack Cutrone, and that of Acting Chief Financial Officer Ron Litwin, there was a solution in large part.

She explained that the Authority had some overmatch from other programs that could be used to help match the dollars. She added that the Authority also now is spending some of the federal dollars this year and postponing the match to next year to obtain the General Revenue in order for that to happen. The Director continued to say that with that ability, along with the fact that CMS was paying the Authority's rent until December 31, there were enough funds to manage without having to do anything that would affect employees, cut back any programs, or make other reductions, though more General Revenue will be needed next year. She also said that the amount of money that IPSAN owed the Authority, which put the Authority in debt with CMS, was forgiven by CMS.

The Director stated that for those reasons, it was decided not to ask the Board to write a letter to the legislature concerning the Authority's funding. She remarked that hopefully the budget will pass on time and that everything will be satisfactory; if not, she said that staff will be back to report at that time.

Turning to the Authority's move, she recounted that the reason the Authority occupies its current facility was largely because of the ALERTS police information systems. Thus she said that a move at some point was anticipated. She said that the lease was for 10 years, signed approximately four to five years ago.

She reported that the Authority was working with CMS on the move, with ICJIA Associate Director for Administrative Services Hank Anthony doing an excellent job toward that goal. She said that CMS advised her that the move would be into a temporary space for about a year because CMS cannot have temporary arrangements longer than 364 days. The Director said that the current plan is to move the Authority for about a year to 32 West Randolph on a number of different floors, which are not contiguous and which CMS is switching to best meet the Authority's needs. She said that it appeared that the Authority ultimately would move to a large space at the Thompson Center.

The Director then talked about the VOI/TIS grants situation stating that the Authority had received a one-year extension on the 10 year program, which expired on September 29, 2007. She said that all the local money had been spent, with a focus on using it for jails, and that DOC as well as Marilyn Mazewski and Steve Bernstein of the Authority's staff had done their best to try to spend the money. She added that the Authority was able to accomplish at least one innovative program with the consent of the Justice Department. She explained that it involved retrofitting the Department of Mental Health forensic wings to try to alleviate crowding in jails for some of the mental health forensic patients by returning them to DMH, thereby freeing up bed space for violent offenders. But she said that there still is a large lapse, primarily arising from the fact that Grayville and Hopkins Park were not built. She stated that the lapsed amount will be approximately \$20 million, which at one point ICJIA thought would be almost \$40 million.

The Director then said that there was good news to report, that an award had been named for Becky Block of the R&A unit, who heads homicide research and a number of innovate programs. She explained that it will be given annually by the Homicide Research Working Group for the best program by a practitioner to reduce homicide. She added that although Ms. Block is officially retired, she works for the Authority 75 days per year under the state system and hopefully will continue to come back 75 days in future years to help the Authority.

The Director also said that the Governor's Office is going to be unveiling an exciting new violence prevention initiative and that the Authority is going to be asked to contribute to it. She stated that it will be discussed at the next IJCIA Budget Committee and prior to that by the JCEC. She explained that the initiative will be an attempt to have community-based efforts fight juvenile violent crime, with the communities asked to develop the plans. She then inquired if anyone had any questions.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the Authority's proposed move to 32 W. Randolph, with various Board members asking questions and making suggestions as to possible actions that the Board might pursue. Director Levin said she would send an e-mail to Deputy Governor Peters, Bob Greenlee of the Governor's Office, and CMS Acting Director Maureen O'Donnell stating the Board's displeasure not only with having to move twice in less than a year but with the location as well, particularly in light of Sheriff Dart's description of the building's safety and security issues.

Chairman Sorosky then suggested that given that the Authority may be able to remain in its present location for a few months longer, it might be wiser for the Board to write a letter recommending that it be allowed to do so and that the Authority start searching for permanent space in a publicly owned building other than the Thompson Center in a more private setting. He stated that the letter also might emphasize the financial benefits of moving only once per Clerk Brown's suggestion, and that it additionally cite the detriments and deficiencies of 32 East Randolph described by Sheriff Dart. He said he thought such a message would have more currency and validity without offending anyone rather than being a meaningless protest letter.

Director Levin said that when similar arguments have been made and other locations suggested previously, they were rejected. She added that the Authority's finding other space on its own is not possible under the current rules, with Chairman Sorosky clarifying that he meant suggesting other places to CMS. At that point, Mr. Toscas asked Chairman Sorosky if he could make a motion summarizing the discussion.

{Mr. Toscas moved that the Board authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to prepare a letter to CMS with copies to the Governor's office and other pertinent individuals requesting that the Authority's temporary move be reconsidered and that its relocation take place at such time as the permanent facility is ready and open. Director Goetten seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Director Levin thanked the Board and advised that she would call the Deputy Governor and let her know of its discussion.

Budget Committee Report by Associate Director for Federal and State Grants Unit John Chojnacki in the Absence of Committee Chair Eugene E. Murphy, Jr.

Mr. Chojnacki reported that the Budget Committee met to discuss funding plans for the following federal programs: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), saying that there were no designations made at the meeting. He stated that the Budget Committee voted to implement a future VAWA federal awards, which rendered designation reductions necessary, as recommended by the Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee at its October 9, 2007 meeting and subsequent recommendations by Authority staff as follows:

number one, if necessary, designation reductions would be made by determining what percentage of current funding within the particular VAWA fund areas, such as law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, court and discretionary, is dedicated to each continuing program and making the next year's designation recommendations per that same percentage relative to federal award amounts dedicated to each VAWA fund area;

number two, no program's designation will be reduced by more than 20 percent the first year, and no program's designation will be reduced by more than 30 percent relative to its current spending the second year, and

number three, any funding recommendations will be made per the above guidelines and brought before a future Budget Committee meeting for approval.

He continued to say that any future VAWA designations including designations for the continuations of currently funded programs reduced per the recommendations above will be presented to the Budget Committee for approval at future Budget Committee meetings.

He added that in the area of VOCA, the Budget Committee voted to implement a future VOCA federal award rendering designation reductions necessary, based on the funding recommendations made by the Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee at its October 9, 2007 meeting and subsequent Authority staff recommendations as follows:

number one, if necessary, reductions from current funding levels of up to 20 percent would be made for its future designations;

number two, 20 percent would be the maximum reduction to any single continuing program if fund levels stay the same, i.e., slightly smaller reductions across the board would be necessary if the VOCA federal fiscal year '08 award is equal to the VOCA federal year '07 award;

number three, staff will exercise discretion in the use of future VOCA federal awards prior to making funding recommendations to the Budget Committee, which may be influenced by future VOCA federal award amounts and/or the analysis of individual grantee's budgets and/or lapsing funds, and

number four, any funding recommendations will be made per the above guidelines and brought before a future Budget Committee meeting for approval and any future VOCA designations including the designations for the continuations of currently funded programs possibly reduced by the recommendations above will presented to the Budget Committee for approval at future meetings.

Mr. Chojnacki concluded his report. In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that Mr. Chojnacki's report was only informational, and that more information would be made available before the next Budget Committee meeting in early January. Director Levin added that letters had not yet been sent to the grantees but would be shortly to let people know what the situation is.

In discussing when the next Budget Committee meeting would be held, Director Levin said it needed to be in early January because one of the matters is the Governor's violence prevention program that he is hoping to launch in January and the issue of funding for it.

Fiscal Report by Acting Chief Financial Officer Ron Litwin

Chairman Sorosky then called upon Ron Litwin for his fiscal report. Mr. Litwin said that he would first discuss the actual expenses for FY07 and then expenses and obligations for the first four months of FY08. Directing attention to the FY07 General Revenue section, he pointed out that expenditures were less than budgeted in the personal services area, as well as in the associated lines of retirement, FICA, and group insurance, because of a number of vacant positions.

He moved to the General Revenue schedule for the contractual line where expenditures were less by \$132,000. He explained that this amount was due to a \$79,000 favorable variance in the not otherwise classified contractual line items, along with numerous other small items that accounted for the remaining favorable variance of \$53,000. He then turned to the EDP favorable variance of \$60,000 that was primarily due to a lower level of expenditures for professional services and reduced purchases of EDP equipment.

Mr. Litwin next discussed the Criminal Justice Information Systems Trust Fund, the expenditures for which had not changed since the last Authority meeting. At that point, Director Goetten asked if the General Revenue funds of \$489,000 lapsed, with Mr. Litwin responding affirmatively.

Turning to the Criminal Justice Trust Fund, he said that the federal spending for the year was lower than budgeted primarily because of the favorable variance of the \$19 million in the VOI/TIS program. He then pointed out that the \$810,000 in the next section for General Revenue was spent 100 percent. He added that the \$150,000 in the miscellaneous category represents the Capital Punishment Reform Act under the direction of Chairman Thomas Sullivan and the favorable variance of \$63,000 is due to lower than budgeted professional services expenses and again the not otherwise classified contractual expenditures.

Mr. Litwin noted that the Shared Services line item shows a favorable variance because most of the work of consolidation that was budgeted was actually performed in Springfield so there were no expenses in Chicago. Commenting on the Criminal Justice Information Fund, he said that it was created for nonfederal grants awarded basically to the Research and Analysis unit, and the favorable variance of \$400,000 was due to the fact that funding for the level of budgeted activity did not materialize. Discussing the last fund, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, he said that expenses remained under the budgeted levels. He then asked if there were any questions concerning his recap of FY07.

In response, Barbara Engel asked if the Criminal Justice Information Fund is for the Authority's own research, with Mr. Litwin replying that it was established for nonfederal funding moneys and that the Authority did not receive any in that category last year.

He then directed attention to the first four months of activity for FY08 and commented that the month of July expenditures were authorized by an emergency budget bill because

of the problems that the State had enacting a budget. He said that the FY08 budget bill was signed by the Governor on August 23, 2007, and prior to that date in August only payroll expenditures were authorized so that the level of expenditures should normalize on a year-to-date basis as the fiscal year progresses. Mr. Litwin also noted that there is no further activity for the Criminal Justice Information Systems Trust Fund as it has been privatized.

Turning to the Criminal Justice Trust Fund federal expenditures and obligations, he said that activity is 67 percent of the appropriation primarily due to rollover obligations from the prior year for the various programs and that is the reason it may seem high being only four months into the fiscal year. He then explained that the next section of the General Revenue matching expenses was the line item that was vetoed and the \$13,000 represents the expenses that were incurred through the emergency budget period. He repeated that the Criminal Justice Information Fund was created for nonfederal grants awarded to the Research and Analysis Unit, and the appropriation of \$400,000 is established to provide spending authority as grant funding is received, with none so far for FY08.

Finally, he stated that the Juvenile Accountability expenses remain under the budgeted levels basically because of the slow start to the year referenced earlier.

In response to Mr. Litwin's call for questions or comments, Mr. Goetten asked if the Authority anticipates filing a petition for supplemental appropriations in light of the reductions with Mr. Litwin saying it does not.

Approval of S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women in Illinois A Multi-Year Plan: FFY06-08

Chairman Sorosky then called upon Ron Reichgelt to relate information concerning the Authority's VAWA funding. Mr. Reichgelt presented the revised VAWA implementation plan that was developed and submitted to the federal government last year as a three-year plan for the implementation of the Authority's VAWA violence against women funds over those three years. He stated that because of the 2005 reauthorization of VAWA, the Authority was required to submit a revised plan explaining the use of its victim services funding per a new regulation.

He said that the VAWA portion of money is split five different ways: prosecution, law enforcement, victim services, courts, and discretionary funds. He explained that the victim services portion, which comprises 30 percent of the overall award, is now being required to set aside 10 percent of the 30 percent of the Authority's award for underserved populations. He continued to say that the Authority needed to revise the VAWA plan to show how that requirement was going to be met in Illinois. He stressed that this plan had already been approved by the Board last year and submitted to the federal government, but that it was only this one section that had to be revised. He added that in Illinois the Authority's victim services money is split evenly between the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, with each of those agencies utilizing their victim services funds almost 100 percent for

underserved populations. Therefore, he said that an approval of the plan with the revision of the section on page 54 -- unserved and underserved areas of the population – was being sought, i.e., how the Authority’s victim services money will be utilized in Illinois to meet the requirement of serving underserved populations.

Mr. Reichgelt asked if there were any questions, with Director Jurkanin inquiring if a motion were needed for approval.

{Upon an affirmative response, Mr. Jurkanin so moved. Ms. Engel seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Sex Offenders – The Adam Walsh Act and How It May Impact Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Act Funding, Presentation by Jack Cutrone

Chairman Sorosky thanked Mr. Reichgelt. He then gave background on the next topic involving a relatively new area of criminal law, sexual offender activities and sexual offender programs and requirements after conviction of a sexual offense. He introduced Jack Cutrone to speak about these matters, with Mr. Cutrone focusing on the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Mr. Cutrone explained that President Bush signed it into law on July 27, 2006.

Mr. Cutrone said he would be discussing Title I of that Act, which involves sex offender registration and notification, also known as SORNA.

He pointed out that in 1996, the federal government passed the Jacob Wetterling Act, which attempted to make uniform some of the varying state sex offender registration provisions, but since then, Wetterling has been amended, with a patchwork of differing state statutes regarding sex offenders.

Mr. Cutrone highlighted that the purpose of these registration laws is to promote public safety by giving the community information about sex offenders and also by making sex offenders feel they may be under scrutiny and thereby hopefully reduce recidivism. He added that the notification portions of the program go to parents and the public generally and are available for potential employers, schools, and private agencies providing services to children. He said that the Adam Walsh Act was intended to make uniform among all jurisdictions certain minimum standards regarding sex offender registration, with one of its goals to prevent sex offenders from disappearing from view by moving to another state, as well as from jurisdiction shopping.

Further he outlined the various areas of reform on which the Adam Walsh Act concentrated: extending the class of sex offenders and offenses for which registration is required; making consistent the registration requirements in the jurisdictions where an individual sex offender may reside, work or go to school; requiring that more registration information be given and in-person appearances to update information; increasing generally the period of registration for sex offenders, and broadening the availability of information on sex offenders through websites and other means.

Mr. Cutrone related that the Adam Walsh Act, creates three tiers of sex offenders. He outlined each tier and its requirements. He added that the tier system also controls the duration of registration and frequency of reporting, and went on to define the sex offenses, which are criminal offenses, under Adam Walsh.

Other aspects of the Act's registration requirements he covered included: retroactive registration, types of registration information, initial registration, responsibility to keep information current, and the duty of the jurisdiction. Mr. Cutrone then turned to the Act's notification provisions. He discussed notification to the public by posting on the sex offender website, targeted notifications, and information available to law enforcement. He further outlined mandatory, discretionary and prohibited website information, along with other required website information and registry information available to law enforcement only.

Mr. Cutrone next turned to the issue of compliance with the Adam Walsh Act, which is required on the third anniversary of the signing of the Act into law, July 27, 2009. He said that if Illinois does not comply with the Adam Walsh Act, the Authority will lose 10 percent of its funding every year under the Justice Assistance Grant program, which currently is the Authority's major source of funds. He noted that some jurisdictions such as California opted not to comply, forfeiting their funding and staying within their own existing registration requirements. Mr. Cutrone pointed out that Illinois's current registration act is close to compliance, actually having a broader class of offenses requiring registration than those of the Adam Walsh Act and including address verification not required by the Adam Walsh Act.

He then addressed the compliance issues in Illinois, i.e., Illinois requires less information at the time of registration; and, what he characterized as a major concern, some offenders who will be Tier II offenders and therefore subject to a 25-year registration term are now subject only to a ten-year registration term in Illinois. He also cited retroactivity as problematic as far as some members of the legislature are concerned, along with juvenile registration legislation that passed almost unanimously through the Illinois legislature that is contrary to Adam Walsh. Another issue he raised pertained to the Adam Walsh Act software requirement of being able to share information with other jurisdictions, which is not currently possible with the system the state now uses.

In closing, Mr. Cutrone reported that compliance will be determined by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART). He said solutions for full compliance in Illinois include: passing new legislation, and changing software to meet the required capability, which is being developed by the Department of Justice and will be available without cost to the states. He added that grants also will be offered to help states make the transition to comply with the Adam Walsh Act.

Sex Offenders – Housing Restrictions for Sex Offenders, Presentation by Alyssa Williams-Schafer

Mr. Cutrone introduced Alyssa Williams-Schafer, Coordinator for Sex Offender Services for the Department of Corrections to speak on housing restrictions for sex offenders. Mr. Cutrone explained that as Coordinator for Sex Offender Services for the Department of Corrections, Ms. Williams-Schafer oversees various of DOC's programs including: the Sexually Violent Persons Evaluation Unit, Sexually Dangerous Persons Treatment Program, Chicago Special Needs Treatment Center, and the East St. Louis Sex Offender Treatment Program. He added that she also coordinates DOC's tracking program for sex offenders, oversees the approval or denial of sex offender parole placements, is an administrator of licensing for transitional housing in Illinois, conducts training for staff working with sex offenders, works with state and local entities regarding sex offender legislation and is the DOC's representative on the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board.

Ms. Williams-Schafer said that she wanted to talk about legislation that has passed regarding sex offenders and some implications of that legislation on different entities throughout the state. She pointed out that there has been an influx of sex offenders legislation passed in about the last five years pertaining to residency restrictions, and registration requirement changes. She stated that specifically she wanted to talk about residency restrictions, citing the fact that Illinois has had a 500-foot law residency restriction for some time.

She remarked that 22 states now have residency restrictions ranging anywhere from 500 to 2,000 feet, contingent upon whether the parole or probation officer decides the particular offender is a risk to offend against children and stipulates some type of residency restriction. She explained that the Illinois 500-foot restriction for sex offenders of child victims means within 500 feet of a playground, a day care center, a school or any facility that exclusively provides services to minors under the age of 18.

She discussed other states' footage requirements, including Iowa and the City of Dubuque where sex offenders cannot live within a whole particular area and are placed in rural locations. She said that Illinois has been successful in maintaining its 500-foot residency restriction although several legislators have proposed 750 feet, 1,000 feet, and recently a 2,000 residency restriction. She added that when Iowa passed its residency restriction, one of the Representatives from the Rock Island area decided that he would try that for Illinois.

She said that after having discussing the ramifications of that potential residency restriction on the state with him, he opted not to move forward. She added that instead, he created an interstate task force whereby Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois all met to discuss the impact of sex offender legislation on the states and how to work together to make things function better on an interstate basis as well.

Ms. Williams-Schafer then talked about the efficacy of residency restrictions citing several news articles and pieces of research saying that they are not necessarily effective. She added that they are not proven to prevent recidivism of sex offenders, with research indicating that about 92 percent of sex offenders know their victims. She said the majority groom their victims by getting into the family and do not go into schools or snatch a child off the side of the road.

She said that Illinois has gone over and above the footage requirement and described legislation that was passed in 2005, HB 350, Public Act 94-0161, that says no sex offender who is under supervision whether it be parole, probation or court supervision can reside with another sex offender in the same address, in basically the same residence, the same apartment building, the same apartment complex, the same condominium unit or the same condominium complex as any other individual that they know has committed a sex offense. She added that this piece of legislation can make it difficult to track sex offenders.

Ms. Williams-Schafer went on to describe the Department's specialized unit of parole agents who only supervise sex offenders. She stated that the agents' case load levels have been reduced to better manage sex offenders, and contact standards have been increased, with some of the highest contact standards within the state. In addition she said that the parole agents do a monthly check to ensure that sex offenders are in compliance with the law, known as a code 22. She outlined an offender tracking system and automated management system used to do case management, including checking the state police registry for every address of every sex offender on parole to ensure there is no other sex offender residing there.

Ms. Williams-Schafer pointed out that besides the one-sex-offender-per-address law, the Illinois Department of Corrections undertook efforts in combination with it such as licensing transitional living homes, which she supervises and personally visits and licenses. She said that previously DOC contracted with people who were paid to provide a service; now the only licensing exemptions are a DHS home, DCFS home, or licensed medical facility.

She listed a series of stipulations that are placed on the transitional homes by the law and by administrative rule created by DOC. She said that she must personally approve all treatment plans for every sex offender in the transitional homes regardless if they are on parole, probation or court supervision and that the facilities must notify the police department, public/private elementary and secondary schools, public libraries, and each residential home or apartment complex within 500 feet. She added that the Illinois State Police Web Site now indicates the particular homes on their website and there are other mandatory rules, including the need for architectural approval, and emergency and operational plans.

She remarked that because of the 500-foot restriction, along with the other transitional living home regulations, and the one-sex-offender-per-address situation, there are problems finding homes for sex offenders. She said that currently there were 1,100 sex

offenders on parole, and as of five or six days ago, 467 individuals sitting within the Department of Corrections who have reached their period of parole or mandatory supervised release with no place to go. She added that everything possible has been done to try to place them yet no approved site has been found because they cannot meet the requirements of the legislation or the requirements of parole supervision.

She related a number of options that have been explored to try to provide a solution, but which were met with community opposition, and in some jurisdictions, have resulted in extending the 500-foot residency restriction to 1,000 feet. She said that other states have been contacted for ideas and unfortunately are encountering the same difficulties, with those offenders not placed, returned to prison. She added that a federal class action lawsuit is now pending against the Department of Corrections for violating sex offenders' civil liberties by not releasing them from prison.

She said that she is hesitant to release 467 sex offenders into the community homeless because they will not be able to be supervised, but at the same time she does not want to house 467 individuals who need to be out on parole. She said she wanted them out in the community being supervised and being treated by sex offender management or an approved provider. She added that those doing their parole time on the inside are coming out with no supervision or treatment requirements and do not even have to provide an address where they are going to live.

In conclusion, Ms. Williams-Schafer said that as per her remarks, the issue of sexual offenders presented a difficult dilemma and she welcomed ideas for better dealing with the problem. A discussion then ensued with questions by Chairman Sorosky, covering the value of registration requirements, residency restrictions and loitering laws, and Ms. Engel addressing the need for more money for research on sex offender treatment efficacy, treatment itself, and public education.

In response, Ms. Williams Smith-Schafer recounted some discussions that took place within the legislature along those lines, but said that it was difficult to have politicians publicly support those concepts or to quell overzealous legislation because they do not want to appear that they are not harsh on crime. She reiterated that housing for sexual offenders was a very a problematical issue, often causing situations that impeded their obtaining available supervision and treatment. Thanking the Board for inviting her, Ms. Williams-Schafer added that her presentation was available on the Illinois State Bar Association website and that she would be happy to send it to anyone who wanted a copy.

Chairman Sorosky then complimented and thanked Ms. Williams-Schafer for her presentation. Receiving no response to a call for old or new business, he asked for a motion to adjourn, saying that this might be the Authority Board's last Board meeting in its present location.

{Ms. Engel's motion to adjourn was seconded by Director Jurkanin and passed by unanimous voice vote.}



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer
Date: March 7, 2008
Re: Authority Fiscal Reports

Attached are the FY 2008 fiscal reports covering the period:
July 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008.

Exhibit #1 – Operations

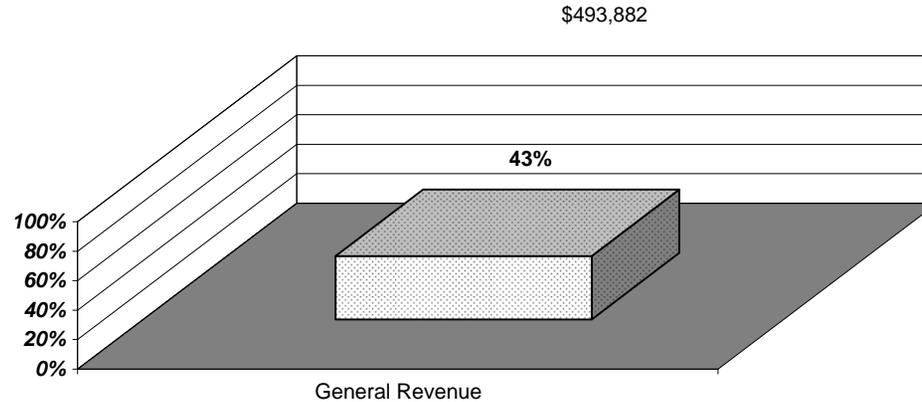
As shown on Exhibit 1, the Authority has expended or obligated 43% of our General Revenue operations.

Exhibit #2 – Awards and Grants

As shown on Exhibit 2, the Authority has expended or obligated 8% of our General Revenue matching funds appropriation and 72% of our total appropriation.

I will be available at the Authority meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding these reports.

Exhibit #1 - Operations
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
FY 2008 Expenditures/Obligations
 July 1, 2007 - January 31, 2008



General Revenue

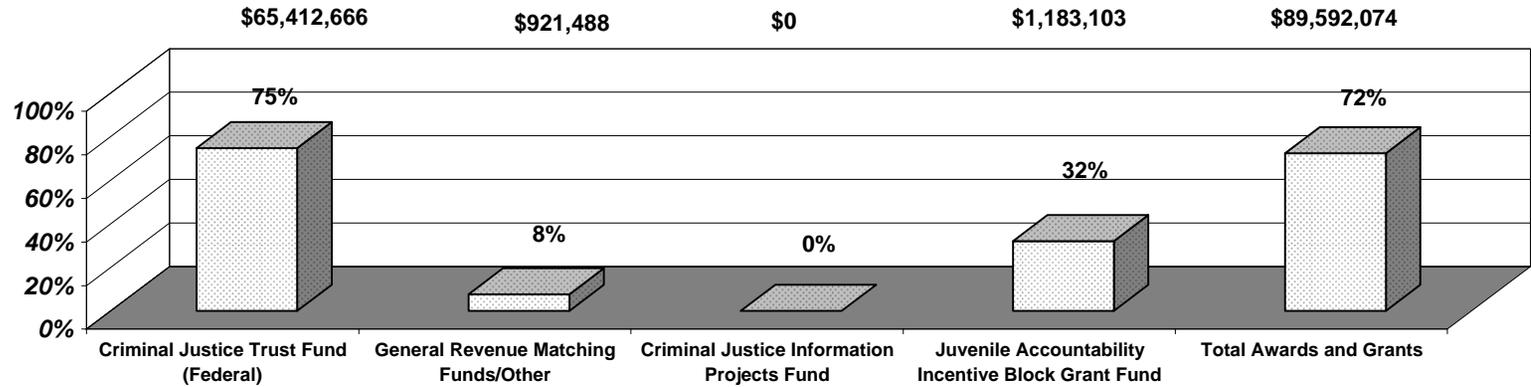
	Budget/ (1)		Expenditures/	
	Appropriation	Reserve	Obligations	Balance (2)
Personal Services	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$683,339	\$691,661
Retirement	\$228,250	\$0	\$110,225	\$118,025
FICA	\$95,800	\$0	\$51,285	\$44,515
Contractual	\$331,700	\$0	\$77,275	\$254,425
Travel	\$11,200	\$0	\$4,840	\$6,360
Commodities	\$12,000	\$0	\$3,537	\$8,463
Printing	\$13,500	\$0	\$4,144	\$9,356
Equipment	\$5,500	\$0	\$0	\$5,500
EDP	\$165,000	\$0	\$48,478	\$116,522
Telecommunications	\$44,100	\$0	\$103	\$43,997
Operation of Auto	\$13,500	\$0	\$3,272	\$10,228
Total	\$2,295,550	\$0	\$986,498	\$1,309,052

% of Appropriation (less Reserve): 43% 57%

(1) This amount is the total that the Legislature approved and does not equal the total amount spent.

(2) Balance does not equal end of period cash balance. This is the difference between budget and actual expenditures / obligations.

Exhibit #2 - Awards & Grants
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
FY 2008 Expenditures/Obligations
 July 1, 2007 - January 31, 2008



	Criminal Justice Trust Fund (Federal)			General Revenue Matching Funds/Other				Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund		
	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)
Federal Assistance Support	\$5,800,000	\$2,697,063	\$3,102,937	\$13,241	\$0	\$13,241	\$0			
State Agencies	\$12,000,000	\$4,708,017	\$7,291,983							
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.	\$37,000,000	\$28,388,120	\$8,611,880							
Misc. Awards/Grants	\$1,700,000	\$130,677	\$1,569,323	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Fed. Crime Bill Initiatives	\$40,000,000	\$36,714,292	\$3,285,708							
Shared Services	\$700,000	\$0	\$700,000	\$162,165	\$0	\$0	\$162,165			
Total	\$97,200,000	\$72,638,169	\$24,561,831	\$175,406	\$0	\$13,241	\$162,165	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		75%	25%			8%	92%		0%	100%
	Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund			Total						
	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)			
Federal Assistance Support				\$5,813,241	\$0	\$2,710,304	\$3,102,937			
State Agencies				\$12,000,000	\$0	\$4,708,017	\$7,291,983			
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.				\$37,000,000	\$0	\$28,388,120	\$8,611,880			
Misc. Awards/Grants				\$2,100,000	\$0	\$130,677	\$1,969,323			
Fed. Crime Bill Initiatives				\$40,000,000	\$0	\$36,714,292	\$3,285,708			
Shared Services	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$962,165	\$0	\$0	\$962,165			
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	\$4,500,000	\$1,475,826	\$3,024,174	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$1,475,826	\$3,024,174			
Total	\$4,600,000	\$1,475,826	\$3,124,174	\$102,375,406	\$0	\$74,127,236	\$28,248,171			
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		32%	68%			72%	28%			

(1) This amount is the total that the Legislature approved and does not equal the total amount spent.

(2) Balance does not equal end of period cash balance. This is the difference between budget and actual expenditures / obligations.

General Revenue 43%

Criminal Justice Trust Fund (Federal) 75%

General Revenue Matching Funds/Other 8%

Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund 0%

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund 32%

Total Awards and Grants 72%



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members

From: John Chojnacki, Associate Director, Federal & State Grants Unit

Date: February 22, 2008

Re: Federal and State Grants Unit Report – March 7, 2008 Authority Meeting

The staff assigned to the Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) performed the following activities during the period of November 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008. During this period, FSGU headcount dropped from 18 to 17. New hires are pending at this time.

Grant Activities

During the reporting period, FSGU staff monitored 308 grants, representing approximately \$38,062,695 in grant funds. Monitoring included the following:

- Reviewing (1,022) monthly or quarterly reports: (526) data and (496) fiscal;
- Initiating disbursement of funds requested by grantees;
- Conducting (approximately 26) site visits;
- Processing budget revisions and/or amendments to existing agreements;
- Reviewing requests for proposals (RFPs) drafted by grantees and proposed subcontracts between grantees and other service providers or vendors; and
- Providing technical assistance to grantees (approximately 3,574 times). This included telephonic, e-mail, and on site contacts with grantees that requested assistance regarding issues relating to their grant(s). Staff also received communications from non-grantees regarding types of grants available through the federal government, and/or how to complete forms for federal grants.

During this reporting period, FSGU staff began processing 129 new agreements (grants), representing \$11,456,069 in grant funds. Processing of a new agreement includes:

- Negotiating the program narrative, budget, and budget narrative with the grantee;
- Processing the grant proposal for in-house legal, fiscal, and research and analysis reviews and comments;
- Making necessary changes and forwarding the agreement to the grantee for signature;
- Once returned, processing the agreement through the Office of General Counsel for the executive director's signature, and, when signed, returning a fully executed copy to the grantee as well as other contacts; and
- Initiating an obligation and disbursing any initial funds that are requested.

Administrative Activities

Meetings

During the reporting period, FSGU staff have planned for and/or staffed 3 meetings:

- One Budget Committee meetings was held on January 3, 2008.
- One Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition meeting was held on December 17, 2007.
- The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (IMVTPC) conducted a regular council meeting on November 9, 2007 in Chicago.

Meeting preparation often involves coordination with other Authority units such as Research and Analysis and the Office of Administrative Services, and often includes logistics coordination and production, assembly, and mailing of materials.

Federal Program Applications

Between November 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008, applications were submitted to the federal government for awards from the following federal programs:

Program	Date Submitted
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Act (RSAT) FFY08	December 19, 2007
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY08	January 30, 2008
Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) FFY08	January 31, 2008

Training and Conferences

One staff member attended a Violence Against Women Act administrator's conference from November 26 through November 30, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Other Activities

- 1) In support of the Authority's Strategic Plan, staff continues to prioritize projects and activities as well as develop strategies to best incorporate the Authority's Action Plan initiatives into unit operations.
- 2) During the reporting period, FSGU continued to operate without a full staff. Executive staff is pursuing the hiring process with expectations of returning the unit to full strength. On an individual basis, staff members have continued to handle increased grant loads, train the new employees, and perform other responsibilities, pending the filling of vacant positions.
- 3) Staff continually updates Attachment A's, fact sheets (program/fund information sheets), funding charts, and other items on the Authority's Internet and Intranet sites.
- 4) Staff is examining ways to improve the public's access via the Internet to information relating to programs that receive funds from the Authority and to information about

the individual grantees. This is part of an on-going process aimed at making the Authority's activities more open and transparent to the general public.

- 5) FSGU staff is continuing to work and meet with the Authority's Research and Analysis Unit as well as other state and local agencies, such as the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, jail-based mental health services, community-based transitional services for female offenders, and juvenile reporting centers to advance common goals and projects.
- 6) Staff has been working closely with Fiscal Management staff to close out the following federal awards:
 - A) Anti-Drug Abuse Act (ADAA) FFY 1999, FFY 2002, and FFY 2003.
 - B) Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) FFY 2004.
 - C) National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) FFY 2004.
 - D) National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) FFY 2004 and 2005.
 - E) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), Central and Northern Districts FFY 2005.
 - F) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Act (RSAT) FFY 2002.
 - G) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2001, FFY 2002, and Rural FFY04.
 - H) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2004.
 - I) Violent Offender Incarceration / Truth In Sentencing Act FFY 1996.
- 7) Staff continues to be involved in post-Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) Summit activities, including the Illinois BARJ initiative.
- 8) As part of the Authority's on-going efforts to upgrade its information systems, staff has worked with the Information Services Unit and the Research and Analysis Unit to design a preliminary version of the Authority's new E-Grant database system, which is intended to eventually replace the current Grant Management Information System.
- 9) In September, 2007, staff initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) to over 900 local and county law enforcement agencies throughout the Illinois. The RFP offered approximately \$860,000 to be used for a vehicle and/or in-car video recording equipment purchases. The Authority received responses from approximately 40 percent of the agencies contacted. Application reviews continued into November and awards totaling \$807,987 were issued through January, 2008.



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Brian Brosnan
Date: February 8, 2008
Re: Summary of Human Resources Activities

The following highlights the work performed by Illinois Criminal Justice Information Human Resources Unit since the last Authority meeting.

Recruitment, Screening and Hiring

The Authority wants to welcome a new staff member:

Victoria Cruz- Criminal Justice Specialist I

The Authority also wants to congratulate three staff members on their promotions:

Jessica Ashley: Public Service Administrator (R&A)

Christine Devitt: Public Service Administrator (R&A)

Erica Hughes: Criminal Justice Specialist II (R&A)

Electronic Personnel Action Requests (EPARs) are being processed to fill funded headcount vacancies. All information, with the initiation of the personnel requisition to the final candidate selection, is posted on the system. It allows for highly accurate and efficient hire tracking while eliminating the paper transfer.

The process of filing positions in the Authority has been in process. Thirteen candidates were invited and eleven of them were interviewed for a PSA position. A candidate has been selected and waiting for approval. Also, for a Criminal Justice Specialist I, twenty-two candidates were invited and thirteen were interviewed. The process of choosing the best candidate is coming to an end and will soon have candidates into the EPAR system.

- Ran background and fingerprint checks on all new employees & interns
- Awaiting approval for several ePARS (approval to hire) regarding current vacancies
- Posted employment opportunity notifications via the ICJIA web site, CMS, and various other entities
- Reviewing resumes and starting to plan the schedule for interviews

- Formulating a recruitment plan for underutilized Affirmative Action categories. This is an agency initiative.

Employee Benefits

- Provided staff with disability and family leave information. Processed all related medical/administrative paperwork
- Tracked ongoing leaves
- Processed several Deferred Compensation transactions
- Processed and distributed Savings Bonds for employees
- Assisting employees with questions regarding their SERS status and/or reciprocal benefits
- Processing the changes of many employees' benefits and flexible spending accounts during the Benefit Choice Period (May 1-May 31)
- Working with Shared Service to prepare a smooth transition for them to take over our benefits

Salaries & Compensation

- Assisted in continued bi-monthly payroll processing for 60 employees
- Issued time balance reports monthly to payroll and contractual employees
- Continued to check timesheets of federally funded employees for correct time certification reports
- Tracking balances of employees who do not qualify for overtime under FLSA and receive Equivalent Earned Time (EET) as of July 1, 2006.
- Assisted in the payment of temporary assignment pay due to the vacancies
- Continued to disperse Merit Compensation increases starting January 1, 2007
- Transferred payroll/timekeeping to Shared Services effective July 16, 2007
- Assisted Shared Services by giving documentation and communicating changes for ICJIA

Equal Employment Opportunities

- Met and was trained by representative from Dept. of Human Rights
- Submitted the Second Quarterly Report for FY2008
- Submitted yearly EEO report for FY2008 and was approved
- Received complete parity for EEO rules and regulations in Authority history
- Training will be ongoing for Affirmative Action Planning for our agency in order to meet and attain our hiring goals

Staff Development & Training

- Supervisory/Management Staff completing Interview and Selection (RUTAN) Training
- Refresher courses were taken to recertify employees for RUTAN training
- Certified employees in different computer classes
- Enrolled staff in sexual prevention training
- Continued to provide staff with development tools now available in library for use
- Continuing the Ethics training for all employees through use of the internet and paper materials
- Enrolled
- Coordinated the completion of Ethics Training for every employee at the agency

Other Miscellaneous Projects

- Working with all unit directors to update organization charts to submit to CMS
- Working with unit directors to identify any classification issues
- Working with CMS classifications to establish and clarify job descriptions
- Working on updating the Authority Handbook
- Processing 3-month, 6-month, and annual evaluations for all staff

Reports

The following reports were prepared and submitted by HR staff:

- Second Quarterly EEO Report for FY2008
- Affirmative Action Plan FY2008
- Illinois State Legislator



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To: Authority Members

From: Mark Myrent, Associate Director
Research and Analysis Unit

Date: February 11, 2007

Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the December 2007 Authority Meeting

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

I. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. 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. Evaluation and research efforts supported, conducted or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Illinois Going Home Program Evaluation

The University of Chicago has completed an implementation and preliminary impact evaluation of the Illinois Going Home Program. The program is a major offender reentry effort funded through a partnership of contributing federal agencies and in concert with a number of Chicago-area government, community and faith-based organizations. The evaluation report addresses how the program was implemented, how it worked in the field and the effectiveness of the program. The full report is schedule to be posted on our website in February 2008.

2. Reports on the analysis of datasets maintained/available through the Authority

In addition to collaborative research projects using the Chicago Homicide Dataset or the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study, R&A staff has also collaborated with external researchers on projects that focus on the analysis of our in-house data. This data includes InfoNet, which is a database that maintains information from victim service providers and agencies, and data from the Illinois Crime Victimization Survey and the 2000 Probation Outcome Study.

- *Victim Characteristics and Reporting Violence to the Police* (Illinois Crime Victimization Data) under the direction of Dr. Callie Rennison of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. This project examined how victim characteristics influence the decision to contact the police following violence. The study is based on Illinois 2002 crime victimization survey data. The final report is available on our website and a summary has been drafted.
- *Comparing Risk Factors Associated with Violent and General Recidivism while on Probation and After Discharge – Implications for Risk Management* under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans and Dr. Paul Yarnold. This study addressed several issues in the identification of risk factors that contribute to violent and non-violent recidivism after discharge from probation. In addition, the study addressed what types of offenders show evidence of refraining from new crimes for a longer-term period after they have successful treatment completion. The study tested whether family only and generalized aggressors have unique risk factors associated with recidivism. Revision comments on the draft report were sent in January and we are awaiting the final report.

3. Safe Havens Domestic Violence Program evaluation project

Staff has evaluated the Chicago Safe Havens demonstration site, a project funded under the Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The Safe Havens Program was established by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 to provide an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. The purpose of the supervised visitation program is to enable custodial parents to comply with court ordered visitation, without having to fear that they or their children will be re-victimized. Staff identified the following priority areas of the evaluation: interviews with visitation center directors and staff (to determine changes in practice in policy and roles as collaborators), the issue of case termination (to determine why cases come to a close and what can be done in cases where visits should continue, but do not), observation forms used by staff at visitation centers during visits and other data collected in client files (Data from these forms, together with data collected through the interviews helped determine how accurately these forms reflect what happens during visits. Other client information found in their files helped identify who is referred to visitation services from court, how rule violations are handled, and in terms of termination, whether or not clients fail to show up for services, if they terminate visits due to court order, etc.). Also included in the final report are findings from an evaluation completed on a judicial training for judges in the Cook County Family Court division that focused on domestic violence in relation to custody and visitation rights. Staff distributed a pre-survey, a survey at the training itself, and a post-survey to determine whether or not the training had an affect on judges' beliefs or actions in the courtroom. The final draft of the report is in the process of being reviewed, and publication is expected this spring.

4. Criminal justice agencies Needs Assessment Survey project

Orbis Partners was assigned to conduct a criminal justice needs assessment in Illinois and the Authority has recently received the results of the survey in a draft report. The primary purpose of this study is to supply information that will demonstrate the needs of criminal justice

organizations, and identify areas that need improvement. The information will also be used to guide decision-making regarding where to best allocate resources. The study's secondary purpose is to provide information that outlines if, and how, the needs of criminal justice organizations have changed over time by comparing the data collected as part of this study to the results of a needs assessment survey conducted in 1996.

Major components of the criminal justice system were surveyed on topics such as workload demands, training needs, staff retention, information systems and programming. The needs assessment involved the distribution of surveys to approximately 1,700 practitioners in the Illinois criminal justice system, and included court clerks, detention center administrators, judges, police chiefs, probation, public defenders, state's attorneys, and victim service providers. While the surveys for each agency contained some of the same sections, the surveys were also tailored to address those issues that pertain specifically to the component of the system being surveyed. For example, the survey for detention centers offered questions regarding security issues, medical care and in-house programs; while the probation survey offered questions on assessment tools and supervision.

After multiple strategies were employed to encourage participation, a total of 602 questionnaires were returned for an overall response rate of 38.6%. Results indicate that law enforcement feel that domestic violence crimes, property crime and juvenile crime are the most significant contributors to their workload. Law enforcement also noted a need for resources and training related to methamphetamine investigations. A *Trends & Issues Update* is now being written to provide greater detail on other reported law enforcement needs.

5. Evaluation of IDOC's Sheridan Correctional Center Therapeutic Community Program

Research & Analysis staff is continuing to support the operation of the Sheridan Correctional Center through a process and impact evaluation. Sheridan is currently the largest correctional facility in the country that is entirely committed to substance abuse treatment. The prison, designed as a therapeutic community for substance abuse users, reopened at the beginning of 2004 and had an additional methamphetamine treatment unit built on in FY08. Drug offenders released from IDOC have relatively high recidivism rates if they are released without any form of treatment in prison or in their communities upon release. The Sheridan treatment plan is designed to treat offenders while incarcerated and while they are released to their communities under supervision to reduce recidivism rates across Illinois.

The evaluation of Sheridan is a collaborative effort between the Authority, Loyola University, and the Illinois Department of Corrections. The evaluation uses a combination of quantitative and qualitative data to gauge the process and impact of operations at Sheridan and the aftercare component required for inmates under mandatory supervised release. Authority staff contributed to analyses of program completion and recidivism of Sheridan participants compared to a matched sample of inmates released from other prisons in Illinois, including the compiling and organization of criminal history and arrest data on subjects in the research.

The final report detailing the progress and outcomes of the program from inception through 2007 is under review by Authority staff. Two Program Evaluation Summaries have been completed on Sheridan indicating benefits from reduced recidivism and increased employment for participants. The Authority continues to assist the evaluation team in updating recidivism figures on a continuous basis. A comprehensive program evaluation report and a third program evaluation summary was received in February and is under review. Additional publications intended for scholarly journals will be produced at a later date. These will address the long-term impact of the program and the characteristics of participants that influence success in the program.

6. An evaluation of Illinois-Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (I-CLEAR)

The evaluation of I-CLEAR has been awarded to Northwestern University. The evaluation will assess the statewide implementation of the CLEAR reporting system operating under the Chicago Police Department. I-CLEAR will offer a statewide criminal justice information system that is accessible to all of Illinois' criminal justice agencies. The two-year assessment began in May 2005. The final report was received May 2007 and is available on our website. A Research at a Glance summary publication is also drafted and is awaiting review.

7. Lake County Transitional Services for Female Offenders (PTSD)

Loyola University, under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Lake County probation program that provides specialized services to women probationers who exhibit post-traumatic stress disorder. Suggested revisions on the draft report were sent and the final report is expected in February. The report will outline the development and adjustments that were made to the program to better accommodate and serve the female probationers' needs in an effort to prevent recidivism and improve their lives.

A one-year follow-up study to further assess the impact of the program began in January 2008. This follow-up study will address whether the program reduced recidivism, and assisted the women in obtaining employment, housing, food and childcare. Now in progress, the study is also focusing on the third service provider that the program enlisted.

8. Cook County Social Services, Transitional Services for Female Offenders

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, under the direction of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Cook County Social Service Department program that provides specialized services to women probationers that are convicted of DUI. The final report has been received and is available on the website. A program evaluation summary was also posted on our website and outlines the development of the program and characteristics of program participants.

9. Investigator Initiated Research

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. The following two proposals were selected for funding in late 2006:

- *Corrections to Community: The collective reentry experience of juvenile offenders.* This study, under the direction of the University of Chicago, examined a number of factors that play into the reentry experience of juveniles released from Illinois correctional facilities between 1996 and 2002. The final report was received and will be posted on our website in March 2008.
- *Analysis of Domestic Violence Service Data.* Under the direction of Loyola University, this study examines InfoNet service data to describe victim service use patterns over time and describe the characteristics of victims and their service needs. The report was received and will be available on our website in early spring 2008.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in July 2006 and we received a number of well-qualified proposals. Reviewers elected to fund the following projects in early 2007:

- *Assessing the Risk of Sexual and Violent Recidivism and Identifying Differences in Risk Factor.* This study is under the direction of Loyola University and will seek to inform the criminal justice system's probation and parole officers, treatment professionals, and judges as to the accuracy of assessment tools for predicting the risk of sexual or violent reoffending. Comparisons between offenders from the prison system and those on probation will be conducted. The project will conclude in May 2008.
- *A Study of Co-occurring Conditions and Treatment Coordination of Jail Detainees.* Conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago, this study will select and interview 300 adult male and 150 adult female detainees in the psychiatric residential treatment units at the Cook County Department of Corrections jail facility. The project will seek to better understand the needs of this high-risk and resource-intensive population and provide a basis for developing better coordinated systems of care within the jail, community and transition to prison for those sentenced detainees. The final report will be submitted for review in the spring.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in June 2007, and four new projects were selected for funding in October 2007:

- *Critical Incident Preparedness and Response on Campus* – Conducted by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, this study will examine the current state of critical incident preparedness, planning and response activities on a census of Illinois colleges and university campuses and a sample of campuses nationwide. This study will also look at reported campus crime rates from the Cleary Act. The proposed research will be valuable for state and national policymakers and the findings will provide information on current practices as they relate to campus security and how they differ from a national perspective. A report is due in October 2008.

- *Analysis of Shelter Utilization by Victims of Domestic Violence* – Conducted by Loyola University School of Social Work, Loyola researchers in collaboration with the City of Chicago Mayor’s Office will conduct a study of the dynamics of shelter utilization and how it relates to the process of, and readiness for, change among women who are victims of domestic violence. The project will aim to better identify the housing and service needs and utilization patterns, as well as the outcomes of women who are in the domestic violence shelter system in Chicago. The project will also identify stages in the help seeking process, including the characteristics of readiness for change that lead women to shelter and/or to end the abusive situation. A report is due in November 2008.
- *Methamphetamine and Violence* – Conducted by Illinois State University, this study will conduct in-depth interviews with 30 methamphetamine user from downstate Illinois to determine the extent to which methamphetamine and violence are associated, and to better understand the nature of that association. The research will provide a clearer picture of the epidemiology of methamphetamine and related violence in Illinois across communities of varying size and rural characteristics. The findings will inform law enforcement and social service providers regarding factors associated with an increased likelihood of violence by those who use and manufacture the drug. A report will be available in October 2008.
- *The Impact of Illinois’ Truth-in-Sentencing Legislation* – Conducted by Loyola University Department of Criminal Justice, this project will examine the impact that Illinois’ Truth-in-Sentencing (TIS) legislation has had on sentences imposed, projected lengths of time served in prison, and inmate behavior. The findings will allow policy makers to more accurately assess the impact the law has had on sentencing practices and on how inmates have adjusted to their incarceration. It will also inform practitioners of the implications of TIS on issues related to inmate reentry and the aging of the prison population, given the potential increased length of stay and release from prison at older ages of those sentenced under the law. A report will be available in October 2008.

10. Trends and Issues

Trends and Issues is a report about crime and justice in Illinois. This report is an update to previous *Trends and Issues* and is the sixth such publication. It describes the organization and operation of the state’s justice system, tracks statewide and regional trends in crime and the processing of offenders, and presents important criminal and justice issues that have emerged this decade. The report derived data from numerous criminal justice sources. Data is presented in several ways in the document through data summaries and descriptions, data tables and trend graphs, and state maps. The graphs depict state data trends over 10 years from 1995 to 2005.

There are five sections: law enforcement, courts, corrections, victims, and juvenile justice. In addition, each section highlights special issues of significance facing the criminal

justice system today, including identity theft, gangs, DNA, specialized courts, substance abuse treatment in prison, human trafficking, and juvenile justice reform initiatives. The report provides valuable crime and justice information to inform the general public, criminal justice professionals, and policy makers.

A final draft of the report is being prepared for presentation at the March 2008 Authority meeting.

11. Trends and Issues Updates

As referenced in the last section, *Trends and Issues* is a report about crime and justice in Illinois, which describes the organization and operation of the state's justice system, tracks statewide and regional trends in crime and the processing of offenders, and presents important criminal and justice issues that have emerged this decade. Data is presented in several ways in the document through data summaries and descriptions, data tables and trend graphs, and state maps. The graphs depict state data trends over 10 years from 1995 to 2005.

As follow-up to that report, five *Trends and Issues Updates* are being written to highlight specific topics that were introduced in the main document. Specific topics includes: Results of the Law Enforcement Needs Assessment Survey, Identity Theft, Offenses Against School Personnel, System-Wide Trends in Drug Crime, and System-Wide Trends in Violent Crime. These shorter research bulletins will be published in early Spring 2008.

B. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is an ADAA-funded in-house effort to continuously examine the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of the criminal history record information reported to the state repository maintained by the Illinois State Police, and to recommend strategies for improvement.

The 2008 CHRI Audit methodology development is currently underway.

CHRI Ad Hoc Data Connection Partnership. The Authority has entered into a data sharing partnership with the Illinois State police, whereby CHRI data is made available to us via a permanent on-line connection. All data entered on state "rap sheets", as housed on the State Police Computerized Criminal History system, are accessible to staff in electronic format. These data provide a unique resource for answering information requests from legislators, the media, and other interested parties, in-house research projects and studies being conducted by others around the country. A CHRI Ad Hoc Data Archive of all criminal history records from 1990-2006 has been created in formats that can be readily shared with researchers. This Archive currently holds close to a million records for each year of data.

The CHRI Ad Hoc data partnership with the State Police has progressed to the point where the Authority is now considered the sole source for electronic CHRI data for research purposes. (The State Police still generate paper versions for a fee.) Outside researchers can enter into a User

Agreement to gain access to CHRI data which is distributed through the Authority. The process incorporates verification of bona fide research and appropriate protection of confidential data. The unified user agreement facilitates accountability for the research use of criminal history data records.

During the last quarter, user agreements were executed with researchers from University of Chicago, Pretrial Justice Institute, and the Urban Institute. Several others are pending approval. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of twenty-seven outside research projects have received CHRI data from the Authority.

Staff is also working with several university-based researchers to develop appropriate methodologies for their research using CHRI Ad Hoc data, and is reviewing drafts of completed research projects for appropriate interpretation of the CHRI data used.

Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Staff has completed this multi-state research project examining the rate of recidivism of violent sex offenders released from prison. A sample of approximately 500 sex offenders released from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) in 2001 was analyzed to determine the characteristics of their prior criminal history and recidivism rates for new offenses (for sex offenses and all other types of offenses). Results from the project will be published on the Authority's website.

C. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The Chicago Homicide Dataset has been collected and maintained for many years in close cooperation with the Crime Analysis Unit, Detective Division, of the Chicago Police Department. The CHD is a comprehensive database containing information on every homicide that occurred in Chicago between 1965 and 2000. The updated dataset is currently being archived with the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, to allow wider access to the data for research.

Staff continues to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset.

D. Externally-funded research and evaluation projects

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

1. Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS)

Funded by NIJ with substantial in-kind support from the Authority and other collaborating agencies, the Chicago Women's Health Risk Project is a continuing collaboration of 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

The goal of the CWHRS project is now to "get the word out" about important and potentially life-saving results, to the public and to practitioners and legislators who can use those results to help save lives. The CWHRS Forum, housed on the Authority's web site, currently has 90 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field, plus welcomes visits from people seeking information. A number of reports, journal articles and other publications have been developed from the research, most of them collaborations. Staff is frequently solicited for presentations and briefings on the research and project tools, and data continue to be requested for use by other researchers.

Dr. Carolyn Block had an article published in the journal, *Women's Health and Urban Life* based on data from the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study:

Block, C. R. and DeKeseredy, W. (2007). Forced sex and leaving intimate relationships: Results of the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study. *Women's Health and Urban Life*, 6 (1, May): 6-23.

2. Juvenile justice system and risk factor data: 2005 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is completing work on the 2005 Annual Report, which is a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data. Like the previous reports, this version also summarizes recent trends in these data over time and discusses emerging juvenile justice system issues in Illinois, including Balanced and Restorative Justice, the Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Redeploy Illinois. A final draft of the comprehensive report, which contains over 200 pages of juvenile justice information, is under final review and will be available on the Authority website in late February.

3. Juvenile justice system and risk factor data: 2006 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, work is also underway on the 2006 Annual Report, a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data. Like the 2005 report, this version also summarizes recent trends in these data over time and discusses emerging juvenile justice system issues in Illinois, including Balanced and Restorative Justice, the Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Disproportionate Minority Contact, and Redeploy Illinois. A final draft of the comprehensive report, which contains over 200 pages of juvenile justice information, is under final review and will be available on the Authority website in late Spring 2008.

4. Evaluation of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Evidence-Based Practices

In March of 2005, ICJIA research staff entered into a three-year cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in the amount of \$194,232 to evaluate Illinois' Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP) Initiative. This project will assist local probation departments participating in the EBP Initiative by providing them with data and analysis that gauges performance before

and during the implementation of evidence-based practices, and will establish a process and protocol for ongoing assessment of probation performance through an effective state and local partnership. The first wave of data collection has been completed in all six participating counties: Lake, DuPage, Adams, Cook, Sangamon and the 2nd Judicial Circuit. The second wave of data collection has been completed in the 2nd Judicial Circuit, Lake, Adams, and Sangamon counties, and has begun at the remaining sites. Partnership agreements have been executed for Sangamon, Cook, DuPage and the 2nd Judicial Circuit. The third and final wave of data collection will begin in early March.

5. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Research Grant

On September 18, 2006, the Authority was awarded a Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant to conduct research on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth (award # 2006-JP-FX-K057). The overall goal of the research is to gain a better understanding of the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth (CSEC). A final report will be completed in September 2007. The study utilizes three research methods: focus groups, interviews, and arrest records. The research will:

Professionals from entities with experience in the area of CSEC serve as an advisory group to help Authority staff plan the focus group project. Researchers had a meeting with the advisory board in November 2006. On January 25, 2007, a sub-contract was signed with Claudine O’Leary to serve as a national consultant on the project. On February 28, 2007, a sub-contract was signed for Young Women’s Empowerment Project (YWEP), a non-profit agency in Chicago, to recruit focus group participants and moderate the focus groups.

On March 2, 2007, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) application was signed by the ICJIA IRB. One focus group was held on March 21, 2007 and one on May 9, 2007. Participants were adults over 18 years old who as juveniles were involved in the sex trade. The focus groups were audio-taped and each participant was paid a stipend of \$50. Both focus group sessions were transcribed. From April to August 2007, a total of ten federal and local law enforcement officers working in the Chicago Metropolitan area were interviewed on CSEC for this study from the following: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Office of the Attorney General, Chicago Police Department, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Cook County Sheriff’s Department, and suburban Cook County police departments.

The final report and a research bulletin were completed in October 2007 and submitted to OJJDP for peer review. The final report and research bulletin were published and put on the ICJIA website in January 2008.

6. Assessment of prior victimization and access to services among adult female inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections

This project is designed as an assessment of the prevalence of prior victimization, primarily domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse, among adult female inmates within the Illinois Department of Corrections. Through an examination of existing data collected during the Reception and Classification (R&C) process at the Dwight Correctional Center, the research team

will determine the prevalence of these forms of prior victimization, examine those inmate characteristics correlated with prior victimization (i.e., demographic, socio-economic, criminal and substance abuse history, and mental health), and gauge the access to IDOC services among those with histories of victimization.

A summary was drafted on research of prior domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault victimizations of female inmates, as well as their need for services. The information derived from prison intake assessments includes almost 4,000 female admissions from 2004. The summary warrants more in-depth research to learn further about the extent and nature of victimization and treatment episodes of female inmates. The next step is to share the summary with IDOC and gain support/access to collect further victimization data from women housed at Dwight Correctional Center with IDOC approval. More in-depth interviews completed by Authority staff will be able to address some of the limitations of the basic R&C data.

Staff met with IDOC staff at Dwight Correctional Center on January 18, 2008 to discuss the phase two research plan. IDOC staff were supportive of further research of their female inmates on victimization issues. Staff toured Dwight and observed their reception and classification process on January 30, 2008. A video conference call to further explore the research plan and logistical issues is scheduled for February 6, 2008.

7. CLARIS Web-based Application for methamphetamine lab reporting

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has asked each state to identify a single agency to be responsible for collecting monthly information regarding meth lab seizure incidents. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has been identified as the agency to collect this information. CLARIS is the web interface and database that was developed by staff to allow Illinois law enforcement agency personnel to enter meth lab seizure data, access these data, and extract these data from customized queries. It is currently operational and successfully collecting data from ISP's Meth Response Teams (MRT), Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) and Drug Taskforces, for a total of twenty-three agencies.

II. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority update for the December 2007 meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- On November 29, 2007, staff attended the seminar: *Safeguarding the Sexual Health of Children*, sponsored by the Center for Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago.
- On November 30, 2007, staff attended the anti-CSEC Community Response Plan Day, coordinated by the PROMISE task force, Dominican University.

- During the week of November 27, 2007, staff participated in the following presentations/workshops at the American Society of Criminology November meeting:
 - “Long-term Patterns of Offending in Adult Women.”
 - "Workshop on Researcher/Practitioner Collaborations."
 - “Use, Mis-Use and Non-Use of Data.”
- Staff presented with Professor Jody Raphael, DePaul School of Law, on collaborative human trafficking research projects at “What Will It Take? Building the Safest State for All Women and Girls,” Grantee Partner Convening, held at IDHS in Chicago on December 14, 2007.
- Staff attended an ARC/GIS mapping training December 10 through December 14, 2007, in Naperville.
- The Research Director and the Executive Director met with Hon. Timothy Evans, Chief Judge of Cook County Circuit Court, on December 18, 2007 to discuss juvenile justice research program and policy issues.
- Staff attended the MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change, Disproportionate Minority Confinement workgroup meeting at Loyola University on December 19, 2007.
- All R&A staff members attended a staff retreat on January 9 and 10 at Loyola University to conduct strategic planning, determine goals and priorities for the next year, and discuss other operational and training issues.
- Staff attended the Cook County Survivor Response Improvement Work Group Data Subcommittee on January 11.
- Staff attended the inaugural meeting of the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention’s Elder Domestic Violence Initiative on January 14, 2008 in Springfield
- Staff attended the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission meeting on January 17 to provide an update on the annual risk factor report.
- Staff attended a Female Inmates Victimization Research meeting with IDOC regarding collaboration at Dwight Correctional Center on the January 18.
- Staff met with officials from Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, National Institute of Justice, and several Illinois probation departments for an Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Data Committee meeting.
- Staff met with officials from IL Department of Human Services, IL Violence Prevention Authority, and IL Department of Public Health on January 24 to discuss the Safety Net Works initiative and proposed evaluation.

- Research and Analysis staff met with staff from the Juvenile Justice Initiative, Models for Change, and the AOIC in Springfield on January 28 to discuss data needs and training for juvenile justice professionals.
- Staff attended a juvenile justice/mental health initiative meeting on January 30 at the Voices for Illinois Children offices.
- Staff hosted a meeting with officials from IL Department of Human Services, IL Violence Prevention Authority, and IL Department of Public Health on January 24 to plan the evaluation of the Governor’s Safety Net Works initiative.
- Staff continued to meet with officials from IL Department of Human Services, IL Violence Prevention Authority, and IL Department of Public Health on January 31 to discuss the Safety Net Works initiative and evaluation.
- Staff attended the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) partnership meeting in Bloomington on February 5.
- Staff met with officials from IL Department of Human Services, IL Violence Prevention Authority, and IL Department of Public Health on February 7 to discuss the Safety Net Works initiative and evaluation. A draft implementation evaluation approach was developed.
- Staff hosted a meeting of the advisory board for the Study on Victimization of Female Inmates in IDOC on February 6.
- Staff participated in an Illinois Meth Project briefing conference call on February 6.

B. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about crime and the criminal justice system. Many requests continue to come from private agencies (26 percent) and private citizens (36 percent). Other requests came from governmental agencies, researchers, students, news media representatives, legislators, and prison inmates. Twenty-seven percent of the requests originate in the Chicago metropolitan area. Thirty-five percent originate in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from outside Illinois, outside the United States, and unknown areas. R&A distributed over 628 Authority publications during the second quarter of SFY 08, not including those downloaded from our Website (205,540) [TABLE 1]. The volume of web users has continued to remain at high levels. For the second quarter of SFY 08, there were 2,407,369 “hits” on our website and more than 88,685 visitors (users that remained on the site for a period of time.) There were 215,680 downloads of information or publications for the second quarter of SFY 08 [TABLE 2]. The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents. Appendix A lists the publications that have been recently posted on the website since the last Authority Board meetings.

C. Redesign of Criminal Justice DataNet

The Authority's Website currently allows users to access datasets pertaining to population; offenses and arrests; court case filings; probation caseloads; court sentences; drug seizures, submissions, and treatment; prison sentences; county jail populations; juvenile justice indicators (petitions, adjudications, detention); and risk factor indicators (child abuse and neglect, divorce, poverty, substance exposed infants, school dropouts/truancies/suspensions/expulsions, teen births, unemployment). These data, however, are currently available as read-only files that limit their usefulness for analysis. To provide datasets in formats that are more useful for research, evaluation, and to provide more useful portraits of information for citizens and students, work has now begun to develop an enhanced web capacity. Once completed, users will be able to download county-level and some city-level data sets in spreadsheet and database formats, and to create customized graphs and maps interactively in a web-based environment.

Prior to implementing this capability, extensive work is first being conducted to inventory and update existing datasets maintained by the R&A Unit. Although the majority of those datasets are received from other state agencies and other governmental entities that serve as primary caretakers for the information, staff are assessing data quality through manual scanning, and by running automated diagnostics that identify unusual patterns over time that may indicate data error. Data quality concerns will be communicated to those source agencies, and we will offer to work collaboratively with them to resolve problems. Documentation of unresolved data usage concerns and cautions will be available to Website users as part of the overall documentation adjoining the data.

D. FSGU Support Efforts

Upon request, R&A staff review and comment on proposed program narratives submitted by potential grantees to 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 continued to work with FSGU staff responsible for the VAWA and JAIBG funds to develop data reports for grantees that include the federally mandated performance measures. This effort will allow federal agencies to improve their reporting of the performance of these grant programs at the state and federal level. R&A staff has also assumed responsibility for the computerization of some program performance data not only for VAWA and JAIBG, but also ADA/JAG, VOCA, MVTFC funds. Upon FSGU request, staff produce program status reports and/or profiles assessing performance for each of these funding areas over a given period of time.

The research director is working with staff to refine protocols for this R&A partnership with FSGU.

E. Technical Assistance

- During the week of November 27, 2007, staff trained the Joliet MANS unit and North Central Task force and both were added as CLARIS users.

- Provided technical assistance for juvenile probation officers in Lee, Ogle, and Stephenson counties on Excel and other data tools on January 31, 2008 in Dixon, Illinois
- The research director attended a meeting on January 23 at Cook County Juvenile Probation to provide technical assistance in reporting data for their Redeploy Illinois program.
- Staff helped test MARS (motor vehicle theft) on-line reporting system during much of the quarter.
- Staff provided technical assistance for the audit of the CLARIS system.

F. Deaths in Custody Reporting

The Deaths in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA) (P.L. 106-297, effective Oct. 13, 2000) requires states to compile and report quarterly to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) the number of deaths, and the circumstances surrounding the deaths, of people in local jails, state prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, and law enforcement custody. Until recently, the information requested by BJS was limited to deaths in local jails, state prisons, and state juvenile facilities. Collection of DICRA information has been expanded to include deaths that occur while a person is in police custody or in the process of arrest. Information on deaths that occur while a person is in police custody will supplement the annual data on prison inmate deaths that BJS already receives from the Illinois Department of Corrections as part of the National Prisoners Statistics Program and the National Corrections Reporting Program. R&A staff began in July 2004 collecting specific information requested by BJS for all deaths in Illinois that occur while the person is in police custody or in the process of arrest by local, county, and state law enforcement agencies regardless of cause of death. For reporting purposes, the data include the following:

- o Deaths occurring when an individual is in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- o Deaths that occur by natural causes, while in the physical custody, or under the physical restraint, of law enforcement officers, even if the person was not formally under arrest.
- o Those killed by any use of force by law enforcement officers prior to booking
- o People who died at a crime/arrest scene or medical facility prior to booking.
- o Deaths occurring in transit to or from law enforcement facilities.
- o Deaths of those confined in lockups or booking centers (facilities from which arrestees are usually transferred within 72 hours and not held beyond arraignment).

Summary data on death in law enforcement custody for the year of 2005 was submitted to BJS in July 2007. BJS utilized the data to produce a three-year (2003-2005) study of arrest fatalities in the United States. The report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005, was released in October 2007.

G. Web-based training curriculum (Breeze)

Staff continues to explore development of a web-based application that will serve as a medium to users to present interactive training curricula for criminal justice practitioners, social service professionals, and the general public. Upgraded software has been purchased and a curriculum on data analysis and presentation has been developed. Preliminary work has begun to explore using the software application to assist in training InfoNet users and in providing technical assistance to county juvenile justice officials on use of data for management and planning purposes.

III. NEW PROJECTS

Data on Victims of Human Trafficking

Staff is participating in an initiative by the Illinois Department of Human Services to expand the scope of data collection, management, and reporting on victims of human trafficking. Staff will examine existing data sources, and make determinations regarding possible enhancements to those systems as well as the initiation of new data capture strategies.

The DePaul College of Law Schiller Du Canto & Fleck Law Center asked the Authority to conduct data entry and analysis for a research project on human sex trafficking. Ms. Jody Raphael, Senior Research Fellow, received a grant from the Chicago Foundation on Women for this research. The project will administer questionnaires to 80 girls and women currently in the sex trade industry (ages 13-25) to gain information about local trafficking, how the industry works, and how to better reach these particular victims. Data is being collected and entered, and will be analyzed in early 2008. The Authority will be able to use the data to complete publications.

IV. GRANT PROPOSALS

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities. Frequently these projects involve collaborations with universities and/or other criminal justice agencies.

Research on Human Trafficking

Staff is applying for a national Institute of Justice Grant on human trafficking. Staff is proposing to complete an evaluation of a pilot sex trafficking program for women arrested in the 8th police district in Chicago for prostitution. Grant is due on February 12, 2008.

V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND 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) training classes including basic SPSS use and the use of mapping software. ICJIA

has contracted for training, starting in December of 2007, to train two research staff in the new version of the ARCGIS mapping software. One will attend additional training on server side technologies and the use of the mapping software over the internet in a .net environment. Both will provide assistance and training to all R&A and other interested staff in applying to most modern mapping technologies to the agency's analytical and **reporting/communicative** efforts.

- Staff attended Fred Pryor Supervisor Training in Chicago on January 25, 2008.
- Staff attended CMS performance evaluation training in Springfield on January 29, 2008.
- Several R&A staff are actively pursuing advanced academic degrees in graduate programs and post-graduate programs. Some also serve as adjunct faculty in criminal justice and other social science programs.
- Internship program. Under the direct supervision of a senior staff member in the Research and Analysis Unit, interns have been hired to perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois criminal justice system. These might include, for example, assembling data for analysis and writing a summary of results, developing data collection instruments and collecting data, writing press releases or editing documents for publication, converting spreadsheet data to web-friendly formats, assisting with the development of on-line training, staffing committees, or other tasks as appropriate. There is no compensation for these positions, but interns may be able to use the experience as course credit.

cc: Lori G. Levin
Hank Anthony

Appendix A

Publications

RESEARCH REPORTS

[]***71 RR** Victim and Household Characteristics: Reporting violence to the Police. Illinois Crime Victimization Survey 2002 Data Analysis (December, 2007, 32pp)

[]***70 RR** CLEAR and I-CLEAR: A Report on New Information Technology in Chicago and Illinois (October, 2007, 55pp)

Program Evaluation

[] * **14 PE** Cook County Pilot Program seek to Reduce Female DUI Recidivism (December, 2007)

**TABLE 1. Information Request Handling Statistics
July 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007**

ITEM	REQUESTS/Pct
Information requests handled:	129
Monthly average number of requests:	43
Geographic Origin of requesters:	
Chicago metropolitan area	27%
Other region of Illinois	35%
U.S. other than Illinois	31%
Outside the U.S.	2%
Unknown	19%
Type of requester:	
Government agency	22%
Private agency	26%
Researcher	9%
Student	5%
Citizen	36%
Media	1%
Legislators	<1%
Inmates	<1%
Method of request:	
Telephone/fax	37%
Mail	0%
Email/Internet	32
In-person	0%
ICJIA Website	31%
Publications disseminated:	
Mailed in response to requests	628
Downloaded from Website	205,540
Total	205,879

Table 2. Authority Website Trends
www.icjia.state.il.us
 October 1, 2007 – December 30, 2007

Month/Year	Hits		User Sessions			Visitors			File Downloads	CJ DISPATCH SUBSCRIBERS
	Entire Site	Average Per Day	Sessions	Average Per Day	Average Length (min)	Unique	One-Time	Repeat		
Oct-07	797,168	25,715	73,698	2,377	18	31,196	26,291	4,905	74,189	2,448
Nov-07	781,421	26,047	70,103	2,336	19	29,921	25,398	4,523	77,858	2,473
Dec-07	828,780	26,734	67,546	2,176	25	27,568	23,289	4,279	63,633	2,496
TOTAL	2,407,369	78,496	211,347	6,891	62	88,685	74,978	13,707	215,680	7,417
MONTHLY AVERAGE	751,103	26,165	70,449	2,297	21	29,561	24,992	4,569	71,893	



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Herbert Johnson
Date: February 8, 2008
Re: Information Systems Unit Report

Since the last report to Authority members, progress has been made in the following areas of the Information Services Unit (ISU).

The InfoNet System

One hundred and eight domestic violence and sexual assault programs and seventeen child advocacy centers currently access InfoNet from nearly two hundred sites throughout the state. Since the Authority last met, the InfoNet team continued to improve the efficiency and performance of the system for current users. Some specific accomplishments during the past quarter follow.

Staff continued to provide technical assistance and training to InfoNet users. Five new user trainings were conducted for domestic violence and sexual assault centers. Three of these trainings will be held in Chicago on February 13th, February 14th and March 3rd, while the other two will be held in Springfield on February 20th and 28th. Additionally, one training will be conducted for the LaRabida Child Advocacy Center in Park Forest on February 22nd. All six trainings to be held during the quarter were designed for new or beginner InfoNet users. The training provides an overview of InfoNet along with hands on experience entering client information and services, and generating reports.

Also during the quarter, staff revised the code for InfoNet's batch reporting service with the assistance an information technology consultant. The batch reporting service is InfoNet's utility for extracting aggregate statewide and regional information about crime victims from multiple agencies. The code has been upgraded so that InfoNet can now generate one year of data at a time for more than 100 agencies, thereby doubling the system's capacity to generate aggregate data.

In December 2007, staff began working on modifications to InfoNet's data infrastructure and interface so that users will be compliant with new federal reporting guidelines. For users to be fully compliant with these requirements by SFY09 some existing fields need modification and other fields must be added to InfoNet. When this project is complete in October 2009,

Illinois will be one of the few states in the nation with a database that can produce reports in 100 percent compliance with these new guidelines.

Also in December 2007, Authority staff reviewed a research proposal by Rand Corporation to assess the cost effectiveness of services provided to victims of domestic violence by analyzing InfoNet data, along with other data collected in Illinois from health and criminal justice systems, as well as census data. Rand Corporation, a large nonprofit research firm in Los Angeles, has applied for a research grant with AllState Insurance Company's Domestic Violence Foundation to conduct this two-year research project using InfoNet and other Illinois data. Since December 2007, Authority staff has convened three phone conferences and one meeting among staff from Allstate, Rand, and InfoNet user agencies to discuss project plans and research methods proposed. Although no contract has been signed at this time, all stakeholders are in agreement that such a project would yield valuable information about critical services provided to domestic violence victims in Illinois. Allstate is currently developing a contract with Rand Corp., and Authority staff plan to collaborate with InfoNet users, Allstate, and researchers from Rand Corporation to complete this project.

Finally, a report describing findings yielded from InfoNet data was published on the Authority's website in February 2008. The report, completed by two researchers from Loyola University, portrays a profile of domestic violence victims who received community-based services in Illinois between 1998 and 2005. Additionally, the report provided valuable information about services provided to victims, including what services were provided, who was more likely to receive them, and the duration and intensity of service patterns during this eight-year period.

Systems Support Quarterly Report

Systems support continues its technical support to the agency internal and external users along with the support of the agency local and wide area networks. Maintaining, upgrading and updating the existing systems remain the top priority. Technical resources are being used to troubleshoot servers, computers and other network peripherals as needed.

The agency relocation takes the highest priority. The major documents requested by CMS have been prepared and sent to CMS network staff. It mainly includes inventories of workstations, servers, printers, switches and hubs, robotic library, single tape units, power supplies and storage units, servers' racks. It also included configuration of agency firewall and providing network IP address range for our agency and preparation of current diagrams of our network layout. The weekly conference calls with CMS take place to discuss any moving concerns with agency network, data storage and end user computing.

A Research and Analysis (R&A) quad server has been recovered from IPSAN possession. The server has been cleaned out from any IPSAN programs and files and reconfigured for R&A usage. Also, the CLARIS program system is able to use the configured webserver.

The Agency's main file server is indicating a server error, the failing one of the memory DIMMs. This server is four years old with an expired warranty. The specifications have been prepared for procurement of a new DELL server to meet better storage and processing speed requirements. Troubleshooting also took place with one of the tape drives. A maintenance subscription was used to replace the failing tape drive.

WebBoard, WebTrend and Breeze software upgrades were purchased for installation on web server.

The agency is still working on leasing an additional eleven computers to finish the project of supplying each employee with new computer.

ICJIA/IPSAN Transition:

IPSAN has not completed its move from the Authority space. Although some progress has been made, there is still a great deal of network equipment and office material around the office. It is anticipated that IPSAN will have completely removed all of its equipment prior to the relocation of the Authority offices.

MARS

Authority staff continues to await approval of the charter for the data collection system that will allow online motor vehicle theft reporting by state-funded anti-theft task forces throughout Illinois.

The Motor Vehicle Automated Reporting System (MARS) will allow simpler and more accurate monthly reporting of vehicle recoveries, arrests, and investigations of stolen vehicles.

The (MARS) project successfully completed and responded to a risk analysis by the Illinois Office of Internal Audit. The audit determined that (MARS) did not meet the criteria of a major system development and is thus not out of compliance with the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act.

ICJIA/ISU Relocation:

The Information Service Unit has been and is currently engaged in planning the Authority's relocation to new office spaces. We have been meeting with representatives from Central Management Services weekly to address the issues regarding networking, storage, end user computing, and infrastructure.

The planning process has been challenging since our servers are going to the John R. Thompson Center (JRTC) and the agency is going to another location. We will be getting assistance in configuring our new IP addresses from an IT consultant from Nexum, Inc.



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Hank Anthony
Date: March 3, 2008
Re: Summary of Office of Administrative Services Activities

The Office of Administrative Services continues to support the day to day activities of the Authority to include: mail operations, supply room operation, security, reception, procurement of goods and services, vehicle maintenance, telecommunications coordination, property inventory control, Authority database maintenance, internal staff moves and travel and conference coordination activities.

OAS is coordinating the move to our new space at 300 W. Adams.