

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY
December 3, 2010 at 9:07 am.
300 West Adams Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Before the meeting was convened, Executive Director Jack Cutrone announced that there were plans to use a webcam in conjunction with the Board's being asked to adopt a resolution honoring the Authority's webmaster for his 20 years of service to be celebrated December 7. He explained that the employee is a quadriplegic who works from his home, and the webcam would be used only on the Authority's internal website so he could observe being recognized. Mr. Cutrone said that he wanted to make sure that no one had a problem with that arrangement. Hearing no opposition, he said the plan would go forward and thanked the Board.

Vice Chairman Anita Alvarez then welcomed Board Members and guests to the 2010 fourth and final quarterly Board Meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. She called the meeting to order and asked General Counsel Lisa Stephens to call the roll.

In addition to Vice Chairman Alvarez, Authority Board members in attendance were:

Chief David P. Bradford
Clerk Dorothy Brown
Sheriff Thomas Dart.
Director Bradley Demuzio
Ms. Barbara Engel
Mr. Felix M. Gonzalez
Ms. Cynthia Hora
Clerk Becky Jansen
Director Kevin McClain
Acting Director Jonathon E. Monken
Mr. Eugene E. Murphy, Jr.
Director Michael J. Pelletier
Sheriff Patrick B. Perez
Mr. John Z. Toscas

Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2010 Regular Meeting

With a quorum in place, Vice Chairman Alvarez asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 2010 Authority Board Meeting.

{Mr. Felix Gonzalez moved that the minutes of the September 3, 2010 Authority Board Meeting be adopted. Clerk Becky Jansen seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

Vice Chairman's Remarks

Vice Chairman Anita Alvarez stated that the first order of business was asking the Board to pass three resolutions, which she would be summarizing and for which she would be requesting a single unified motion when she finished. She said the first honored fallen Chicago Police Officer, Michael Flisk, Jr. She continued to say that Officer Flisk was an accomplished evidence technician two months from celebrating 20 years on the police force when his life was needlessly taken on November 26, 2010, in the line of duty while investigating a burglary.

Ms. Alvarez added that Officer Flisk had the respect and confidence of those with whom he worked, admired not only for his professional skill and concern for others, but for his humor and outgoing personality. She then announced that Office Michael Flisk was being cited for his dedication and outstanding contributions in ensuring the public safety of the people of Chicago, serving and protecting in the truest sense.

The second resolution she presented honored Director Michael P. Randle who served on the Authority Board in his capacity as Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections from June 8, 2009, until September 17, 2010. She said that Director Randle's commitment and dedication to advancing public safety and improving the quality of criminal justice through research and grant programs in Illinois had been commendable.

She explained that the third resolution, previously mentioned by Mr. Cutrone, honored Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority staff member Salvatore Perri for 20 years of service to the organization. She said that Mr. Perri had consistently excelled in providing products and services of ICJIA and technical assistance to criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, and the public. She went on to say that Mr. Perri's skill, commitment, dedication and initiative have served as a role model for all Authority staff and public servants, and that he had earned the respect of the criminal justice community, the Authority, and its staff.

Ms. Alvarez said that she would be reading the complete resolution honoring Mr. Perri into the record but first wanted to ask for a unified motion for all three resolutions.

{Mr. John Z. Toscas moved to adopt the motion, which was seconded by Director Bradley Demuzio and adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

At that point she asked a representative of the Chicago Police Department attending in place of Superintendent Jody Weis to accept the resolution honoring Police Officer Michael Flisk, Jr., and went on to read the Resolution in Commendation of Salvatore Perri, Jr.:

WHEREAS Salvatore Perri, Jr., has served as staff of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information for 20 years; and

WHEREAS MR. Perri has consistently excelled in providing products and services for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and technical assistance to criminal justice practitioners and policymakers and the public; and

WHEREAS Mr. Perri's skill, commitment, dedication, and initiative have served as a model for all Authority staff and public servants; and

WHEREAS Mr. Perri has made many valuable contributions for optimizing the content and functionality of the Agency's website; and

WHEREAS Mr. Perri was recognized by the Illinois Interagency Community of Employees With Disabilities for his efforts in helping the Authority to research and harness the power of information technology through the internet and, by example, promoting disability awareness among his colleagues; and

WHEREAS Mr. Perri has earned the respect of the criminal justice community, the Authority and its staff:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that Salvatore Perri, Jr., is hereby commended by this Board for outstanding service to this Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grateful appreciation and best wishes of this Authority and the people of the State of Illinois be conveyed to Mr. Perri, and that a formal copy of this Resolution of Commendation, and appropriate commemoration be presented to him in honor of his dedicated service and achievement.

This **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION** is hereby **ADOPTED** and **UNANIMOUSLY PROCLAIMED** in opening meeting by this Authority on December 3, 2010.

Jack Cutrone, Executive Director

Executive Director's Remarks

Ms. Alvarez then called on Executive Director Jack Cutrone for his remarks. Mr. Cutrone thanked her and started by discussing several items concerning the overall strategic planning effort in which the Authority has been engaged since a year ago last November and which is to culminate in an overall plan for criminal justice in Illinois in July, 2011. He said he was proud to report that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has recognized Illinois' work in this regard and has made the Authority one of its model projects appearing on the DOJ website, which he thought spoke well of the Authority. He said that distinction was awarded as a result of the Authority's efforts with regard to the strategic planning initiative and the Authority's very successful Summit last September.

He reported that the Authority is following-up with post-Summit work groups in six different areas to draft various portions of the criminal justice plan, noting that members of the juvenile justice community were being added to help with the juvenile portions. Mr. Cutrone said that the first work group meetings were scheduled for January and upwards of 100 people were to take part. He said that he thought this broad involvement was very significant in obtaining input from various aspects of the criminal justice system in Illinois.

Next Mr. Cutrone mentioned that the Authority and its staff received two awards for two research studies from the Justice Research and Statistical Association at its Annual Meeting in October. He went on to say that it is very unusual for one state to receive two awards in one year, those being the Phillip Hoke Awards for excellence in research and policy analysis. He explained that the first was for a report on victimization and help-seeking behaviors among female prisoners in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which was authored by Jessica Reichert, Sharyn Adams, and Lindsay Bostwick of the Authority's Research and Analysis staff and would be described later in the meeting. He said the second was for a statistical report on the state's juvenile justice system, which also was authored by Lindsay Bostwick. He asked each of the co-authors to stand to be recognized.

Mr. Cutrone then announced that the Authority had a new permanent Chief Fiscal Officer after the sad passing of the Authority's previous one, Ted Miller, and the yeoman work that was done by Ron Litwin of the Fiscal Management Office to fill in. He introduced Dreena Jones, complimented her work, and said the Board would be hearing from her for the first time shortly. Next he said he wanted to mention an event that brought great joy to his heart the previous day when after a protracted medical leave, the Authority's Associate Director for the Federal and State Grants Unit, John Chojnacki, returned to work.

In conclusion, Mr. Cutrone said he also wanted to mention another subject that brings not only joy to his heart, but to Acting Director Monken's as well. He explained it is the results of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) that was released using Recovery Act funds to support local jurisdictions to take part in the I-CLEAR I-CASE system, which is a critical venture by the State Police toward information sharing, with all its benefits. He said that the closing date for the RFPs was November 30, and 13 requests for approximately \$800,000 were received. He noted that staff were in the process of reviewing the proposals and were very encouraged by the results and willingness of some of the local jurisdictions to partake in data sharing, a step that is necessary for the criminal justice system to move into or continue its path to the information age. Mr. Cutrone said that his remarks were completed and thanked the Board.

Budget Committee Report by Eugene E. Murphy, Jr., Chairman

Ms. Alvarez then turned to financial matters and asked Mr. Eugene E. Murphy, Budget Committee Chairman, for a report. He announced that with respect to 2011 Budget Committee Meetings, he anticipated again having more frequent, smaller gatherings, which he thought have been very effective and will continue that pattern unless there was any major objection. Hearing none, at that point, Ms. Alvarez appointed all present Board Members to the Budget Committee for a Budget Committee Meeting, thus constituting a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

Budget Committee Meeting

Mr. Murphy then introduced Authority Program Supervisor Mike Carter to outline Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) FFY06 through FFY08 Plan Adjustments and the FFY09 Plan Introduction, with recommendations.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) FFY06 through FFY08 Plan Adjustments and the FFY09 Plan Introduction

FFY06 through FFY08 Designation Recommendations

Authority Program Supervisor Mike Carter said that in the spring of 2009, the Budget Committee approved funds to assist Illinois county probation departments or departments similar in function in developing and implementing job readiness and supervised paid internship programs for probationary juveniles. Three of the five counties reported successful implementations and interest in continuing or expanding their programs:

- 1) The Lake County 19th Judicial Court's Division of Juvenile Probation and Detention wishes to expand the pre-employment program and has requested a maximum of \$85,000 to help fund this program for another year.
- 2) The Cook County Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department provides case management and probation services to over 4,000 minors at any given time and has requested \$33,444 for continuation funding.
- 3) The DuPage County Probation Department provides probation management services to over 1,500 minors at any given time and asked for an increase of a maximum of \$65,000 to continue this program.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that the bulk of the increases would be put toward hiring personnel to properly oversee the programs and that he thought the actual cost of part-time personnel was close to \$30,000 and the remaining funds would support expansion and putting more youths into the program.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that the funds would support the youths' wages. Phase 1 of the program involves a stipend for juveniles when they attend classes on how to present themselves for employment, how to develop writing skills, how to fill out job applications, how to interview, and just how to properly conduct themselves within the workplace. These funds also support transportation. Phase 2 of the program uses these funds to reimburse the partner employers.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that DuPage County initially received a \$40,000 designation and they have asked for a \$25,000 increase. The added funds would cover transportation and other additional program expenses aside from personnel; they are not looking to increase staff because they have adequate staff in place. They seek to increase the number of

juvenile participants. The additional costs were related to incidental expenses and that the program sought to serve between 30 and 40 youths.

Mr. Carter said that the Lake County State's Attorney's Office requested \$29,190 to create and develop a victim/offender mediation program as an alternative dispute resolution approach to juvenile court diversion. This program will be designed to meet the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). These funds would support two experienced certified mediators.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that this is a diversion program and participation is voluntary on the part of the victim.

Director McClain said that he was somewhat skeptical of mediation. He inquired as to whether studies have been done to determine the successfulness of such programs or whether there was a history or other analysis of such programs.

Authority Research and Analysis Staff Member Kimberly Burke said that she was not aware of any studies on this topic. Staff could conduct a search to find any literature describing the effectiveness of mediation, but that information is not immediately available.

Executive Director Cutrone said that the program is based on the Burgess Model for which there is substantial supporting literature.

Authority Associate Director of Research and Analysis Mark Myrent said that there absolutely was literature in support of the Burgess Model.

Director McClain said that with regard to programs like this one, it is important to be able to gauge its effectiveness.

Ms. Engel said that there are a number of different approaches to restorative justice; this is just one of them. She said that she has personally observed successes with this approach.

Ms. Engel, in response to a question by Director McClain, said that such programs are becoming widespread and that the Authority has been involved in BARJ initiatives throughout Illinois.

Director McClain said that there appeared to be some good potential in these programs.

Ms. Hora said that she has done a lot of restorative justice in her prior job and perhaps mediation is not the correct word, because mediation implies that, as in a divorce case, two parties are on more or less equal footing negotiating a settlement. That's not the purpose of these programs; it's more to hold the juveniles accountable and have face-to-face contact with the victim in order to get an understanding of how the juveniles' conduct has affected the victims. Such programs have been very effective with property-type crimes, but not so effective in dealing with violent crime.

FFY09 Plan Introduction

Mr. Carter said that the FFY09 federal award to the Authority was \$1.7 million and that these funds will expire on May 31, 2012 as illustrated in the table on Page 5 of the memo.

{ Mr. Toscas moved to approve the recommended FFY06 through FFY08 JABG Plan Adjustments and the JABG FFY09 Plan. Acting Director Monken seconded the motion. }

Ms. Hora said that she had concerns about the stipends. She said that it is very difficult for teenagers to get jobs now and sometimes parents have to pay for classes or whatever for kids who aren't in trouble. She said that she wasn't averse to providing wages to juveniles, but she said that she had a problem with actually paying them to go to class. That they have been in trouble should be motivation enough to get them into class. She said that she was not opposed to providing funds for transportation to get the kids to and from classes, but giving them money to do something because they have been in trouble is not appropriate.

Director McClain said that if youths might interpret getting paid to attend classes as an incentive to commit crimes.

Executive Director Cutrone said that the gist of the effort is to promote the idea that intervention efforts need to be directed at those most at risk of future criminal conduct because basically what the Authority does is promote public safety. The Authority's focus should be on using limited resources in a way that best promotes public safety. Programs such as this one that help youths not re-offend are really important.

Ms. Hora said that she would rather see the money go to an extra couple of weeks or hours of actual work. She said that she had concerns about the classroom part of the program.

Mr. Carter said that one of his first comments when he began dealing with this program is that it does have the potential to show juveniles that crime actually pays. But the program staff has reported that juveniles weren't showing up until they started to be paid; the money was the bait to get them in.

Ms. Engel said that she would rather see youths in this program because otherwise it would cost about \$24,000 per year per youth to incarcerate them. The youths are basically being paid lunch money, but it is what gets them into the classes. She said that she understood the distaste for this program, but it is worth listening to the people who actually work in this program and it is worth trying to get these kids off the streets and into a productive protectory instead of a path that leads to incarceration.

Director McClain said that despite the convoluted nature of the issue, he agreed with Ms. Engel. Sometimes society must provide incentives to get things done properly.

Ms. Hora asked if there were any statistics to support Mr. Carter's claim.

Mr. Carter said that no such statistics exist.

{ The motion to adopt the recommended FFY06 through FFY08 JABG Plan Adjustments and the JABG FFY09 Plan was approved, with Ms. Hora voted *no.* }

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) FFY07 and FFY08 Plan Adjustments

Designation Reductions

Program Supervisor Mike Carter said that in August of 2010 the Budget Committee approved the designation of a maximum of \$20,000 in FFY07 fund to the Rockford School Districts that intended to partner with Governors State University (GSU) for a BARJ program. He said that staff recommended rescinding that designation and reallocating those funds directly to GSU who would then partner with the Bloom Township High School District, the Bloom Trail High School District and the Alton School District to implement the same program; a BARJ project to deliver training and technical assistance to teachers covering circle and peer jury training.

Recommended Designations

FFY07

Mr. Carter said that staff recommended designating a maximum of \$250,000 in FFY07 funds to the Haymarket Center. These funds would support a partnership with the Cook county Sheriff's Department of Women's Justice Services to implement a recovering home for African-American women with substance abuse disorders and histories of sex work.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Director McClain, said that evaluations of this program are on-going, but since this is a new program, there is no data at this time.

Director McClain asked if analysis would be included as part of the grant for this program.

Sheriff Dart said that Cook County is sort of the national model for this sort of program. He said that it has been evaluated by the National Department of Justice. There is an evaluation that has been done already and evaluations will continue. This program has proven successful.

Mr. Carter said that staff recommended designating a maximum of \$20,000 in FFY07 funds to the Tazewell County Jail to implement an anti-gun, anti-drug, and anti-domestic violence campaign through the use of televised commercial override technology. The funds would be use to purchase technology that would be used on televisions to broadcast prescreened positive messages in place of television commercials.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Mr. Gonzalez, said that there is not information on recidivism as it relates to what happens when inmates are released from incarceration and begin to watch regular commercials on television.

Chief Bradford said that the Budget Committee should consider the consequences in the event that a newspaper ran a story about using funds for this purpose.

Ms. Engel said that most non-profits have PSAs ready-made and they're on all kinds of things. The Ad Council does national programs on important issues. It is preferable to have inmates viewing those than viewing commercials for alcohol.

Mr. Carter said that this program was proposed to the Authority by the United States Attorney's Office's Central Illinois Liaison for Law Enforcement, hence its inclusion in the memo at this meeting. Tazewell County spoke up and said that they wanted to implement it.

Director McClain said that like some of the other programs this is kind of like a pilot program; only \$20,000. He said that he sort of agreed with Chief Bradford in that at first glance this looks rather ridiculous.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Sheriff Dart, said that the funding was for a combination of technology and content. Software is hooked up to the television and as soon as the commercial starts the PSA is triggered.

Sheriff Dart said that often, there isn't much for inmates to do except sit in the dayroom and watch television. It is very difficult to monitor all of the facility's televisions. The Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has been working with Comcast for three years to try to get this right. It is tricky; we can pare the choices down to things like the Discovery Channel, but they will have commercials for all kinds of things. It is much more complicated than one might imagine. With this technology, all of the commercials could be dealt with at once. It has been a constant effort to provide programming with positive messages.

Director Pelletier said that perhaps if better verbiage had been used in naming this an experimental program then we could justify it. He said he was concerned about Executive Director Cutrone having to explain this expenditure to the news media.

Director Pelletier said that television news will only allow for 20 seconds for a point to be made in this program's defense. If this were packaged differently – as experimental or cutting-edge, then it would be more palatable. We might give this a try because of what Sheriff Dart said; that inmates watch a lot of television, which really amounts to a lot of babysitting. It isn't necessarily the commercials that cause the problems. He said that given the verbiage in the memo, this would be a difficult expense to justify.

Acting Director Monken said that there isn't anything promoted in any of the commercials that is any worse than anything that is actually in the programming that inmates watch anyway and it's the programming that they see 90 percent of the time, not the commercials. He said that if this were to be done, it needs to be more comprehensive; it should actually control the larger television viewing environment. He said that an on/off clicker might cost \$25,000 a year. It is the overall message that should be addressed.

Clerk Brown said that this is a small price to pay for a minor amount of rehabilitative services which the Sheriff does not have the funds to do; to have full-blown rehabilitative-type training

within detention facilities. Sheriff Dart made good points, but changing the verbiage to suggest rehabilitative-type services would work better as well.

Mr. Carter, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that this would be a one-time cost.

Budget Committee Chairman Murphy said that it would make sense to table this item until staff can talk to Tazewell County to see if they can provide a somewhat different presentation at a later date.

Mr. Carter said that staff recommended designating a maximum of \$9,200 in FFY07 funds to the Lake County Sheriff's Office to purchase new audio and video enhancement software that will enhance surveillance recordings.

FFY08

Mr. Carter said that staff recommended designating a maximum of \$50,000 in FFY08 funds to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force to continue its operations that serve the residents of the South Suburban area of Chicago for the next year. The task force is comprised of 60 municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies whose purpose is to combine resources to provide comprehensive investigative services in South Suburban Cook and Will Counties whenever a member agency experiences a serious violent crime.

Vice Chair Alvarez said that the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force does an awesome job. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) has worked with the task force on many cases, and the benefit of the task force is that they have officers working 24/7 a lot of times on colder cases. The benefit of having this task force is that the smaller municipalities gain from the experience and expertise from other officers from agencies that have more manpower.

Mr. Carter said that he himself had previously been a part of this task force. He said that they provide a significant resource to the smaller departments so that when a smaller department must handle a homicide this group of other agencies is there to assist.

Mr. Toscas said that he was very familiar with the task force and he agreed with the previous comments. He said that the task force handles every major murder in the south and southwest areas.

Ms. Hora said that she was in favor of the task force. She suggested that the task force look within its membership for office space.

Mr. Carter said that there are some reasons why it doesn't want to be directly within a police agency. The task force wants an off-site facility, given the nature of the confidentiality of many of its investigations.

Acting Director Monken said that the task force's location is very important to how it functions. That it is in the Chicago Ridge area is equally important because it is one of the least enforced

areas, given the contributing agencies; it brings a lot of officers into that area on a regular basis. The site was strategically chosen.

{Mr. Toscas moved to approve the JAG FFY07 and FFY08 Plan Adjustments, excluding the proposed \$20,000 designation to Tazewell County Jail for the commercial override technology. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Executive Director Cutrone, in response to a question by Mr. Toscas, said that even though the tabled Tazewell County grant was proposed using FFY07 funds which expire in September of 2011, he did not foresee a problem with delaying the designation.

Adjourn

At approximately 9:40 a.m., the Budget Committee portion of the meeting concluded and the Authority Regular meeting resumed with discussion of other items on its agenda.

Mr. Murphy then called upon Chief Fiscal Officer Dreena Jones for a fiscal report.

Fiscal Report by Dreena Jones, Chief Fiscal Officer

In view of this being her first Authority Board Meeting, Ms. Jones presented some of her professional background. She said that she formerly worked in the Chicago Park District Comptroller's Office where she was Senior Financial Analyst; and prior to that position, she was Investment Manager Analyst at the Marco Consulting Group where she monitored and advised investment funding for pension plans totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. She then complimented and thanked the staff in the Authority's Fiscal Management Unit for their outstanding assistance and support in helping her get acclimated.

Next, she called attention in the Board Meeting materials to Exhibit 1, Fiscal Year 2011 Expenses and Obligations for Operations, with the total expended and obligated from July through October 31. She said it was at approximately \$580,000 for four months. She indicated that about a quarter's worth of funding, 26 percent had been spent. She pointed out that of those expenses, personal services and contractual services make up over 90 percent of the costs. Referring to Exhibit 2, Fiscal Year 2011 Expenditures and Obligations for Awards and Grants, she said the total expended in grants, \$34.6 million, represented 31 percent of the budget appropriation. She noted that the vast majority of the funds were allotted to local and non-profit organizations, which totaled 73 percent, with second in line, state agencies at 19 percent. Further breaking down the allotment for awards and grant expenditures, she said that the Criminal Justice Fund represented 31 percent of total expenditures; the General Revenue Matching Fund, 14 percent; and the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JABG) 24 percent, which gave an overall total of 31 percent.

Ms. Jones then said that although quarterly fiscal reporting procedures remain the same, there has been a change in the budgeting process, with the State of Illinois implementing a new budgeting policy known as Budgeting for Outcomes. She explained that the state establishes prioritized outcomes and agencies need to respond by noting how one or all of the outcomes will

be achieved. She remarked that out of the six outcomes that the Governor has obligated, the Authority appears to be in line with at least five and thus set the cost of the function to provide the outcomes. She further explained that the Governor's Office and panel then decide whether or not the objectives are met and are to be funded. She concluded by saying that a meeting is being planned to meet with the Governor's Office regarding the new budget process, and asked for any questions.

With no response, Mr. Murphy thanked Ms. Jones and said that his report was concluded.

Ms. Alvarez thanked Mr. Murphy and stated that she had a message from State's Attorney Bill Mudge that he asked her to read. She said it explained why he was not at the meeting, saying it was his last day as Madison County State's Attorney because he will be sworn in as a Circuit Court Judge mandating his resignation from the Authority. She then quoted his message, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and your good company over the years and the professional and competent manner in which you have carried on the business at the Authority through economic down times. May you all have a very healthy and happy holiday." She then wished Mr. Mudge well on behalf of the Authority Board and staff.

Presentation on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Victimization Among Female Prisoners by Jessica Reichert and Lindsay Bostwick

Next, Ms. Alvarez introduced Jessica Reichert, Manager in the Research and Analysis Unit and Lindsay Bostwick, an R&A Unit Research Analyst for a presentation on the research report they co-authored on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Victimization Among Female Prisoners in Illinois. She said it was one of the reports that received a Phillip Hoke award that Mr. Cutrone mentioned earlier.

Ms. Reichert said there was a larger report with data collected on female prisoners in Illinois about which a presentation to the Board was made last year. She explained that the same data that was collected then was used to focus more on PTSD, the subject of the current presentation. She said that she was going to talk about PTSD in general and give an overview of the research project, with Ms. Bostwick talking about the findings of the study. Ms. Reichert began by explaining the nature of PTSD and citing some causes. She said that PTSD was first acknowledged as a mental illness in 1980 as Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) III, with it's being revised as DSM IV. She said that prior to 1980, woman were diagnosed with hysteria, and men were diagnosed with shell shock.

She gave background about the symptoms and said that while many people experience trauma, not everybody contracts PTSD. She added that in the general population, studies have found that between 40 and 90 percent had actually experienced some trauma in their lives; but those having PTSD range from between one and 14 percent. She continued to say that studies have found that males are more likely to experience trauma in their lives, but it is females who are more likely to experience PTSD after a trauma, and that for some people, it can be delayed for months or years before it develops.

She added that in addition to mental health problems, PTSD can lead to an increased risk for some physical problems such as obesity, diabetes, increased severity of premenstrual symptoms, and impaired immune function. She then moved on to describe the Authority report on the topic, stating that 163 female prisoners were interviewed last summer representing a random sample housed at three female prisons at Dwight, Lincoln, and Decatur, Illinois. She gave the following description of the sample: about half were white and half black; many did not have a high school diploma; many had children, and were not making much money.

She said that one-on-one interviews were held, using the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms Checklist, or the PCL, which posed 17 questions, and asked for a one through five rating of the severity of the problem. She added that a life history calendar also was used to determine how long the symptoms existed. Ms. Reichert reiterated that the report currently being discussed was part of a larger study for which many other types of data were collected. She noted that those findings were helpful in revealing behaviors such as substance abuse, which could be connected to PTSD. She then called on Ms. Bostwick for her part of the presentation.

Ms. Bostwick stated that about 98 percent of the women in the study's sample indicated they had been abused. She explained that percentage is a higher rate than the response from the typical question that the Department of Corrections asks when women enter, because the question is posed differently. She said that of those asked in the Authority's study, about 83 percent had been bothered by one of the PTSD symptoms and about 60 percent could be potentially diagnosed as having some PTSD according to the PCL checklist.

After reviewing breakdowns of age and when types of abuse – physical, sexual and emotional – occurred, Ms. Bostwick gave statistical findings as to when PTSD was experienced and its severity. Those findings led to a discussion of the types of help the affected women sought, ranging from speaking to someone, calling the police, going for medical help, seeing a psychologist or speaking to a counselor. She said that those who had the higher PTSD symptoms were the ones who were more likely to seek more types of help. She continued to say that the ramifications of not seeking help and treating the symptoms can be serious. Ms. Bostwick noted that having this information about incarcerated women concerning PTSD symptomology is helpful, particularly in presenting an opportunity to provide some of the services they desperately need for longer periods of time.

In conclusion, Ms. Bostwick said that a standardized assessment for PTSD for women entering incarceration would be desirable. She added that because the sample used in the Authority's report is representative indicating that almost every woman coming into the Department of Corrections has some sort of trauma or abuse, and could potentially have Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or be exhibiting symptomology of PTSD, such a procedure could be helpful in fostering treatment. She announced that the Authority report is available on the ICJIA website and that anyone should feel free to contact either Ms. Reichert or her for more information. She then asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Ms. Engel responded, complimenting the report. She stated that it corroborated what those in the field have believed, that there needs to be hard data, which is extremely important. She suggested further dissemination of the report in addition to its being on the ICJIA website and

said that the Authority should strategize about how to make the report more available. A discussion then ensued with Director McClain indicating that he liked the findings and conclusions, given his personal knowledge of the criminal justice system and how women are abused, but he questioned some of the methodology used. Both Ms. Bostwick and Ms. Reichert responded to his concerns and said they were valid and useful for future refinement, as were questions raised by others.

Adjournment

At that point, Ms. Alvarez thanked Ms. Bostwick and Ms. Reichert and asked if there were any old or new business before adjournment. With no response, she asked for a motion to adjourn.

{Ms. Hora moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.}

