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Memorandum

To: Authority Members

From: Mark Myrent

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Re: Illinois Integrated Justice Information System (IIJIS) Project Update

Since the last Authority meeting, the following progress has been made on the Illinois Integrated Justice Information Systems (IIJIS) Project:

- A technical assistance site visit by the Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute and SEARCH took place on June 7th - 11th. IIJIS staff, governing board members, and stakeholders discussed the history, current status, and goals and objectives of the IIJIS effort. They asked the consultants to review the work completed to this point and provide assistance in developing a tactical plan for prioritizing and managing specific implementation initiatives. A final Technical Assistance Report containing findings and recommendation was received on August 17th containing recommendations in several areas:
 - assessing and fine-tuning IIJIS governance;
 - conducting detailed planning to determine project implementation priorities;
 - developing standards and policies;
 - examining criminal justice information sharing needs related to two proposed projects: police information systems interfaces and a single point of access to multiple offender databases; and
 - modifying the current project management office.

The IIJIS Executive Steering Committee met on August 23rd to begin reviewing the recommendations and planning action steps for possible implementation. The review process will continue at their next meeting on September 14th. The recommendations will then be presented at an IIJIS Implementation Board meeting in late September/early October.

- The IIJIS Planning and Policy Committee met on August 4th to approve their SFY'05 workplan, and discussed domains of justice integration, such as juvenile justice and incident that should be addressed through future strategic planning efforts. The IIJIS Homeland Security Work Group continued development of a blueprint for information exchanges needed for prevention and intervention related to terrorism threats, and began participation in several "table-top" exercises that have been held in order to simulate real-life terrorism events. They also completed an examination of national, state, and local data systems and networks in place for the exchange of incident and intelligence information needed for such responses. The IIJIS Privacy Work Group, through previous legal research and interviews with work group members, identified a set of privacy policy issues associated with justice information sharing. The work has been incorporated into a publication entitled "*Privacy Schmprivacy?*" that is available on the IIJIS website.
- The IIJIS Technical Committee met on June 29th to continue the process of adopting standards for interagency exchanges of justice information. Committee members. A framework was approved at that time for a standards review process and the establishment of criteria for adoption. The committee then met on August 13th and voted to recommend to the full IIJIS Implementation Board adoption of three sets of justice exchange standards. One is the Global Justice XML Data Model, which is a multi-use standard for data formatting, and was recommended as a best practice. The other two are specifications for submitting fingerprints to the state criminal history repository and for interfacing to the Illinois State Police LEADS system, and were recommended as requiring mandatory compliance by participating agencies. The committee also approved its SFY'05 workplan.
- The IIJIS Outreach Committee met on June 22nd, and produced final draft versions of an electronic newsletter, a letter that informs potential "champions" of the role they can play in supporting IIJIS initiatives, as well as a computerized media presentation to inform justice practitioners of the underlying philosophy of justice integration, and the goals and objectives of its various projects. Plans are also underway to create a mechanism to continuously update a presentation on IIJIS that can be delivered to a variety of justice practitioners, policy-makers, citizens, and other interested audiences. Preliminary plans are also underway to hold a statewide integration forum in Spring 2005 to help educate justice practitioners and others of the IIJIS initiative and provide information that promotes statewide participation. A SFY '05 workplan was also approved.
- IIJIS staff assisted officials of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board (PRB) in their efforts to gain access to court status information for use in parole violation hearings. PRB members were granted computer access to the Automated Victim Notification (AVN) system by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. This system collects jail custodial status as well as court case records from nearly every county jail and circuit court clerk's office in the state. This information will enable PRB members to know whether formal charges were filed against parolees pursuant to

criminal violations, and to determine case dispositions on those cases completed prior to the parole violation hearing.

- IIJIS staff participated in the review of proposals for the Probation On-line Automated Reporting System (POLARIS) in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. This system, when implemented, will provide a mechanism for the collection and analysis of case-level probationer data from each probation office in the state. Staff is also participating on the POLARIS steering committee to help guide development of the system.
- The IIJIS Chair, Lori Levin, and IIJIS staff attended the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) National Forum in Chicago on Aug. 9th – 11th, which featured presentations on justice integration. IIJIS staff served as recorders for several of the sessions.