

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

June 2, 2006
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, Glen Carbon Police Department
Phillip Cline, Superintendent Chicago Police Department
Hon. Jerry Dawson, Macon County Sheriff
Ms. Barbara Engel
Theodore Gottfried, State Appellate Defender
Hon. Becky Jansen, Circuit Clerk of Effingham County
Ellen Mandeltort, Attorney General Designee
Mr. Eugene Murphy
Mr. John Piland
Mr. John Toscas

Approval of the Minutes of the March 3, 2006 Authority Meeting

{Chairman Sorosky made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 3, 2006. Mr. Toscas moved to amend the minutes to correct an error and to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Sorosky welcomed everyone to the Authority meeting. Chairman Sorosky called on Director Levin to report.

Executive Director's Report

Director Levin noted that the new Authority member handbook was given to the Authority members and thanked Cristin Evans and Adrienne Frederick of our Office of Public Information for their hard work.

Director Levin announced the hiring of new employees to the Research and Analysis Unit:

Andrea Carr, Christopher Micks and Brittany Groot. Director Levin also noted that we have hired Herbert Johnson to be the project manager for the Illinois Integrated Justice Information Systems Project. The Director also introduced Chris Bojar who has been serving as a summer intern for the Office of General Counsel. Ms. Levin informed the Authority of the loss of Phil Stevenson who is going to head the statistical analysis center for the state of Arizona. She added that quarterly awards went to Jude Lemrow, Jeena Bradley, Michelle Repp and Sylvia Szubielski, who is expecting a child and has also left the agency.

Director Levin also reported that the Authority has had an increase in publications this quarter, which are available on our website. These include the "Compiler," "Research at a Glance" publications relative to methamphetamine response teams, gender differences in non-fatal victimization, juvenile arrest rates and commitment rates which both show racial disparity, and a study of criminal histories of low-level felony offenders.

Ms. Levin added that a commendation has been prepared for Maureen Josh for the Chairman's signature.

Director Levin reported that Chairman Sorosky had followed up on the Authority's vote at the last meeting and sent out letters to every member of the congressional delegation with respect to the justice assistance grant funds. Director Levin was in Washington and met with 2 Congressman as well as congressional staff to discuss federal criminal justice funding. She noted that the delegation members and their staffs were aware of the problem and the Director was cautiously optimistic. She reported that, in particular, a good response was received from the offices of Congressmen Davis, Hyde and Kirk. The Director requested that Authority members continue in their efforts toward improving the funding situation. Director Levin noted in FFY 04 that statewide, we received 20 million dollars, in FFY 05 we received 14.5 and for FFY 06 it appears that the funding will be between 8 and 8.5 million dollars. This means we will have less than half of the money awarded in FFY04.

Director Levin stated that Authority member Barbara Engel has been helpful in her roles as Chair of the Authority's Research Committee and Institutional Review Board. New members of the IRB are Ellen Scrivener of the Chicago Police Department, Diane William from the Safer Foundation and General Counsel Jack Cutrone.

Director Levin noted the information system bill has passed the bill through the legislature privatizing the ALERTS, PIMS and ALECS systems and providing for the creation of the Illinois Public Safety Area Network, Inc. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature. The Director related that members of the ICJIA Executive Staff had met with the IPSAN Board and that we are trying to schedule additional meetings to deal with the transition on the assumption that the Governor would sign the bill.

Director Levin noted that the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Commission has met frequently -- five times in the last year because of the fact that the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant is very difficult to administer and there is not much money for this grant. She stated that one of the main issues has been dealing with the City of Chicago Juvenile Intervention Center. Due to the hard work of the staffs of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Department of Youth Services and the Authority, it is hoped that the project will come to fruition and that it will

begin providing services to children, a major accomplishment for the city and for the Authority.

Director Levin also noted with respect to JAG planning there had been two planning meetings held and that Mr. Murphy will be speaking about them. Ms. Levin also commended the Authority's Grant staff and the Research staff for their fine efforts in documenting crime, drug and spending trends for the JAG planning meetings.

Director Levin called on General Counsel Jack Cutrone to speak about the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council fund sweep and law suit that has followed.

General Counsel Cutrone explained that the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council acts within the auspices of the Authority and that it is funded by payments by insurance companies into a trust fund, paid at the rate of one dollar per Illinois car insured per year. Due to budgetary considerations monies of the Motor Vehicle theft Prevention Council for FFY 03,04,05,06 and 07 were transferred from a trust fund to the State's general revenue fund. General Counsel Cutrone noted the Property Casualty Insurance Association of America has filed suit against the Governor and other parties involved, claiming that the transfers were in violation of the Illinois and United States Constitutions. Cutrone noted the Attorney General is representing the named defendants in the matter. There is a temporary restraining order in effect to prevent any further transfer, pending further action. He also noted that Rodney Fisher of the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, associated with Allstate Insurance has informed the Council that he never received any notice of the lawsuit and that he wrote a letter to the PCIAA inquiring by what authority they filed the suit. Mr. Gottfried inquired as to the role that the Authority may have had in the fund sweeps, and Cutrone stated that the Authority was merely complying with the budget implementation acts for those years.

Director Levin noted that plans are underway for an Integrated Justice summit in 2007, preferably at a time that the legislature is in session. The Director commended Will Nagle for his continued excellent efforts in developing a privacy policy and that as a result, IIJIS is becoming nationally known in the field. The Director introduced Herbert Johnson the project manager for IIJIS. An IIJIS survey has been sent to all Illinois counties to update our information on information systems integration, but response has been disappointing.

Chairman Sorosky noted that the Budget Committee has met three times since the last Authority meeting, and invited other interested Authority members to participate as is allowed under Authority rules. In these lean times, the budget committee is performing critical work.

Budget Committee Report

Budget Committee Chairman Gene Murphy reported that several budget meetings have been held, and in particular, two JAG meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to set priorities with respect to JAG funding and to decide what is to be done with the reduced funding. In two half-day meetings, input was received from many sources including the Illinois State Police, the Chicago Police Department, local enforcement agencies and other governmental bodies that we assist. Law enforcement officials were particularly helpful in providing insight into how grant funds are making a difference on the streets.

Chairman Murphy also discussed setting goals and recommendations in the budget committee for JAG funding priorities including early intervention and treatment of youth who are at high risk for drug use. Another area to be addressed is reducing recidivism rates of offenders who are released from correctional institutions. He emphasized that new programs may gain other forms of assistance including referrals to other funding sources.

Chairman Sorosky introduced Chief Financial Officer Ted Miller. Mr. Miller presented a short summary of the mailing previously sent to Authority members. Mr. Miller spoke about the vacancies at the Authority and how common it is in the State right now for there to be difficulties in funding hiring due to budgetary constraints. Mr. Miller noted the Authority's budget for FFY 07 is \$122,701,900 and provides for 87 full time employees. Mr. Miller added the Authority will be involved in the Shared Services cluster, which will involve fiscal and the human resource departments. It is hoped that standardized processes will lead to greater efficiencies with limited state resources. Mr. Miller spoke about the six different funds which fund the Authority: among them the general revenue fund, the criminal justice information trust systems fund and the motor vehicle theft prevention fund. Out of the \$3,195,000 in general revenue funds, the monies are used for 17 employees and overall agency operations. That also funds the capital punishment reform study group. The Authority's general revenue funds were reduced by 4% as a result of an across-the-board reduction. The Motor Vehicle Trust Fund of \$6,942,000 funds four budgeted employees, 12 grantees and administrative costs. The federal funding provides for 51 full time employees. The JAIBG fund provides an additional \$12,540,000. That fund decreased from 7.7 million in FFY01 to FFY05. Ms. Engel inquired as to whether specific research funding such as NIJ goes to a separate fund, but Mr. Miller replied that it does not.

{Upon motion to adopt the JAG priorities, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the priorities were adopted by unanimous vote.}

Robert Bauer's Methamphetamine Presentation

Mr. Bauer, of the Authority's research staff gave an interesting and informative presentation on the latest trends in methamphetamine production and use.

Colonel Bouche provided a short presentation concerning some recent developments in meth trafficking.

In line with Col. Bouche's presentation, Director Levin related that the Governor has announced the opening of an IDOC methamphetamine treatment facility in southwestern Illinois, for which the Authority is providing VOITIS funding.

Superintendent Cline also reported a disturbing trend in Mexico drug cartels using the drug fentanyl, a pain killer for cancer patients, being used to cut heroin. Fentanyl is 80 to 100 times as powerful as morphine and imported heroin cut with fentanyl has caused a number of overdose deaths. The police department has distributed flyers warning of the dangers of the heroin-fentanyl combination and the fire department is budgeting extra money for their ambulances to be able to treat overdose victims. He added that because of impurities found in the fentanyl, it is likely that it is being manufactured rather than diverted from legitimate sources.

Adjourn

{Upon a motion by Ms. Toscas, seconded by Mr. Piland, and adopted by unanimous voice vote, Chairman Sorosky adjourned the meeting.}

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Cutrone
General Counsel