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Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the September 2008 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. NEW PROJECTS

A. Safety Net Works – Implementation Evaluation

The first phase in evaluating the Safety Net Works Initiative will focus on program implementation in each of the 17 sites. This implementation evaluation will place emphasis on project planning, design, implementation and operation, and span all stages of project evolution. The primary purpose of this implementation evaluation will be to assess the extent to which project implementation is conducted in accordance with pre-operational expectations; to document the progress and limitations of the program's implementation; to provide recommendations and guide refinement of the project; to prepare for a future impact assessment and build evaluation capacity; and to inform and guide similar undertakings.

The implementation evaluation will pay special attention to practical, management-oriented issues, as well as interpersonal and group dynamics. The methodology will include assessments of program set-up and development, the nature and extent of collaboration among participating agencies and organizations, program operations and service delivery. During this reporting period, programs were informed and educated on the purpose of the evaluation. They were also made aware that information on the program's development and progress should be carefully documented, since evaluators may not make frequent site visits to all sites. In addition, the implementation evaluation will address program performance measures to measures will be captured on program data reports and be related to program objectives. Sources of data will include interviews, focus groups, and surveys. Specifically, instrument such as the TCU Survey of Organizational Functioning may be useful in assessing individual perception of needs as it pertains to continued successful implementation. Additionally, program documentation, as well as program and baseline data, may be used. A determination will also be made as to the level of assessment for each of the sites and whether a select number of sites will be targeted for a more thorough evaluation.

Authority staff is contributing community area profiles for each of the 17 community areas that the sites are located in. These community profiles provide data on demographic, economic, housing, substance abuse, health, child assistance, and crime indicators collected from several state, non-profit, and academic organizations. Safety Net Works sites will be able to use the profiles to assist in strategic planning and program implementation. Drafts of profiles for the Chicago community areas have been completed and are undergoing constant updating as more data are included. Profiles are currently under development for the communities outside of Chicago with Safety Net Works sites.

B. Go To 2040 Regional Comprehensive Planning Initiative

The Chicago Community Trust and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) jointly initiated a comprehensive, long-range planning project for the Chicago region (Cook, DuPage, Kane Will, Kendall, Lake and McHenry counties) entitled *Go To 2040*. This planning process encompasses multiple domains of life quality including land use, transportation, housing and environmental issues, education, health, workforce development, arts and culture, food security, human relations and public safety. The Authority, in partnership with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Criminal Justice Department, was selected to provide leadership in the area of crime and justice within the public safety sphere. As lead agency, Authority staff is expected to identify indicators, report on existing conditions, make recommendations for action in the area of crime and justice, and with guidance from an Advisory Committee, produce a report that will:

- a) state the present condition of the issue examined;
- b) identify challenges and opportunities;
- c) set targets for 2040;
- d) identify strategies and their impact for the region;
- e) identify federal, state and local policies and resources critical to the success of the region; and
- f) identify all organizations working on the issue and other resources relevant to the issue.

C. Redesign of Criminal Justice DataNet

Staff applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to enhance web access to the Authority's holdings of criminal justice and social risk factor data. 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, the grant will fund development of 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. The project is slated to begin September 1, 2008.

D. Campus Crime Report

Data collected from the US Department of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education was downloaded via their website and cleaned for purposes of analysis of crime on Illinois' college campuses. The data include arrests, offenses, and incidents that go through a school disciplinary process for violent, property, alcohol/drug related and gun related crimes. Data for 399 schools in Illinois was downloaded for the years 2001-2006. Staff are in the process of writing a research report on the nature and extent of crime on Illinois college campuses, as well as information on changes being made in policy and practice regarding campus crime. Publication is expected this fall.

E. Employment Trends of Felony Probationers in collaboration with Harvard University

The purpose of this joint research project is to promote research on the employment participation and performance of those sentenced to terms of felony probation and imprisonment in Illinois. By combining labor market information derived from the unemployment insurance (UI) system of Illinois with criminal history record information (CHRI) for Illinois, the project will allow for detailed analysis of the relationship between criminal justice sanctions, labor market performance, and criminal recidivism.

ICJIA will complete a data use agreement with the IDES. ICJIA will match and disseminate the data to Harvard University for analysis.

F. Prescription Drug Research Bulletin

Staff has been working on a research bulletin that will provide information on illegal use of prescription drugs in Illinois. Due to increased abuse and potential for abuse and death, there is a growing law enforcement and public health concern about prescription drugs. The bulletin will provide statewide data on the problem and efforts to combat the problem in Illinois. A draft will be completed in August 2008.

G. Juvenile Female Offenders Research Bulletin

Staff are beginning work on a research bulletin that will serve as an update to the 2002 Authority research report, *Understanding and Addressing Female Delinquency in Illinois*. It will summarize data on females in the juvenile justice system including arrests, probation, detention, corrections, as well as risk factor data. A draft should be completed by September/October 2008.

H. Partnership with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) – Multi-City Study of Workplace Violence among Pharmacists and Health Care Workers

In response to news reports across the country of robberies of pharmacies for prescription drugs instead of money, NIOSH is partnering with five Statistical Analysis Centers, including Illinois, to study the magnitude of the problem and assess the risk to health care worker safety. Research and Analysis Unit staff has agreed to participate in a six-month project involving the analysis of Chicago Police Department incident reports for cases involving robberies and other violent crimes at pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, and doctors' offices in 2005 and 2006. NIOSH will combine these data with results from Milwaukee, Ohio, Tennessee and South Carolina to determine initial

frequencies, rates and circumstances of crimes that threaten the safety of pharmacists and other health care workers. The Authority participated in a similar study of risks to convenience store workers conducted by NIOSH in the 1990s.

During the last quarter, preliminary discussions were held with NIOSH and Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) representatives and the other SAC directors, to determine a consistent scope of work across the states and develop a budget for the project. Based on preliminary data provided by the Chicago Police Department, staff may have to abstract information from as many as 450 incident reports. An estimated budget of \$14,000 has been proposed for the project, which is slated to begin in October 2008.

II. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Program evaluation and research projects/ internally funded

The R&A Unit pursues an aggressive program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house ADAA-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts conducted, supported, or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Trends and Issues 2008

Trends and Issues 2008 is a report about crime and justice in Illinois. This report is an update to previous *Trends and Issues 1997* 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 was presented at the March 2008 Authority meeting. The report is now available on the Authority's website.

The primary distribution format for the *Trends and Issues 2008* report is via the Authority's website. Table 1 below shows the total number of downloads for the full report or individual chapters from May through July 2008. There were a total of 8,990 downloads in this first three-month period. The downloading ranking is the ranking over the three-month period, of the top 1,000 Authority publications downloaded during those months.

Table 1. *Trends and Issues 2008* Report Downloads from the Authority Website, May through July, 2008

CHAPTER SECTIONS	Total # of Times Downloaded	Download Ranking
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Full Report	1,635	13
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Foreword	169	297
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Executive summary	142	176
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Overview	71	260
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Introduction	219	223
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Law Enforcement	1,636	12
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - The courts	345	128
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Corrections	1,884	9
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Juvenile justice	1,848	10
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Crime victims	862	33
<i>Trends & Issues 2008</i> Chapter - Conclusion	179	271

2. 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, four *Trends and Issues Updates* are being written to highlight specific topics that were introduced in the main document. A draft report "Results of the Law Enforcement Needs Assessment Survey" was completed and is in review. Other reports, such as Offenses Against School Personnel, System-Wide Trends in Drug Crime, and System-Wide Trends in Violent Crime are scheduled for publication later this year.

3. 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 and summary are available on our website.
- *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. The report is available on our website.

4. 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 currently available on our website and a summary is in development.

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 gage 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 has been reviewed by Authority staff. Two past Program Evaluation Summaries have been completed on Sheridan indicating benefits from reduced recidivism and increased employment for participants. The most recent report also indicated benefits due to the program. Additional publications intended for scholarly journals have also been produced. These reports address the long-term impact of the program and the characteristics of participants that influence success in the program. The final report and summary will undergo final revisions and review by DOC and will be available on our website this summer.

Staff are preparing an agreement with Dr. David Olson to continue the evaluation of the Sheridan program, as well as assess the drug treatment therapeutic community operating at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. The continued research is schedule to begin this September.

6. 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. The report outlines 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. The final report is available on our website and a summary is forthcoming.

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.

7. Jail Data Link

In May 2007, evaluators at the University of Illinois – Springfield began an evaluation of the Jail Data Link project. Implemented in three sites in Illinois, the Jail Data Link project identifies jail detainees who are recipients of Department of Human Services mental health services and links them up with continued services and treatment while they are incarcerated in the jail. This identification and continuation of treatment assists jails in the care of inmates who are in need of mental health services and / or medication. Currently, site visits are being conducted and a data file of criminal histories is being produced. The final report is due in January 2009.

8. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee

Staff have prepared and released a Request for Proposals for the continued study of capital punishment in Illinois. Proposals are due August 25 and will be forwarded to the Committee for their review and selection.

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 and summary are available on our website.
- *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 is available on our website. In addition to the full analysis report, an appendix, full executive summary and Research at a Glance are also available on our website.

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 has concluded and we are awaiting a final report.
- *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 early fall.

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.

B. Program evaluation and research projects/ externally funded

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

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff completed the 2005 Annual Report, which is a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data in June, 2008. 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.

The final report is available on the Authority's website, and 100 copies of the report will be printed for distribution. Copies of the report are available on CDs upon request.

2. 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 Winter, 2008/2009.

3. Mental health screening and assessment practices in the Illinois juvenile justice system

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is currently working on a survey of the mental health screening and assessment practices in the Illinois juvenile justice system. The goal of the project is to determine what screening and assessment tools are being used by whom, and at what point in the system. These data will be gathered through a survey of all juvenile detention centers, juvenile probation and court service offices, juvenile correctional facilities, and the Juvenile Officers Association. This research will prove useful to juvenile justice practitioners, community-based mental health providers, and researchers who want to explore further the issue of screening and assessment in Illinois. In addition, it will guide them in the selection of the most current and appropriate tools for their facilities. Furthermore, the results of the study will inform future research in the area of mental health and juvenile justice. The survey instrument is finalized and will be submitted to IRB for expedited review in August of 2008. The survey will be distributed by early September, 2008. The final report is expected to be completed by February, 2009.

4. Gender discrepancies in sentencing in the Illinois juvenile justice system

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is currently working on developing a research study that would examine gender discrepancies in sentencing in Illinois. The project will explore an entire year of juvenile arrests, admissions to detention, and admissions to corrections to determine any discrepancies. This research will contribute to the growing field of research on gender issues in the juvenile justice system. A proposal and methodology for the research are being developed. An IRB application is expected to be submitted by November, 2008. The project is expected to be completed by Spring 2009.

5. Redeploy Illinois County Profiles

The Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board requested county profiles providing detention and corrections information for sites that are operational, as well as 15 additional potential sites.

These profiles will be presented at the September Oversight Board meeting. They will be made available on the Authority website in Fall, 2008.

6. 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, and Adams counties. Data collection is complete in Sangamon county and the third wave of data collection has begun in the 2nd Judicial Circuit, Lake and Adams counties. Partnership agreements have been executed for Sangamon, Cook, DuPage and the 2nd Judicial Circuit. A six-month no-cost extension has been obtained from NIC to complete data collection and analysis.

7. 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. In the first phase, Staff examined existing data collected during the Reception and Classification (R&C) process at the Dwight Correctional Center 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.

Phase two of the research study will collect information on the extent and nature of victimization and treatment episodes of female prison inmates in Illinois. The research involves detailed face-to-face interviews with current female prisoners. The questions will explore prior help seeking strategies, substance use, and physical and sexual abuse during the course of the person's life history. The data will provide information to criminal justice and social service agencies, funding entities, policy makers, and the general public. The research will be able to offer treatment recommendations to IDOC to further help women in corrections.

The research goals are to:

- Learn the extent and nature of victimization of incarcerated women.
- Increase general knowledge of the female inmate population in Illinois.

- Address data limitations, program needs, and offer recommendations.
- Help current and future female population with treatment needs and issues.
- Aid victimized women and girls prior to corrections to try to reduce female inmate population.

Staff will interview 200 women located in three IDOC institutions—Dwight, Decatur, and Lincoln. Staff will obtain a random sample of female inmates (stratified by the facility). We will pay a \$10 stipend to respondents. Each interview will last approximately 60-90 minutes. A psychologist will be made available to participants if necessary. We will obtain participants' criminal histories and examine their prison case files after they agree to participation in the interview. We have created a data collection form.

Staff met with IDOC staff at Dwight Correctional Center on January 18, 2008 to discuss phase two of the 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 on February 6, 2008. Staff traveled to Dwight in March and continue to collaborate with IDOC on the project. A draft of the interview packet was sent to the advisory group for the project on April 11, 2008. The Institutional Review Board will meet to review the project on May 22, 2008. As encouraged by the advisory committee a, two interviewers, who are ex-offenders, were hired as contractual employees through the Authority. All interviewers were trained at a three-day training in July.

The IRB approved the initial application in June, but there are continuing negotiations with IDOC legal counsel and the IRB on the language in the consent form. Once these issues are resolved, data collection can begin.

8. Domestic Sex Trafficking of Chicago Women and Girls

The DePaul College of Law Schiller Du Canto & Fleck Law Center collaborated with Authority to conduct data entry and analysis for a research project on sex trafficking. Ms. Jody Raphael, Senior Research Fellow, received a grant from the Chicago Foundation on Women for this research. The project administered questionnaires to 100 girls and women currently in the sex trade industry to gain information about recruitment and violence by pimps in local sex trafficking. Data is being collected and entered, and will be analyzed in early 2008. The Authority co-authored the final report which was released at an event at DePaul Law School on May 7, 2008. The final report has been posted on the IJICA Website. A presentation was given at the June 2008 Authority Board meeting. A research bulletin has been written summarizing the report and is in the review process. The authors are also writing an article based on the study to be submitted in October 2008 to the academic journal, Violence Against Women.

C. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is a JAG 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 progressing slowly. Due to staffing constraints, the audit will consist of smaller-scale examinations of State Police CHRI data that do not require collecting corroborating data from local agency contributors. For example, one project will involve assessing the quality of juvenile arrest data with respect to county-level reporting trends, using data downloads from the CHRI AdHoc connection as the audit source. In order to accomplish this, the yearly datasets of CHRI data from 1990 through 2007 are being re-pulled from the Illinois State Police database, in order to work with the most recent data available.

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 1990-2007 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, CHRI data was produced for researchers from University of Illinois at Springfield, Loyola University and University of Illinois at Chicago. An agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services was executed on behalf of the Jail Data Link project. In addition, agreements were initiated with researchers from University of Chicago and Carnegie Mellon University. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of thirty 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.

D. 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.

During this quarter, discussions were initiated with Chicago Police Department's Research and Development Division to resume the process of obtaining homicide records for the years since 2000.

Staff continues to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset. Using the newly-updated CHD data from 1965 to 2000, staff will present at the Homicide Research Working Group in June, and the American Society of Criminology in November. Both presentations will deal with "connected" homicides, such as serial murders and retribution murders. In addition, staff have been asked to present the keynote address at the International Conference on Homicide, sponsored by the Australian Institute of Criminology, which will be held in December.

E. Chicago Women's Health Risk Study

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.

During the last quarter, staff have been asked to present the keynote address at a conference in November for professionals and practitioners, co-sponsored by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the largest provider of DV support in New York City, on femicide and the role that CJ and other agencies play in prevention. In addition, staff have been asked to present the keynote address at the International Conference on Homicide, sponsored by the Australian Institute of Criminology in December, on key risk factors for death in intimate partner violence.

The following articles using CWHRS data have been recently published:

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- Glass, Nancy, Jane Koziol-McLain, Jacquelyn C. Campbell & Carolyn R. Block (2004). Female-Perpetrated Femicide and Attempted Femicide: A Case Series. *Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal* 10 (6, June 2004): 606-625.

III. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

Since the last Authority update for the June 2008 meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- Staff attended the LEADS Advisory Board meeting in Joliet on May 20.

- The research director met with official from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics on May 22 at the Authority's offices to discuss a research proposal for website enhancement of CJ DataNet.
- Staff coordinated an Institutional Review Board (IRB) meeting on May 22 to review the methodology of the Study of Prior Victimization of Female Inmates.
- Staff met with Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) staff on Tuesday May 27 to discuss data procurement.
- Staff held a conference call on May 29 with PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) and Jody Raphael.
- Staff attended training for the Clery Act (campus crime data collection training) in DuPage County on June 2-3.
- On June 6, Staff presented on Domestic Sex Trafficking of Chicago Women and Girls at the Authority Board meeting.
- On June 10, staff attended the Models for Change, DMC committee meeting in Chicago
- Staff attended a statewide Mental Health Court Conference on June 11.
- On June 12, staff attended the Attorney General's Office Illinois Youth Court Association advisory board meeting in Sherman, IL.
- Staff attended a Redeploy Illinois Planning Grant meeting on June 12 in Bloomington.
- Staff attended a PROMISE meeting on June 13.
- Staff attended the Illinois Mental Health Juvenile Justice Initiative annual conference on June 16.
- Staff convened a teleconference with advisors on the mental health screening and assessment survey on June 17.
- On June 17 and July 24, staff attended the Pathways workgroup meeting regarding juvenile justice initiatives in Bloomington.
- Staff attended a Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting on June 20 and July 18.
- Staff provided training for the 2nd Circuit data system regarding maintenance of criminal justice data on June 23.
- The research director attended a teleconference meeting of the Justice Research & Statistics Association (JRSA) Training, Technical Assistance, and Technology Committee on June 23.
- Staff attended a presentation of a juvenile probation data collection system devised by Judge Timberlake of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, at Loyola University on June 23.
- Staff participated in a conference call on June 24 with JRSA and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to determine the feasibility of a NIOSH Multi-City study of the magnitude and risk factors among healthcare workers and pharmacists regarding theft of pharmaceuticals.
- Staff participated on Congressman Danny Davis' Ex-offender Advisory Committee on June 26 to address the issue of offender reentry. Meetings are bi-weekly and focus on a review of the Second Chance Act. The goal is to make recommendations for possible amendments when the Act comes up for renewal in two years.
- Staff held a Safety Net Works evaluation meeting on June 26 to discuss the community level data, site selection for the evaluation, and status of program development.
- Staff organized a session for the Balanced & Restorative Justice - Peacemaking Circles June 27 – 29, sponsored by the 2nd Judicial Circuit Juvenile Justice Council and the Illinois BARJ Project. The training focused on how to incorporate peacemaking circles in the community.

- Staff presented a training for the interviewers for the Female Victimization Project on July 1-3.
- Staff attended a presentation of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Community Programs database on July 9th at the Authority as it might relate to Safety Networks project.
- Staff presented at the Juvenile Justice Initiative retreat on July 11 and provided a presentation on data trends.
- Staff met with Dana Weiner of DCFS and Northwestern University to discuss a database of juvenile service providers in Cook County that will be of use to the Authority's community-level data archive.
- Staff participated on a teleconference meeting on July 16 with officials from AOIC, National Institute of Justice, and Justice System Assessment and Training to review the study of probation recidivism based on analysis of Illinois Evidence-Based Practices data.
- Staff presented to officials from Kankakee and Iroquois counties on July 18 regarding data and analysis.
- Staff met with Japanese officials on July 21 to discuss correctional issues in Illinois.
- The research director met with Jim Lewis of Chicago Community Trust on July 23 to discuss the Go To 2040 Regional Comprehensive Planning Process, and the Authority's involvement in the public safety component of that plan.
- Staff attended a Pathways meeting on July 24.
- Staff attended an ex-offender reentry committee meeting covering the Second Chance Act on July 24.
- Staff participated in a conference call July 26 to discuss the development of a coding manual for juvenile justice professionals. The manual was developed by Pennsylvania and is being tweaked for Illinois. It's meant to guide juvenile justice personnel in their collection of race and ethnicity data so it can better measure the extent to which Hispanics are represented in the system.
- Staff attended an Illinois Balanced & Restorative Justice Initiatives meeting on July 31.
- Staff participated on a conference call with Harvard University and Illinois Department of Employment Security for a collaborative project on August 5.
- Staff attended a meeting on August 11 in Wheaton sponsored by the 18th Judicial Circuit (DuPage County) to discuss formation of a Mental Health Courts Professional Association.
- Staff attended a mental health seminar at University of Illinois Chicago on August 12 pertaining to coordination between mental health providers and police.
- Staff attended a meeting on sponsored by the Models for Change Initiative on Disproportionate Minority Contact on June 10, July 23, and August 7 at Loyola University.
- Staff attended an Abuse Later in Life work group conference call on August 13.
- Staff met on August 14 in Chicago with the Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse regarding drug treatment data availability, especially for prescription drugs.
- Staff attended the LEADS Advisory Board meeting in Joliet on August 19th

B. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about crime and the criminal justice system. The Clearinghouse Center within R&A maintains and regularly

updates many county-level datasets related to crime and the criminal justice system, as well as social risk factor data. These datasets are used for in-house research projects and publications, such as *Trends and Issues* and *County Profiles of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems*. The Clearinghouse is also responsible for answering requests for criminal justice data and information, as well as maintaining the publications on the Authority's website: www.icjia.il.state.us.

Many requests continue to come from government agencies (17 percent) and private agencies (19 percent). Other requests come from private citizens, researchers, students news media representatives, legislators and prison inmates. Thirty-three percent of the requests originate in the Chicago metropolitan area, and another 30 percent originate in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from other states, outside the United States, or unknown origin.

R&A distributed over 182 Authority publications during the fourth quarter of SFY 08 (April-June 30 2008), not including those downloaded from our website (651,066) (*Table 1*). The volume of web users has remained at high levels. During this time period, there were 2,513,415 "hits" on our website and more than 101,722 visitors that remained on the site for a period of time. There were 251,751 downloads of information or publications (*Table 2*). The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents.

Acquiring/updating/documenting dataset holdings

During the last quarter, an additional section was added to the Risk Factor data set. Unemployment figures can now be calculated by the eligible workforce (as defined by the U.S. Department of Labor) as well as overall population. Staff continue to painstakingly check the quality of the core datasets, and establish contacts for new data sources, including the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA), and the Chicago Police Department. Staff is also assessing the most appropriate geographic breakdowns for presenting statewide data. Our traditional county categories based on population (urban, rural, collar, Chicago) fluctuate too much for long-term data trends. More consistent categories based on fixed geographic regions (southern, central, northern) may be more appropriate in these situations, but will require staff work to change our data files to reflect new geographic breakdowns.

C. FSGU Support Efforts

Several R&A staff work in a partnership with the Authority's Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) to provide statistical technical assistance. Currently, R&A staff are working with FSGU to draft a protocol outlining staff roles. The protocol outlines the following purposes of the partnership:

- Help FSGU report statistical information to ICJIA boards and the public.
- Help guide decisions to best spend limited federal funding.
- Help ensure ICJIA collects and reports reliable statistics on grantees.
- Help hold grantees accountable for ICJIA administered federal funds.
- Help ensure ICJIA meets federal and auditor requirements.

Upon request, R&A staff review grant data reports, grant proposals, and data report forms; create grantee program profiles; report at FSGU grant meetings; participate in conferences; offer statistical information through presentations; attends relevant trainings; and create and update grant-related

databases. R&A staff continued to work with FSGU staff responsible for the VAWA, VOCA, JAIBG, MVTPC, and MEG/TF funds. In addition, R&A staff assume responsibility for the computerization of some program performance for many grants.

D. Technical Assistance

- Staff assisted with Chicago Public Schools Annual Peer Jury Recognition Day at Loyola School of Law on May 21.
- A new WebBoard CWHRs Forum was developed in July. The goal of the WebBoard CWHRs Forum is to promote networking, discussion, and information-sharing among practitioners, academicians, and anyone else interested in reducing levels of death and serious injury from intimate partner violence. Forum members will also try to apply findings from the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRs) and similar research to practical situations in the field. WebBoard CWHRs Forum website is located at <http://webboard.icjia.org/WB/?boardID=CWHRs>
- Staff successfully submitted an application on behalf of DHS for the OJJDP Coordination Assistance Program grant on June 13. The proposal addressed the role of faith based organizations in the reduction of gang violence within Safety Net Works sites. Proposals are due June 13.
- With the Models for Change, DMC Committee, staff is providing technical assistance on an ongoing basis regarding the development of a coding manual for all juvenile justice practitioners meant to assist in the collection of race/ethnicity data, specifically for Hispanic youth.

E. 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 2006 was submitted to BJS in May of 2008, and data for 2007 is scheduled to be submitted to BJS in late August. BJS utilized the data to produce a three-year (2003-2005) study of arrest fatalities in the United States, with updates planned as states submit data. The report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005, was released in October 2007.

F. Web-based applications

1. Webboard

Webboard is an integrated discussion boards, online conferencing, It is also for online classes, providing threaded discussions, chat and the ability to post and download data, this message board tool allows valuable ideas and comments to be shared and stored.

During the last quarter, staff designed the new WebBoard Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum. The CWHRS Forum is a discussion and information-sharing site for people interested in reducing levels of death and serious injury from intimate partner violence. Forum members are trying to apply findings from the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) and similar research to practical situations in the field. 173 Members are subscribed. View the WebBoard Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum at <http://webboard.icjia.org/WB/?boardID=CWHRS> (this is a software upgrade for the CWHRS Forum). The following 12 Conferences were added to the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS) Forum: General Discussion; Introductions; News; African American women; Children; Collaboration; Danger Assessment; Death Review Teams; Help Seeking: Agencies, Counselors; Help Seeking: Criminal Justice; Help Seeking: Medical; Homicide; and Professional, Practice Issues.

Staff is currently developing the WebBoard INFONET Forum. The InfoNet (information network) is a web-based data collection system used by victim service providers in Illinois. The development and implementation of the system was a collaborative effort between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV).

Staff is also developing the WebBoard CJ ACADEMIC Forum. The CJ ACADEMIC Forum will be a discussion and information-sharing site which will enable the Research and Analysis Unit to communicate with the academic community on criminal justice research issues and topics that practitioners and others can use in their work within Illinois and from the national perspective.

2. Adobe Acrobat Connect

Adobe Acrobat Connect is software used to create information and general presentations, online training materials, web conferencing, learning modules, and user desktop sharing applications.

Staff is currently developing INFONET User Training using this software, as well as developing other Research and Analysis Unit and other agency on-line applications.

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 applied 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 was submitted on February 12, 2008. Grant awards are to be announced in September 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 in various software tools.

- On April 9, staff attended the training: *Women, Girls and Trauma: Creating Gender-Responsive Services*, held by the Institute for Relational Development, Center for Gender and Justice.
- 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.
- In early June, staff attended the training: *Jeanne Clery Act Compliance: A Collaborative Team Approach*, held by Security on Campus, Inc. The training included sessions on counting, collecting, and classifying crime data, information on timely warnings and daily crime logs kept by campus police, and information on sexual assault policies and victim assistance.

Internship program.

Under the direct supervision of a senior staff member in the Research and Analysis Unit, interns are hired to perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois criminal justice system. There is no compensation for these positions, but interns may be able to use the experience as course credit. Three interns have been assisting the Research and Analysis Unit for the summer term for course credit, assisting primarily with the Evidence Based Practices in Probation

project. They are undergraduates from Loyola University, DePaul University and Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

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Appendix A – Most recent publications

RESEARCH REPORTS

Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: 2005 Annual Report (June, 2008 139 pp)

Juvenile Justice Data 2005 Annual Report (June, 2008 97 pp)

Implementation and Short-Term Impact Evaluation of the Lake County Adult Probation Department's Women's Specialized Services Program (June, 2008 153 pp)

Final Implementation Evaluation Report for the Illinois Going Home Program (May, 2008 62 pp)

Domestic Sex Trafficking of Chicago Women and Girls (May, 2008 58 pp)

RESEARCH BULLETINS / BRIEFS / TECHNICAL MANUALS

Study Measures Impact of Government Services on Juvenile Community Re-Entry (July, 2008)

TRENDS & ISSUES

Trends and Issues 2008: A Profile of Criminal and Juvenile Justice in Illinois (May, 2008 167 pp)

Appendix B – Information Request Handling Statistics
April 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008

ITEM	REQUESTS/Pct
Information requests handled:	94
Monthly average number of requests:	31
Geographic Origin of requesters:	
Chicago metropolitan area	33%
Other region of Illinois	30%
U.S. other than Illinois	18%
Outside the U.S.	2%
Unknown	17%
Type of requester:	
Government agency	17%
Private agency	19%
Researcher	62%
Student	12%
Citizen	38%
Media	6%
Legislators	0%
Inmates	1%
Method of request:	
Telephone/fax	46%
Mail	1%
Email/Internet	0%
In-person	0%
ICJIA Website	52%
Publications disseminated:	
Mailed in response to requests	182
Downloaded from Website	651,066
Total	651,248

Appendix C – Authority Website Trends

www.icjia.state.il.us

April 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008

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		
Apr-08	1,139,433	37,961	85,313	2,843	31	34,039	28,182	5,857	82,395	2,578
May-08	700,729	22,604	88,631	2,859	25	34,064	28,254	5,910	86,270	2,586
June-08	673,253	22,441	74,895	2,496	26	33,519	29,327	4,192	83,086	2,589
TOTAL	2,513,415	27,669	248,839	2,490	27	101,622	85,763	15,959	251,751	
MONTHLY AVERAGE	837,805		82,946			33,874	28,588	5,320	83,917	