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Regular Authority Meeting  
Friday, September 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.  
300 W. Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Chicago

**AGENDA**

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- 1. Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2010, Regular Meeting
- Chairman's Remarks
- 2. Executive Director's Remarks
  - a. JAG administrative fee
  - b. Hon. Paul P. Biebel Jr., Presiding Judge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County
- 3. Budget Committee Report (*Eugene E. Murphy Jr. Chair*)
  - a. Report on August 26, 2010 Budget Committee Meeting
  - b. Fiscal Report
- Preview of the 2010 Criminal Justice Planning Summit (*Jack Cutrone and Mark Myrent*)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

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## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY  
June 4, 2010 at 9:09 am.  
300 West Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Chicago, Illinois**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Larry R. Rogers, Sr., welcomed Board Members and guests to the second quarterly Board Meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. He then convened the meeting and asked General Counsel Lisa Stephens to call the roll.

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

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez  
Sheriff Thomas Dart  
Director Bradley Demuzio  
Ms. Barbara Engel  
Mr. Felix M. Gonzalez  
Ms. Cynthia Hora  
Clerk Becky Jansen  
Director Jonathon E. Monken  
Mr. Eugene E. Murphy, Jr.  
Director Michael J. Pelletier  
Sheriff Patrick B. Perez  
Director Michael P. Randle  
Mr. John Z. Toscas  
Superintendent Jody P. Weis

### **Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2010 Regular Meeting**

With a quorum in place, Chairman Rogers asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2010 Authority Board Meeting.

{Mr. John Z. Toscas moved that the minutes of the March 5, 2010 Authority Board Meeting be adopted. Director Bradley Demuzio seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Rogers announced that a resolution recognizing Chicago Police Officer Thomas Eugene Wortham IV, whose life was needlessly taken on May 19, 2010, was being presented for adoption by the Authority Board, and he proceeded to read it into the record:

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Police Officer Thomas Eugene Wortham IV was the devoted son of Carolyn Wortham and retired Chicago Police Sergeant Thomas Eugene Wortham III; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas was raised in the Chatham neighborhood of Chicago, attending Beverly Hills Preschool and Morgan Park Academy for elementary school, acquiring a passion for science and sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas attended Brother Rice High School, graduating in 2001 and continuing his education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas' love for his country and his desire to serve were demonstrated when he joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard while in school, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant and receiving many commendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas remained in the National Guard, fulfilling a lifelong dream of serving in the military and trying to make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, in further service to his fellow citizens, Thomas joined the Chicago Police Department on June 4, 2007, assigned to the Englewood District, and completed honorably and selflessly two tours of duty in Iraq with his platoon in the Wisconsin National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas' life was needlessly taken on May 19, 2010 in a robbery attempt while visiting his parents:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **THOMAS EUGENE WORTHAM IV** is hereby commended and cited for his valor and outstanding humanitarian contributions to his community, the City of Chicago, and the nation, serving and protecting in the truest sense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appreciation of his exemplary deeds by this Authority, its Board and Staff, along with their sympathy, be conveyed to his family, his multitude of friends, and the Chicago Police Department with a formal copy of this Resolution in Memoriam, honoring his dedication and achievement.

This **RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER THOMAS EUGENE WORTHAM IV** is hereby **ADOPTED** and **UNANIMOUSLY PROCLAIMED** in open meeting by this Authority on the 4th day of June 2010.

{Mr. Toscas moved that the resolution be adopted. Sheriff Patrick Perez seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman Rogers added that he knew Officer Wortham's mother and father and that the family was exemplary. He said that the death of their son was not only a tremendous loss for them, but for the Chicago Police Department, the City of Chicago, and the country. Superintendent Jody Weis agreed as he accepted the resolution on behalf of the Department and the Wortham family.

## **Executive Director's Remarks**

Chairman Rogers then asked Executive Director Jack Cutrone for his remarks. Mr. Cutrone began by reporting on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that the Authority has been administering for about 15 months. He said to date a total of some \$15 million has been awarded, with more to come as programs continue over the next few years. He added that with the ARRA money, 260 jobs were created or retained.

He went on to say that unfortunately one of the awards that was made was actually returned to the Authority because the local jurisdiction's county board could not give the required assurance that the program would continue after the ARRA funding ends, which, he explained was one of the purposes of the Act, not only to stimulate the economy, but also to sustain the programs.

Mr. Cutrone then stated that the only remaining portion of the ARRA moneys that have not been subject to grant applications yet was that portion dedicated to information technology improvement, which only would be to local government units. He said that there were three aspects of that initiative. He explained one was allowing local jurisdictions to use the State Police Illinois Citizen and Law Enforcement Analysis Reporting System (ICLEAR). He added that presented a problem because of the Freedom of Information Act amendment that passed last year, which created some hesitancy on the part of some of the departments to give the state police their information because of fear that if the State Police received a Freedom of Information Act request, they would have to turn over information even as to a sensitive pending investigation. Mr. Cutrone noted that the Authority is in the process of trying to introduce legislation to address that issue.

He mentioned another RFP to be released would be for integrated justice information systems in the amount of \$1.2 million. He said that the Authority is recommending that those funds be most appropriately used with a single grant to a jurisdiction hopefully with matching dollars to create a model integrated justice information system in which there is dialogue between the clerk's office, the state's attorneys, the prosecutors, and the public defenders. He remarked that such a model is the future and that it has been very difficult to implement in Illinois for a number of reasons. Mr. Cutrone went on to say that the Authority would like to do a demonstration project along those lines to show other jurisdictions that it really works.

He discussed the final part of the information technology section, which he said was about \$1.2 million to fund local departments purchasing Starcom radios, explaining that Starcom is a generic type of radio with Motorola the most common brand used. He pointed out that the Authority has been in negotiations with Motorola and that normally the company supplies local departments based on the State's Master Contract for Starcom radios, with other brands available.

He further explained that the Authority is going to issue an RFP seeking solicitations for those radios, not endorsing Motorola, but Motorola has agreed to add an extra year of service to their maintenance agreement and also to discount the radios even over and above the State Master Contract. He noted that the Authority believes the agreement to be a real accomplishment, adding that another group, the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), has offered to administer the grant, but because the Authority was able to secure such a beneficial arrangement with Motorola, it was decided to keep it in house.

Next, Mr. Cutrone discussed the Justice Assistance Grants award, stating that the Authority was notified of the amount but that it has not been technically made. He said it will be approximately last year's amount, a little less than \$12 million, but that the Department of Justice has changed the formula by which it is to be allocated. He explained that a part has to be allocated to locals and a part can be used for statewide discretionary, pointing out that the Department of Justice every ten years or so recalculates its formula. He continued to say that the statewide discretionary amount was about 35 percent, and the amount to locals 65 percent, adding that based on crime statistics and population figures, the locals will be getting approximately 70 percent and a lesser amount of about 30 percent will go for statewide programs. He reiterated that the Authority is still getting the same amount, but it will be distributed differently.

Mr. Cutrone then reported that the Authority was successful unlike last year in receiving a National Criminal History Improvement Project (NCHIP) grant, which will assist the state police in maintaining the criminal history record database. He also said the Authority was told that the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant will be about triple this year from last year's figure, but the exact amount is not known. He added that the increase will be particularly helpful at this time when the Authority is funding reentry efforts and some other initiatives, which he would be describing later.

Mr. Cutrone next announced a new grant that the Authority helped the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in planning, the John R. Justice Grant. He said it is based on a bill sponsored by Senator Durbin to provide full-time prosecutors and public defenders a stipend to help defray some of the costs of student loans. He noted that graduates coming out of law school have a choice of entering public service or private practice, with the latter for the most part much more lucrative, yet those who enter public service are burdened equally with student loans without the same resources. Mr. Cutrone remarked that the Authority sees this effort as a very positive measure that will allow state's attorneys and public defenders to attract and keep qualified lawyers on their staffs. He added that the grant is currently funded for one year, although it is anticipated there will be at least two more years of funding and that hopefully it will be permanent.

Mr. Cutrone went on to update the Authority's involvement in the Adult Redeploy Illinois Program, through which funds are provided to counties to hire probation officers and contract for services to keep people in the community rather than send them to a prison facility. He said that research has shown this route to be better with some of these people, who are less likely to recidivate. He stated that \$4 million out of the ARRA funding had been designated at a prior Budget Committee Meeting for this initiative, along with some \$2 million in general revenue funding.

Mr. Cutrone continued to say that the Authority has received requests for eight planning grants from eight different jurisdictions, either counties or circuits, for this purpose. He said that if all of those requests are funded with ARRA funds, that accounts for about \$2.5 million. He added that the Authority is still trying to attract Cook County, which, if successful, will consume more of the money. He also noted that the Authority just received authorization to hire a program coordinator for the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board.

Another project he mentioned with which the Authority is involved is the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC), created by legislation passed last year. He said that some subcommittees have been appointed and that the Authority has received authorization to hire an Executive Director to staff that project, as well as to hire other positions for SPAC and Adult Illinois Redeploy. Further he remarked that the Authority has been working with the Risk Assessment Needs Task Force primarily overseen by Associate Research and Analysis Director Mark Myrent and Assistant Research and Analysis Director Dr. Lisa Braude.

He explained that the purpose of that Task Force is to develop a uniform tool to be used for those entering the criminal justice system to consider not only what risks they present but what assets and needs they have for programming that might benefit them. He said the group will select one assessment tool that will be used statewide, which will be a major benefit to the courts, the Department of Corrections, and prosecutors in determining the appropriate dispositions.

Next Mr. Cutrone said that the Authority has been very involved in the merger of the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services. He reported that there are many subcommittees and that the Authority was represented on a number of them, largely by members from the Authority's Research and Analysis Unit. He said he wanted to point to one staff member in particular and commend her efforts in her absence, Erica Hughes, who is almost on every one of the committees. He stated that she is extremely knowledgeable in this area and that the help she has been giving to these committees has been greatly appreciated.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Cutrone discussed the 2010 Criminal Justice Planning Summit to be held on September 22 and 23 at the Sheraton Five Points O'Hare in Schiller Park, for which he said an agenda had been finalized and over 400 save-the-date cards have been sent. He noted that the Authority website would soon offer on-line registration and that the Governor had sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder inviting him to be the keynote speaker.

He explained that the Summit fits into efforts that the Department of Justice through the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance have been strongly advocating, that states use their funding to support evidence-based practices. He said that the other major focus of the Department of Justice has been for states to engage in long-term strategic planning for criminal justice, and that Illinois is actually the first state that is undertaking such an initiative, with major support from both the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Criminal Justice Association.

He added that therefore he hoped the Attorney General would agree to appear, but he said that whether he does or not, the Summit is going to be a very worthwhile event. He then commended Dr. Braude, who has been spending a major part of her time arranging the Summit, and other staff members who are working with her, for doing a great job.

At that point, Victim Services Program Administrator Ronnie Reichgelt said that in Mr. Cutrone's discussing the Redeploy Illinois program earlier, he mentioned that funding without Cook County is \$2.5 million when it is actually \$3.5 million, which Mr. Cutrone corrected.

Chairman Rogers then thanked Mr. Cutrone for a very thorough report. He moved to the next item on the agenda, the Budget Committee Report, and appointed every present Board Member of the Authority as a member of the Budget Committee as a whole, constituting a quorum.

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

He then called on Budget Committee Chairman Eugene E. Murphy, Jr. Mr. Murphy welcomed everyone and thanked Budget Committee Members and others for attending meetings, which he said were being held frequently in order to address matters important to obtaining funding on a timely basis. Next, Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Cutrone to give background on the issues to be presented for votes, with Mr. Cutrone calling upon Program Supervisor Mike Carter to proceed with the adjustments to the JAG program.

### **Budget Committee Meeting**

#### **Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) FFY07 and FFY08 Plan Adjustments**

Program Supervisor Mike Carter, referring to the memo regarding FFY07 and FFY08 JAG funding that was distributed to the Authority members, said that staff recommended designating a maximum of \$39,114 in FFY07 funds and a maximum of \$39,114 in FFY08 funds to 11 Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Units to continue paying their monthly service fees for Starcom radio communications. FFY07 funds would pay for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and FFY08 funds would cover the following year, from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Without this funding, each of these units will be unable to continue their current operation of radio communications.

**Vote:** Budget Committee Chairman Murphy called for a voice vote with respect to the recommended JAG FFY07 and FFY08 Plan Adjustments. All Authority members present voted, "aye." There was no opposition.

### **Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) FFY05 Through FFY08 Plan Adjustments**

Director Cutrone, referring to the memo describing the FFY05 through FFY08 JABG Plan Adjustments and contained at Tab 3 of the meeting materials, said that FFY05 through FFY07 funds have been returned to the Authority as described in the chart. He said that since FFY05 funds have expired, the nearly \$22,000 in returned FFY05 figures were provided for informational purposes only. He said that approximately \$63,000 and \$24,000 had been returned from FFY06 and FFY07, respectively, and that staff recommended making those funds available for future use.

Director Cutrone said that staff recommended designating \$31,000 in FFY07 funds to the City of Evanston for a community service program that provides counseling services for juveniles who have committed no more than two minor criminal offenses.

Director Cutrone said that staff recommended designating \$46,000 in FFY07 funds to the Macon County Teen Court for the purpose of continuing its Truancy Court program. He said that everyone should be aware of how closely educational success, or lack thereof, is linked to criminality and that staff feels that this program is worthwhile.

Director Cutrone said that staff recommended designating \$250,916 (\$68,141 in FFY06 lapsing funds and interest earned and \$182,775 in available FFY08 funds) to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to continue its Parole Readjustment Program, which addresses Illinois's most serious chronic violent youthful offenders and targets services to prevent recidivism.

Ms. Hora said that she appreciated that these funds would primarily support personnel. Regarding the funds returned by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office's Project Reclaim, she asked if the grant could not have been extended to allow for the purchase of equipment within the grant's period of performance.

Mr. Carter said that this item had been discussed at the May 21, 2010 Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) meeting.

Ms. Hora said that she thought a response to this issue would have been forthcoming pursuant to it having been raised at that JCEC meeting, but no response had yet been issued.

Mr. Carter said that his understanding was that staff would check with the CCSAO to see if it could make those purchases and, if so, the funds could be reprogrammed to allow for the completion of said purchases. He said that staff simply has not had time to conduct this inquiry yet.

**Vote:** Budget Committee Chairman Murphy called for a voice vote with respect to the recommended JABG FFY05 through FFY08 Plan Adjustments. All Authority members present voted, “aye.” There was no opposition.

### **Adjourn**

At approximately 9:31 a.m., the Budget Committee portion of the meeting concluded. The Authority Regular Meeting resumed with discussion of other items on its agenda, and Chairman Rogers calling on Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer, for a fiscal report.

### **Fiscal Report by Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Litwin began by presenting variance to budget comments on the fiscal results for the period July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 for Agency Operations and Award and Grants Activities. He directed attention to Exhibit 1 in the meeting materials, and explained that it is a comparison of the fiscal year to date expenditures and obligations to the total fiscal year budget for the General Revenue Fund.

He said that total expenditures and obligations for the period were at a 57 percent level for the first 10 months of the fiscal year primarily due to favorable variances in the Personal Services, Contractual and Electronic Data Processing line items. He continued to say that the Personal Services line item and FICA are favorable due to open unfilled budgeted positions and Contractual is favorable primarily due to timing differences in the CMS rent billings. Mr. Litwin further explained that the Electronic Data Processing line item is favorable due to cost cutting measures and timing differences in anticipated equipment purchases such as leased personal computers, servers, routers, and software renewal.

He next called attention to Exhibit 2 which he said also was a comparison of the fiscal year to date expenditures and obligations to the total fiscal year budget for the Awards and Grants activity. He said that the expenditures in the Federal Criminal Justice Trust Fund are at a 44 percent level primarily due to a later start making American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant awards coupled with a lower level of Miscellaneous Award and Grant spending. He then covered the General Revenue Matching Funds and Other Category, stating that they are at 73 percent for the period and are expected to reach a 95 percent level by fiscal year end.

Next Mr. Litwin discussed the Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund Section. He explained that it is comprised of funding obtained from non-federal governmental entities, private sources and not-for-profit organizations based on grants sought or awarded by such institutions and that the funding was less than \$6,000 for the period. He moved to the expenditures for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund, which he stated are at 29 percent of budgeted expenditure level primarily due to an overly optimistic budget. Mr. Litwin concluded by stating that the overall total expenditures and obligations for the Awards and Grant activity were at 44 percent for the first 10 months activity for all the above reasons. He then asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Barbara Engel, referring to a graph in the meeting materials, asked what the 1 percent expenditure of \$5,607 out of the Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund appropriation of \$400,000 indicated. She questioned if that meant funds were there and not awarded or appropriated for RFPs. In the discussion that ensued, it was explained that the amount of \$400,000 is what was budgeted, and what the General Assembly has authorized the Authority to spend, but it does not mean that the money exists. Mr. Litwin then asked if there were any other questions. With no response, Chairman Rogers thanked him and moved on to the last agenda item.

**Presentation “From the Victim’s Perspective: The Domestic Violence Legal System Response” by Leslie Landis, Chief Administrator, Circuit Court of Cook County Domestic Violence Division**

Chairman Rogers introduced Ms. Leslie Landis for her presentation, “From the Victim’s Perspective: The Domestic Violence Legal System Response.” He remarked that she was an attorney who for the last 13 years headed the Mayor’s Office Against Domestic Violence, and most recently has taken a new position as Chief Court Administrator in the newly established Circuit Court of Cook County Domestic Violence Division. Chairman Rogers explained that Ms. Landis was going to provide a map or diagram of domestic violence from the victim’s perspective, walking through how the victim’s experience unfolds step-by-step from incident up through the court process. He added that the presentation illustrates that although the system may seem coordinated, from the victim’s perspective, it can be extremely intimidating.

Ms. Landis thanked Chairman Rogers. She said that she prepared her presentation for a domestic violence summit to look at the system from the victim’s perspective when she worked at the Mayor’s Office. She added that while she believed tremendous progress in responding to victims of domestic violence in Cook County has been made with respect to the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, the Sheriff’s Office, the Clerk’s Office, and other entities, when one is a victim, it does not always appear to be so easily understood and coordinated.

To give a sense of the complexity, Ms. Landis described various ways a case can be initiated either by a call to a domestic violence agency, the Domestic Violence Help Line, the police or a lawyer. She highlighted protocols that exist within each of those pathways which influence how the victim experiences that service. Next, Ms. Landis outlined how victims gain access to both the criminal courts as well as civil order of protection courts and how they are processed based on differing factors as shown on the maps and diagrams. She also presented the response to the defendant in criminal cases. Further, she included data which helped contextualize the volume and possible points for further engagement and review in order for the legal help system processes to more fully respond to victim’s needs as part of an overall community response.

Noting that many people acting on a victim's case do so within the scope of their institutional functions and that no one individual is responsible for drawing all of the interventions together in a way that addresses a particular victim's circumstances, Ms. Landis stated that the presentation was not organized as a performance evaluation of the legal system. She said that the presentation was intended to help those viewing it to discover where victim safety is located or prioritized as intervening agencies respond. She asked that the presentation be viewed from the vantage point of the victim, as often those who work within the system view their institutional response in isolation from that of the total legal and law enforcement system.

Ms. Landis went on to say that the new Circuit Court Domestic Violence Division provides victims a variety of assistance all in one building, and thanked the Authority for its support of that advancement. At that point, Ms. Engel thanked Ms. Landis for her work toward streamlining services for victims, with Mr. Cutrone adding that the reason he asked Ms. Landis to make her presentation was to underscore the importance of the victims' service advocates and the victim service funding that is provided by the Authority.

Chairman Rogers thanked Ms. Landis for her presentation and asked if there were any old or new business. Receiving no response, he asked for a motion to adjourn, with Mr. Cutrone announcing that the next regular Authority Board Meeting would be September 3.

### **Adjournment**

{Director Jonathon Monken's motion to adjourn was seconded by Ms. Engel and adopted by unanimous voice vote.}



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members  
**From:** Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer  
**Date:** September 3, 2010  
**Re:** Authority Fiscal Reports

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Attached are the FY 2010 fiscal reports covering the period:  
July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 Lapse period.

## **Exhibit #1 – Operations**

As shown on Exhibit 1, the Authority has expended or obligated 77% of our General Revenue operations.

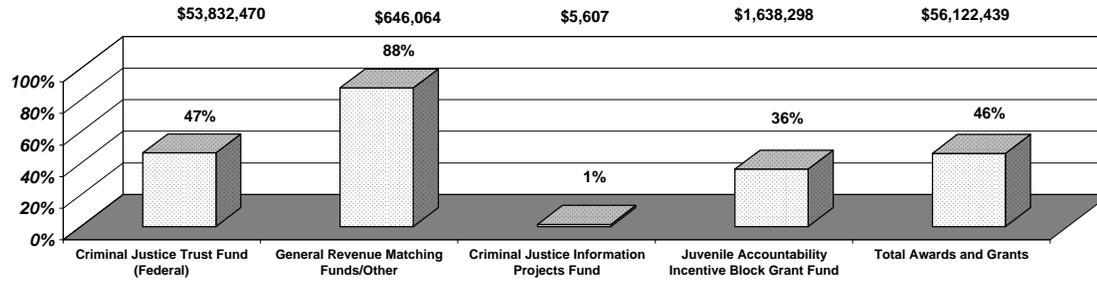
## **Exhibit #2 – Awards and Grants**

As shown on Exhibit 2, the Authority has expended or obligated 88% of our General Revenue Matching/Other funds appropriation and 46% of our total appropriation.

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



**Exhibit #2 - Awards & Grants**  
**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**  
**FY 2010 Expenditures/Obligations**  
 July 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010 Lapse Period



	Criminal Justice Trust Fund (Federal)			General Revenue Matching Funds/Other				Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund		
	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)
Federal Assistance Support	\$10,300,000	\$4,849,263	\$5,450,737	\$650,000	\$0	\$601,064	\$48,936			
State Agencies	\$36,000,000	\$13,855,408	\$22,144,592							
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.	\$67,400,000	\$34,920,814	\$32,479,186							
Misc. Awards/Grants	\$1,700,000	\$206,985	\$1,493,015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$5,607	\$394,393
Study Capital Punishment				\$86,243	\$0	\$45,000	\$41,243			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,400,000</b>	<b>\$53,832,470</b>	<b>\$61,567,530</b>	<b>\$736,243</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$646,064</b>	<b>\$90,179</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$5,607</b>	<b>\$394,393</b>
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		47%	53%			88%	12%		1%	99%
	<b>Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund</b>			<b>Total</b>						
	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)	Budget/ (1) Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/ Obligations	Balance (2)			
Federal Assistance Support				\$10,950,000	\$0	\$5,450,327	\$5,499,673			
State Agencies				\$36,000,000	\$0	\$13,855,408	\$22,144,592			
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.				\$67,400,000	\$0	\$34,920,814	\$32,479,186			
Misc. Awards/Grants				\$2,100,000	\$0	\$212,592	\$1,887,408			
Study Capital Punishment				\$86,243	\$0	\$45,000	\$41,243			
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	\$4,500,000	\$1,638,298	\$2,861,702	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$1,638,298	\$2,861,702			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,638,298</b>	<b>\$2,861,702</b>	<b>\$121,036,243</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$56,122,439</b>	<b>\$64,913,805</b>			
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		36%	64%			46%	54%			

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

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

General Revenue 77%

Criminal Justice Trust Fund (Federal) 47%  
General Revenue Matching Funds/Other 88%  
Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund 1%  
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund 36%  
Total Awards and Grants 46%



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members

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

**Date:** August 19, 2010

**Re:** Federal and State Grants Unit Report – September 3, 2010 Authority Meeting

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The staff assigned to the Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) performed the following activities during the period of May 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010. During this period, FSGU headcount dropped from 19 to 18.

## Grant Activities

During the reporting period, FSGU staff monitored 388 grants, representing approximately \$64,827,714 in grant funds. Monitoring included the following:

- Reviewing (494) monthly or quarterly reports: (383) data and (111) fiscal;
- Initiating disbursement of funds requested by grantees;
- Conducting (approximately 90) site visits;
- Processing budget revisions and/or amendments to existing agreements;
- Reviewing requests for proposals (RFPs) drafted by grantees and proposed subcontracts between grantees and other service providers or vendors; and
- Providing technical assistance to grantees (approximately 4,500 times). This included telephonic, e-mail, and on site contacts with grantees that requested assistance regarding issues relating to their grant(s). Staff also received communications from non-grantees regarding types of grants available through the federal government, and/or how to complete forms for federal grants.

During this reporting period, FSGU staff began processing 75 new agreements (grants), representing \$10,600,456 in grant funds. Processing of a new agreement includes:

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

## **Administrative Activities**

### **Meetings**

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

- The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (IMVTPC) conducted a grant review meeting on July 21, 2010 in Chicago.
- The Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) met on May 21, 2010 in Chicago.
- The Budget Committee met on May 10, 2010 in Chicago and budgetary actions were taken at the June 4, 2010 Authority Regular meeting, also in Chicago.

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

### **Federal Site Visits**

During the reporting period, FSGU staff met with federal program monitors from:

- The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) on July 8, 2010.
- The Office on Victims of Crime (OVC) on July 13, 2010.

### **Training**

One staff member attended a training entitled Overcoming Challenges to Successfully Investigate and Prosecute Sexual Assault in Peoria, Illinois, on May 12, 2010.

### **Requests for Proposals (RFPs)**

Staff began reviewing proposals for grants for the purchase of Starcom21 Network Communications Equipment. \$1.26 million in Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds has been allocated for this RFP.

### **Federal Program Applications**

Between May 1 and July 31 of 2010, four applications were submitted to the federal government for awards from the following federal programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>
NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP) FFY10	May 7, 2010
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (NFSIA) FFY10	May 13, 2010
Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) FFY10	June 14, 2010
Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program (FIRE) FFY10	June 28, 2010

### **Federal Program Awards**

Between May 1 and July 31 of 2010, the Authority received three awards from the following federal programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) FFY10	June 3, 2010	\$827,972
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program (JABG) FFY10	June 18, 2010	\$1,660,700
Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) FFY10	July 30, 2010	\$11,877,102

### **Other Activities**

- 1) In support of the Authority's Strategic Plan, staff continues to prioritize projects and activities as well as develop strategies to best incorporate the Authority's Action Plan initiatives into unit operations.
- 2) During the reporting period, FSGU continued to operate without a full staff. Executive staff is pursuing the hiring process with expectations of returning the unit to full strength. On an individual basis, staff members have continued to handle increased grant loads, train the new employees, and perform other responsibilities, pending the filling of vacant positions.
- 3) Staff continually updates Attachment A's, fact sheets (program/fund information sheets), funding charts, and other items on the Authority's Internet and Intranet sites.
- 4) Staff is examining ways to improve the public's access via the Internet to information relating to programs that receive funds from the Authority and to information about the individual grantees. This is part of an on-going process aimed at making the Authority's activities more open and transparent to the general public.
- 5) FSGU staff is continuing to work and meet with the Authority's Research and Analysis Unit as well as other state and local agencies, such as the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, jail-based mental health services, community-based transitional services for female offenders, and juvenile reporting centers to advance common goals and projects.
- 6) Staff has been working closely with Fiscal Management staff to close out the following federal awards:
  - A) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2004.
  - B) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Northern District FFY 2006.
  - C) Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) FFY 2005.
- 7) Staff continues to be involved in post-Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) Summit activities, including the Illinois BARJ initiative.
- 8) As part of the Authority's on-going efforts to upgrade its information systems, staff has worked with the Information Services Unit and the Research and Analysis Unit to design a new E-Grant database system. Testing on a beta version began in May and revisions are in-process. The new E-Grant system (eGMIS) will replace the current Grant Management Information System (GMIS). Progress has been delayed because both systems have had to be modified to accommodate ARRA-specific information

for ARRA grants and ARRA-related duties have demanded that staff divert efforts away from this project.

- 9) Staff has been heavily focused on ARRA planning, administration, RFPs, and technical aspects of ARRA compliance.
- 10) Staff began preparing data, materials, and presentations for the Victims Services Ad Hoc Committee meeting, scheduled for August 18 and 19, 2010.



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**To:** Authority Members  
**From:** Edith Feliciano  
**Date:** August 6, 2010  
**Re:** Summary of Human Resources Activities

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

**Recruitment, Screening and Hiring**

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

New General Counsel started on April 16, 2010.

Criminal Justice Specialist II – Opt. 2 position was process in the EPAR system and the position was posted. Executive I (Motor Vehicle) position was posted. Administrative Assistant I (Inter-grated Justice System) interviews were conducted. Selected candidate information was input to the EPAR system; waiting for GOMB approval. Technical Advisor II interviews were conducted. Selected candidates (2) information was input to the EPAR system; waiting for GOMB approval. Personal Service Contract Adult Redeploy Coordinator position was input into the EPAR system waiting for approval. Personal Service Contracts (5) were completed on the EPAR system; approval from GOMB to fill the positions effective 07-01-2010.

**Employee Benefits**

- Provided staff with disability leave information. Processed all related Medical/Administrative paperwork
- Tracked ongoing leaves
- Processed several Deferred Compensation transactions
- Processed and distributed Savings Bonds for employees

- Assisting employees with questions regarding their SERS status and/or reciprocal Benefits
- Attended Benefit Choice Seminar/Springfield
- Process several MCAP and DCAP applications.
- Provide staff with AFSCME Voluntary Furlough Days
- 2010 Ethics Training

**Salaries & Compensation**

- Assisted in continued bi-monthly payroll processing for 68 employees
- Issued time balance reports monthly to payroll and contractual employees
- Continued to check timesheets of federally funded employees for correct time certification reports
- Assisted Shared Services by giving documentation and communicating changes for ICJIA
- Assisted Acting CFO with April, May, and June headcount.
- Gross Adjustment of PSA 1 & 2/Back Wages

**Equal Employment Opportunities**

- Submitted the Third Quarterly Report for FY2010
- Training will be ongoing for Affirmative Action Planning for our agency in order to met and attain our hiring goals

**Staff Development & Training**

- All Staffing were trained by the Department of Human Right on Diversity Awareness.
- Continued to provide staff with development tools now available in library for use
- Conducted Human Resource training to the Federal State Grant Unit staff.

**Other Miscellaneous Projects**

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

**Reports**

The following reports were prepared and submitted by HR staff:

- Third Quarterly EEO Report for FY2010
- Internal Control Questionnaire/Office of the Comptroller
- AFSCME Voluntary Furlough Day Report (April, May, June)



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members

**From:** Herbert Johnson  
IIJIS Project Manager

**Date:** August 19, 2010

**Re:** Illinois Integrated Justice Information System Project Update  
May 2010 through August 2010

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Since the last report to Authority members, progress has been made in the following areas of the Illinois Integrated Justice Information Systems (IIJIS) Project:

## **IIJIS Governance**

- The IIJIS Implementation Board met on August 11, 2010, preceded by a meeting of the Executive Steering Committee on July 14, 2010. The meeting provided updates and input from each of the standing committees along with the reports of their progress made on their action items and deliverables. The Board additionally discussed the importance of developing legislation on integration and information sharing that would be presented to the Illinois General Assembly in the spring legislative session for consideration. The Board will be reviewing the final draft of the Strategic Direction for Enterprise Information Sharing. This document will serve as the new strategic plan for IIJIS.

## **Planning and Policy Committee**

- The Planning & Policy Committee met on June 22, 2010 and July 12, 2010. The Committee has devoted most of its time to finalizing the Strategic Direction for Enterprise Information Sharing Document which has been fully vetted and submitted to both the Executive Steering Committee and the Implementation Board. The Committee will be developing two plans as byproducts of the review of the strategic issues. A plan based on the priorities of a gap analysis of the strategic issues, and a tactical plan that will look at what projects that can be worked on now and then define some of the opportunities for developing integrated information systems. The committee also reviewed and discussed the link between the Illinois database for Firearms Owner's Identification Cards (FOID), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Illinois State Police with respect to mental health issues.



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### Funding Committee

- The Funding Committee meets the second Thursday of each month, and met July 8, 2010 and August 12, 2010. The Committee completed its Statement of Work which states that it will monitor grant sources for requests for proposals (RFP). It further states that it will apply for grants in coordination with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) when appropriate, and identify grants for small counties. The Committee has committed to assist small counties in applying for available grants by providing them with a grant application boilerplate. The Committee is continuing to actively recruit and seek out new members to assist in its work. The Committee has also committed to partnering with the Outreach Committee to develop methods to disseminate funding information to agencies across the state.

### Technical Committee

- The Technical Committee met on July 21, 2010, and August 4, 2010. The previous members of the Committee will be polled to determine their interest or desire to remain active members as well as to encourage more participation. The decision was made to partner with the Outreach Committee to help identify the appropriate technical contacts at the local, county and state agencies to assist in identifying current and planned projects and best practices. The Committee has completed its deliverables for remainder of the calendar year which includes determining statements of work for the subcommittees and the creation of collaboration spaces for each subcommittee to upload to the portal. The Committee will also be identifying state and national best practices and model projects to assess national standards.

### Outreach Committee

- The Outreach Committee met on July 20, 2010 and again on August 17, 2010. The Committee has developed a Recruitment Flyer that is being enhanced and modified in an attempt to attract new membership to the IIJIS initiative. The flyer will be distributed to the ICJIA mailing list and posted to its website and on Facebook. The Committee has developed the first volume of the eNewsletter which was approved by the Implementation Board at its July 2010 meeting. The target date for distribution of the eNewsletter is September 2010. The Committee has completed its 2010 – 2011 Plan of Action. The plan has ongoing tasks assigned to each of the subcommittees. The Committee has begun an initial discussion and preliminary fact finding regarding a late fall/early winter IIJIS Funding Briefing Session. The intent of the session is to identify and engage potential funders to the information sharing and criminal justice integration efforts being conducted in Illinois.

# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members  
**From:** Anthony Jenkins  
**Date:** August 13, 2010  
**Re:** Information Systems Unit Report

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

## **The InfoNet System**

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

ICJIA staff continued to provide training and technical assistance to InfoNet users during the quarter. An estimated 260 technical assistance calls were responded to by staff during this quarter. One new user was obtained during the quarter – Opal’s House Domestic Violence Shelter in East St. Louis. Two trainings were also held since the last meeting. One training was held for the director and staff of Opal’s House on July 27, 2010 in East St. Louis. This training focused on how to access InfoNet, enter data, generate data reports, and how to use the data displayed in the reports. Another similar training was held for the new program director and staff of Call For Help, a sexual assault program also in East St. Louis. This training was provided on site on July 28, 2010.

Staff continues to respond to requests for InfoNet data. During the quarter, InfoNet data were compiled in response to requests from the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA), Mutual Ground in Aurora and Stepping Stones in Bloomington.

InfoNet staff also spent time extracting and analyzing InfoNet data in preparation for ICJIA’s Victim Ad Hoc Committee meeting to be held August 18-19, 2010, in Chicago. These data will help stimulate discussion among committee members regarding domestic violence and sexual assault and inform decision making about priorities in these areas.

Staff provided a demonstration of InfoNet to our federal grant monitor from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) on July 13, 2010 here at ICJIA. Although the monitor was impressed with the functionality and utility of InfoNet, he stated that we can no longer designate VOCA program funds to support its operation. For the past several years, ICJIA has designated VOCA program funds to itself to support the salaries and benefits of two developers who spend 100% of their time supporting InfoNet, as well as some hardware and software necessary to maintain the system. OVC granted special permission for ICJIA to do this several years ago, but have now asked us to stop as the support of information systems is generally not an allowable VOCA expense. The next grant which begins 10/1/2010 should last about two years, at which time other funding will be needed to continue supporting InfoNet.

Primary development tasks to improve InfoNet's utility and performance during the quarter include the following:

- 1) Work continued during the quarter on converting an existing report (Income Management Report) to a newer technology known as Dot.Net. This is the last report to be converted before the InfoNet system is running 100% on this more efficient technology. This will improve overall system performance.
- 2) Work continued on a new report that will allow users to extract staff and funding information for specific grants. For example, a user will be able to run a "VOCA Report", and the report will provide each staff person supported by this grant, what services are funded, and the percent of services supported with the VOCA grant. This will improve the accuracy of grant-specific data and make this information easier for users to maintain and keep up to date. The team began testing this report last quarter and is hoping to post to the live site in August.
- 3) Developers have also spent considerable time combining databases for centers that have had some sites close, new sites open, and others that have merged as one center. This is a very complex task in that over 100 tables from different databases must be combined so that client and service records from multiple databases are preserved and correspond to the correct site. This has been completed and is in the final testing phases.
- 4) The security software used by InfoNet since 2002, SmartPass, is being phased out and service will cease in December 2010. InfoNet staff has begun testing new software that will perform the same functions SmartPass always has. It is also believed that this new software will be easier for users. Of all the technical assistance calls, about one-third involves questions regarding SmartPass. Thus, although this transition will require an initial increase of staff time to train users; this should result in a reduction in technical assistance calls over the long term.

## **Systems Support:**

Systems support continues its technical support to the agency internal and external users along with the support of the agency local and wide area networks. Maintaining, upgrading and updating the existing systems remain the top priority. Technical resources are being used to troubleshoot servers, computers and other network peripherals as needed. The agency systems, CLARIS, InfoNet, GMIS, and Web Services are being monitored and backed up. CLARIS reports are being generated on a weekly basis and the results provided to the Claris staff.

The Authority has purchased two new Sony voice recorders; these recorders will replace our obsolete analog cassette recorder. This system will easily translate all of our recordings from voice to print with a few clicks of a button. The voice recorder has 1 GB of built-in flash memory which allows recordings up to 372 hours of voice or up to 8 hours of MP3 recording in LPEC mode. Voice operated playback, correct dictation in playback, and a large stereo microphone round out the features

ISU is working with OAS on purchasing a HP ProLiant DL360 G6 Server; this server would replace CUBS2 system, which was purchased in 2004. This sever has been experiencing hardware problems, it reboots itself; from time to time it's an intermittent problem, which makes diagnosing the problem difficult. The hardware status on this server has been gradually failing; we have replaces a couple of hard drives, and the SCSI controller. With all the problem, this server is having it has become unreliable.

The Authority has purchased and installed the new version of JAWS (Job Access with Speech) for Authority Staff member Anne Guinan, to be used with the new eGMIS system. JAWS (an acronym for Job Access with Speech) is a screen reader software program for visually impaired users, produced by the Blind and Low Vision Group at Freedom Scientific of St. Petersburg, Florida. Its purpose is to make personal computers using Microsoft Windows accessible to blind and visually impaired users. It accomplishes this by providing the user with access to the information displayed on the screen via text-to-speech or by means of Braille display and allows for comprehensive keyboard interaction with the computer.

The Authority's Help Desk Remedy program is a problem request tracking system. It allows the Authority to track information about itself as well as internal and external requests placed upon our technical support staff. This information is tracked using various Remedy applications. Total number of Remedy Tickets for this quarter is two hundred and forty three.

System support and management staff members are continuing to work on updating our Disaster Recovery Plan; we are working on the identification of personnel that will be assigned to the Information Systems disaster contingency plan team. These individuals will have responsibilities in assisting in the recovery of the essential applications; they will have clear guidelines outlining their responsibilities. The plan provides guidelines for ensuring that needed personnel and resources are available for both disaster

preparation, response time, and that the proper steps will be carried out to permit the timely restoration of services.

System support has installed a Video surveillance camera for the front desk receptionist. This surveillance camera will be used to monitor the back door area. This camera will be extremely helpful in protecting our office environment. We can see who's ringing the back door, before we let the person entering our office space.

System support is researching the use and affordability of the CLEAR network for Authority use for staff members; this will allow staff members that are out at clients locations to be able to use the Authority's Virtual Private Networks for Secure Internet Data Transfer. This will give staff members access to their clients files, and database, and email access. The Clear network has speeds of 4x as fast as 3G\* in virtually every corner of Chicago, and other down state locations.

### **Hardware:**

The Authority's Firewall B has been upgraded to Check Point NGX R65 software, System Support worked with Security Engineer Michael Respino, from Nexum. We are taking the upgrades slowly, by just upgrading one firewall with version R65, we will run on this version for a week or so to make sure all is well, before upgrading firewall "A" to the NGX R65 release.

Received and Installed new HP 9100C Digital Sender. This sender will replace the old 9100C device, which has been freezing intermittently.

The Authority's HP and IBM Lease have expired. We have made the final payments and therefore CJA is owner of the following equipment:

- Five IBM Laptops
- Twelve HP dc7700 Pro PCs
- 34 HP dc5700 Std PCs
- 43 HP 17" CRT Monitors
- One 19" LCD Monitor
- Two 24" LCD Monitors

### **Applications:**

#### **Web Development:**

Our webmaster continue to update the Authority's ISU Tech Notes Resource Center on our intranet site, this section highlight useful computer related resources and tips, and tries to demystify technology and help people understand the new gizmos, and procedures.

Webmaster had his first web group meeting on the year. We discussed the web survey that was posted on our internet site, the current status of the public website, the R&A SAC site, and a potential new FSGU site.

Staff is making a variety of changes to the Redeploy website: (<http://www.icjia.org/redeploy>.) These changes include: changes to existing words and changes to existing data tables to display correct data (previous data display that were incorrect).

Facebook is used by more than 150,000,000 million people to share personal information with friends online. With those kinds of numbers, you knew it would be belong until businesses saw the potential. The Webmaster and the OPI manager have created a free Facebook Business pages, these pages will help guide new interested users to our main website:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chicago-IL/Illinois-Criminal-Justice-Information-Authority/123111161046485?v=wall>

The Webmaster has created a website for the Authority's upcoming summit; this website contains information about the summit. The first page mock-up can be viewed by using the following link: <http://www.icjia.org/public/strategy2010/index.cfm>

Staff is continuing to work on the Authority's CJ DataNet redesign. Staff implemented the initial (static) pages on the website. Web staff is working with R&A staff members to create a design document for the next phase. In addition to dynamic data displays on the website, we'll work to implement interactive Google-based mapping for user generated queries.

### **MARS (Motor Vehicle Automated Reporting System):**

The Motor Vehicle Automated Reporting System is undergoing a rewrite. Staff has released a new version of MARS: The Version No. is 1.4 and Release Date is 6/7/2010. This new version contains two new functionalities: [Add New Criminal Charge] and [Delete One Criminal Charge] in the following two pages:

1. [Motor Vehicle Theft Arrests and Charges] page.
2. [Insurance Fraud Arrests and Charges] page.

[http://10.141.7.140/ICJIA\\_MARS/Login/Login.aspx](http://10.141.7.140/ICJIA_MARS/Login/Login.aspx)

### **GMIS (Grants Management Information System):**

GMIS is used to administer and track grants and other procurement actions. GMIS acts as a planning tool and as a data management tool. GMIS keeps track of grant-specific information such as: Fiscal information, Data collected from grantees reports detailing program activities/effectiveness, Grantee contact information, and Grant/grantee tasks and due dates. The data in GMIS provides accurate reports detailing grant, grantee and, monitor activities and information.

ISU programming staff is continuing to work on the GMIS system, Staff members are having meeting with FSGU and Fiscal staff on implementing changes when needed, until the new version of GMIS has been released.

### **eGMIS (Electronic Grants Management Information System):**

ISU programming staff is continuing to work on the eGMIS system, Staff members are having meeting with FSGU and Fiscal staff on implementing a Beta version 2.0 of the eGMIS application. We have also pass out an updated Bug reporting form for the recording of test results and wishes list items, for future updates.

Staff continues to work on the modified version of eGMIS for visually impaired users; this version has all black and white screens.

### **CLARIS (Clandestine Lab Reporting Information System):**

Programming staff continues to support the applications/databases code and repair problems as they arise.

Clandestine Lab Reporting Information System (CLARIS) is a web-based data collection system for reporting and analysis of methamphetamine lab seizure data used mainly by law enforcement agencies in Illinois. With CLARIS, remote users access the program and centralized database at the Authority using a Web-browser.

CLARIS is used by the Illinois Meth Response Teams and other drug enforcement groups who perform methamphetamine lab seizures. Data collected is submitted to Illinois State Police for analysis. Agencies also use CLARIS to file the required EPIC report, and to perform local monthly and annual statistical tabulations

The data will be useful in determining, among other criteria, the types, numbers, and locations of laboratories seized; manufacturing trends; precursor and chemical sources; the number of children and law enforcement officers affected; and investigative leads. The data may also be useful to agencies in justifying and allocating current or future resources.

Staff worked with Don Payton, Illinois State Police Statewide Meth Coordinator on a discrepancy problem with CLARIS vs. EPIC numbers, for the First and Second Quarter of 2010 (Jan 1-June 30) ISP seized 218 labs, not the 158 that EPIC shows. All of the labs were entered into CLARIS. Additionally, in 2009, ISP seized 448 labs, not the 397 reported by EPIC. All of these labs were also entered into CLARIS.

To assist us in finding out where the discrepancy are we have requested EPIC to send us a list of the Incidents by Event id, Claris does not use the field Incident; this is unique to Epic.



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members  
**From:** Hank Anthony, Associate Director, Administrative Services  
**Date:** August 24, 2010  
**Re:** Summary of Office of Administrative Services Activities

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

OAS staff is helping to plan the logistical support for the up-coming Criminal Justice Planning Summit to be held September 22 and 23, 2010.



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Board Members

**From:** Lisa Stephens, General Counsel

**Date:** August 20, 2010

**Office of the General Counsel Report for the September 3, 2010 Authority Board Meeting**

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This memorandum highlights significant events and the work performed by the Office of General Counsel since the last OGC Report.

**Legal Advice to Authority Staff and Grant Review, etc.**

The office of General Counsel has two new Associate General Counsel, Simeon Kim and Andrew Tessman. Simeon and Andrew started with the Agency in mid July. Simeon is a former Assistant States' Attorney from McHenry County and Andrew came from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The staff of the Office of General Counsel continues to perform its role as legal advisor to the staff of the Authority and to provide legal review of grants and related documents, contracts, and the like. Since the last Authority meeting, OGC has reviewed approximately 112 grant Interagency Agreements, amendments and revisions, grantee contracts with vendors, sub recipients, procurement documents, etc.

OGC staff continues to keep abreast of all the ARRA requirements and attend all relevant ARRA related meetings.

OGC staff is revising the FSGU Financial Guidelines consisting of creating a summary of all grants and creating a chart of the grant process.

OGC staff continues to make periodic and necessary modifications to the Authority form agreements and related documents in order to conform to changes in federal and state law, regulations and good practice. Staff is currently reviewing SB 51 (amendments to the procurement code) to ensure that all contracts are in compliance with the changes in the code taking effect July 1, 2010.

OGC staff continues to regularly review Authority publications prior to release for potential legal issues.

As part of OGC's responsibilities, staff members researched a number of topics for Authority staff and provided legal advice.

### **Motor Vehicle Trust Fund Suit**

The Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America (PICCA) filed a suit in the State of Illinois in 2006. The Governor and other top Illinois State Officials (the State) are named as defendants. The suit asks for the return of over \$6 million of monies removed from the fund and for an injunction barring further removal of funds from the Trust Fund.

An agreed court order between the plaintiff and defendants was entered on June 6, 2006. The State agreed that no money would be withdrawn from the fund and the plaintiff agreed to withdraw its motion for preliminary injunction.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss all counts of the complaint which was heard and denied in October 2006. The plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment which was denied in January 2008. Another similar case, A.B.A.T.E of Illinois v. the State (ABATE) stayed the legal proceedings of PICCA and there are no legal proceedings proposed or undertaken to date.

In ABATE, a group of motorcyclists challenged the transfer of money from the Cycle Ryder Safety Training Fund to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Implementation Acts. The trial court rejected the ABATE's constitutional and statutory challenges and granted a motion for summary judgment for the State. ABATE filed an appeal with the Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth Judicial District. The appellate court affirmed the motion for summary judgment granted by the trial court.

It is reasonably possible the ABATE case may impact the eventual outcome of the PICCA case in a decision favorable for the State. The Office of General Counsel states that the impact may be nominal because there are distinguishing issues of property and trust law in the trial and appeal in ABATE that are not relevant to the PICCA litigation. The plaintiff in ABATE also argued theories and law not addressed by the appellate court in ABATE.

### **Legislation**

The Freedom of Information Act was amended and one of the changes in the amendment had an unintended consequence which might result in the disclosure of information which could compromise a criminal investigation.

Previously, the FOIA had provided for an exemption from disclosure for any records compiled by any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes that disclosure would interfere with pending or contemplated law enforcement proceedings and/or ongoing investigations.

Last year's amendment to the FOIA limited these exemptions so that they could only be claimed by the agency conducting the investigation. There are a number of common

situations in which a law enforcement agency gathers information because of contemplated law enforcement proceedings or because of an ongoing criminal investigation and then provides that information to another law enforcement agency. For example, a police agency might provide information or records to a State's Attorney's office in relation to an investigation being conducted by the police agency. Currently, under this example, the State's Attorney's office cannot claim the exemption from a FOIA request regarding the information since it is not the investigating agency. As a result of this unintended consequence, and after careful consideration and input from ISP, the Cook County State's Attorney and the Chicago Police Department, ICJIA proposed an amendment to the FOIA. The amendment would allow the recipient of the request to refer the request to the law enforcement agency conducting the investigation, so that the investigating law enforcement agency could claim the exemption. The amendment was re-referred to the Rules Committee. We have been working over the summer to develop a broader coalition of criminal justice related groups across the state to support the reintroduction of the amendment next fall.

OGC continues to track other legislation of interest to the Authority.

### **Requests for Information**

The OGC responded to 8 Freedom of Information Act Requests and a variety of general requests for information.

### **Meetings, Boards and Conferences**

Sean O'Brien, Deputy General Counsel, chaired the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board Site Selection and Monitoring Sub-committee and provided technical assistance and guidance to ARIOB and to the program director. Sean also developed and presented along with Lisa Stephens to the Victim Service Ad Hoc Committee on VOCA and VAWA and new developments in domestic violence and sexual assault law. Associate General Counsel Junaid Afeef is working with the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council providing advice and counsel generally and attended the Grant Review Committee meeting where the designations for the coming year's grants were discussed and recommendations passed. Additionally, Junaid continues to serve as the secretary to the ICJIA's Institutional Review Board. And most recently created an internal committee to study the existing IRB forms and to make recommendations on edits and suggestions on new forms. Additionally, Junaid and Andrew are working to develop a plan and strategy for seeking re-authorization of the IMVTP Act which sunsets on 1/1/12. They will meet with insurance industry representative, Gerry Farina of State Farm, to further develop his proposal to seek an expansion of the IMVTP Council to include finding of a bodily injury fraud task force within the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Associate General Counsel Simeon Kim led the criminal offense index project where we are indexing all criminal offenses and sentences in Illinois. A rough draft has been completed by a summer legal intern and Simeon has started the editing process. The

office of General Counsel plans to have the index completed to present to the Sentencing Policy Advisory Committee at the November meeting.

Associate General Counsel Andrew Tessman has provided legal research and analysis on a variety of topics of interest to the Authority.

The Legislation and Regulation sub-committee met and Representative Lou Lang gave a presentation on the making of legislation in Illinois. Additionally, Ton Nolan the Authority's legislative liaison, presented on the legislative process and lobbying and finally, Andre Tessman gave a presentation on the Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau.



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# Memorandum

**To:** Authority Members  
**From:** Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer  
**Date:** September 3, 2010  
**Re:** Summary of Office of Fiscal Management Activities

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The following highlights the work by the Office of Fiscal Management for the Fiscal Year 2010 through July 31, 2010 Lapse period.

## Reports

The following reports were prepared and submitted by the OFM staff:

- Quarterly Federal Financial Status Reports (SF 269's and the new SF 425's) for direct and formula grant awards.
- Cost center reports for agency operations and federal grant cost centers.
- Monthly expense variance report preparation and analysis for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.
- Monthly reports for funding and expenditures for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants.

## Federal Grants

- Conducted preliminary budget reviews of approximately 548 interagency agreements.
- Processed 507 contract obligation documents (\$60,711,041) and 1,163 vouchers (\$41,996,147) for federal grants to state and local governments and not-for-profit agencies.

## General Agency Obligations

- Completed the obligation, expenditure and cash reconciliations for five funds.
- Established Appropriation authority for FY 2010.



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**Other Agency Issues**

- The Fiscal department completed various fiscal year end tasks in a timely manner.
- The Authority participated in the regular examination of the Agency for the two years ended June 30, 2009. The accounting firm of Bonner Group, LLC made the survey of the accounting records and procedures.
- Participated in the planning and discussions regarding ARRA reporting and control.
- Changed the deposit banking relationship from Chase to 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank effective 11/1/09.
- Prepared the Illinois State Legislature (ISL's) budget forms and participated in the budget appropriation hearings for the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate.
- Moved the Fiscal Operations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor on April 9, 2010.
- Converted to the Office of Justice Programs Web Based Payment drawdown system.



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## Memorandum

**To:** Authority Board Members  
**From:** Cristin Monti Evans, Public Information Officer  
**Date:** August 24, 2010  
**Re:** Office of Public Information Report for the September 3, 2010, Authority Meeting

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The Office of Public Information (OPI) designs, edits, and publishes the Authority's written materials, including press releases, the agency's annual report, *The Compiler*, and other publications such as *Research Reports*, *Research Bulletins*, and *Program Evaluation Summaries*. OPI staff also responds to information requests from the public, the media, and others.

**Publications.** OPI staff edits, designs, and publishes online a variety of ICJIA publications. This quarter, OPI:

- Completed edit and design of *Get the Facts: Juvenile detention* and *Get the Facts: Juvenile corrections*. *Get the Facts* is a two-page Q&A fact sheet that answers frequently asked questions from the public on a variety of adult and juvenile criminal justice topics. R&A and OPI staff plan to publish online one Q&A sheet (PDF) on a new topic each month through December 2010. Now available online are:
  - *Get the Facts* - Juvenile justice system: Pretrial
  - *Get the Facts* - Juvenile justice system: Arrests
  - *Get the Facts* - Juvenile justice system: Courts
  - *Get the Facts* - Juvenile justice system: Detention
  - *Get the Facts* - Juvenile justice system: Corrections
- Initiated edit and design of *Get the Facts* on obtaining criminal records.
- Initiated edit and design of *Get the Facts* on adult arrests.
- Initiated edit and design of *Get the Facts* on adult corrections.

- Completed design and content planning for new, biennial IJIS newsletter, to be distributed September.
- Completed edit of Research Report, “*Juvenile justice system walk-through.*”

**Other activities.** OPI also:

- Provided a variety of assistance in message and material development for ICJIA Strategic Planning Initiative.
- Coordinated media requests from reporters seeking information and/or data on juvenile violent crime, “school-to-jail pipeline,” and juvenile criminal record confidentiality.
- Continued content planning and compilation for updated online Grants Information Kit.
- Continued planning with webmaster to redesign ICJIA website and utilize social media outlets to publicize ICJIA resources, publications, research, requests for proposals, and other initiatives.
- Created ICJIA Facebook page to highlight ICJIA news and events.
- Continued ICJIA Employee Handbook update.
- Edited the CJ Dispatch, e-mailed monthly to ICJIA website users.
- Edited and coordinated publishing of public notice, “Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority requests proposals for StarCom21 network communications equipment funding.” Notice was published in the Daily Herald.
- Edited and coordinated publishing of public notice, “Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority requests public input for promoting successful and effective Justice Assistance Grant programming.” Notice was published in the Daily Herald.
- Created and oversaw print of four foam posterboards to promote ICJIA and JAG at the Midwest Security & Police Conference/Expo, Stephens Convention Center, in Rosemont on August 10 -11, 2010.



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**To:** Authority Members

**From:** Mark Myrent, Associate Director  
Research and Analysis Unit

**Date:** August 16, 2010

**Re:** Research and Analysis Unit Report for the September 2010 Authority Meeting

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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. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Victimization among Adult Female Inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections**

In 2009, ICJIA interviewed 163 female inmates housed in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Researchers gathered information on prior help seeking strategies, substance use, and physical and sexual abuse during the course of the person's life history. The findings in a report, *Victimization and Help Seeking Behaviors Among Incarcerated Women*, released April 2010. Study participants were also administered the PTSD Symptoms Checklist (PCL) to gauge PTSD symptoms. A second report will share the level and correlates of PTSD symptomology of female inmates. The report will help inform prisons and parole agents on the level and correlates of PTSD symptomology to better assist women housed in prisons and those released from prison deal with this problematic mental illness which can impact basic functioning including the ability to hold a job, have healthy relationships, and avoid the abuse of drugs and alcohol. The IRB approved the research as exempt as it uses existing data. The report is slated for completion in late 2010.

**B. Anne's House Program Evaluation**

ICJIA staff will complete a process evaluation of Anne's House during year one of program operations. The home, operated by the Salvation Army, is a long-term residential facility serving sexually exploited/ trafficked girls and young women. The study will measure implementation milestones in relation to the program's logic model, provide a review of literature, create a full program description of Anne's House, describe program participants, and conduct interviews with staff at the end of year one. The interviews will document successes, barriers to success, and

suggested changes to improve the program. The anticipated start date of the evaluation is September 2010.

### **C. Illinois' Metropolitan Enforcement Groups and Task Forces Profiles**

In 2009, the Authority funded 19 Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEG) and Task Forces which pooling resources, knowledge and personnel to more efficiently and effectively fight the proliferation of illicit drugs. All MEGs and task forces are staffed by officers representing federal, state, county, and local police agencies. Periodically, the Authority creates profiles of each MEG and task force in order to provide a general overview of the drug and violent crime problem in their jurisdictions and share their response to these problems. Updated profiles will be published in late 2010.

### **D. Illinois Criminal Justice System Walkthrough**

Staff have begun work on a step-by-step walkthrough of the general practices, processes, and procedures of the Illinois criminal justice system, from arrest through community supervision. The report is intended to mirror the juvenile walkthrough and will include detailed information on assessments, diversion, and special issues. The report will be provided to an advisory committee of experts including judges, police, attorneys, and professionals in the field to review for accuracy.

### **E. Sheridan Correctional Center National Drug Prison and Re-entry Therapeutic Community Recidivism Study**

Opened in January 2004, Sheridan Correctional Center is a medium security prison operated by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), which uses a Therapeutic Community model. Every inmate at Sheridan participates in substance abuse treatment. Before enrolling in the program, inmates agree to participate in the in-prison therapeutic community and 90 days of community substance abuse treatment (aftercare) as a condition of their parole. A successful Sheridan graduate includes anyone who completes the in- prison portion of the Sheridan program and is released from Sheridan Correctional Center on Mandatory Supervised Release.

Since 2004, Dr. David Olson, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Loyola University Chicago, has been conducting an on-going evaluation of the Sheridan Correctional Center. Our proposed study will enhance prior research on Sheridan by providing quantitative and qualitative information from former participants themselves. This information could then be used to enhance programming both internally at Sheridan Correctional Center and externally with partner agencies and parole in order to improve a Sheridan graduate's re- entry experience.

The goal is to evaluate the post- prison outcomes for graduates of Sheridan by interviewing re-incarcerated graduates of the Sheridan program and learning the factors that contribute to a Sheridan program graduate's failure at re-entry. Failure includes a return to drug use or other technical violations, or committing a new crime. Data will be collected through fifty ace to face interviews with successful graduates of the Sheridan who have been re- incarcerated since their release from

Sheridan. The information will allow for a better understanding of what happens with Sheridan graduates after release in order to offer recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the Sheridan program. Data collection will begin Summer 2010 and a final report will be completed Winter 2011.

#### **F. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)/Chicago Police Department (CPD) Juvenile Crisis Intervention Training Fidelity Assessment**

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) established its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in 2004 to address the high prevalence of mental illness among incarcerated adults. All CIT members volunteered to attend a 40-hour training to become certified. The purpose of the CIT-training is to teach law enforcement officers how to (a) identify signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and (b) exercise skills to defuse crisis situations. In May 2009, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) held its first advanced CIT training on addressing mental health issues among the youth population. ICJIA research and analysis staff is currently evaluating the extent to which the training curriculum is helpful for officers, as they respond to situations involving mentally ill youth. The evaluation project has the following objectives: (1) measure officer pre-and post-training knowledge; (2) measure officer retention of the training material; (3) measure officer satisfaction with the training; (4) measure officer intention to use the training material; and (5) measure officer use of the training curriculum in the field. The evaluation project was approved by the Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB) in June 2010; data collection began shortly after. The evaluation project will be completed by June 2013. The findings will be conveyed to the Juvenile—CIT, training staff in a way that allows them to improve and enhance their training practices.

#### **G. River Valley Juvenile Detention Center (RVJDC) Mental Health Program Evaluation**

River Valley Juvenile Detention Center (RVJDC) is a Nationally Accredited facility located in Joliet, Illinois. It serves both Will and Kankakee Counties and includes 102 beds, as well as a 24-hour on-site medical unit. RVJDC is a temporary placement center for juveniles, between the ages of ten and seventeen, awaiting court decisions on their cases. Only minors who have allegedly committed a delinquent offense and are determined to be a danger to the community or themselves may be detained. In 2008, a total of 911 juveniles were admitted and received medical and mental health care. In addition, the mental health department staff provided Will and Kankakee Counties juvenile justice courts with psychological reports on approximately 40 percent of the youth detained, as ordered by the judges. RVJDC mental health department staff plans to expand their program by providing Will and Kankakee Counties' juvenile-court judges with psychological reports on all detained youth. The psychological reports provide the juvenile-court judges with an extensive amount of information on youth backgrounds.

ICJIA research and analysis staff partnered with RVJDC administrative staff in March 2010 for the purpose of evaluating the facility's mental health program. An evaluation plan was finalized in July 2010 and has the following objectives: (1) measure youth satisfaction with the conditions and treatment provided by RVJDC staff, (2) measure the use of court-ordered psychological reports, and

(3) measure the influence psychological reports have on juvenile justice system outcomes. ICJIA research and analysis staff is seeking approval for the evaluation project from the Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB). Data collection is anticipated to begin in September 2010 and the evaluation project will be completed by September 2013.

#### **H. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) 2010 Audit**

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is a Justice Assistance Grant (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.

Preparations for the 2010 CHRI audit have begun. The focus of the audit will be on court disposition reporting, since accurate and complete conviction information is a key component of decisions within the criminal justice system and an increasing number of decisions outside of criminal justice (employment, housing, student loans, and so on).

During this quarter, staff conducted preliminary analyses of CHRI data for the years 2005-2009, to identify potential counties of interest for the 2010 audit, particularly those found to have higher-than-average numbers of missing court dispositions. Ten counties consistently ranked as those with the highest proportion of missing court dispositions. Analyses of these missing dispositions by court charge class of offense were also conducted, to further refine the extent of missing dispositions for felony cases. Discussions were also held with Illinois State Police Staff as to the availability of court disposition data before it is processed by the CHRI system, which looks like a highly promising approach. It is anticipated that the audit proposal will be finalized and submitted to the State Police during the next quarter, with actual data collection and analysis to begin shortly afterwards.

#### **I. Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Recidivism Study**

Staff are conducting a research study on recidivism for juveniles admitted to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice which was funded for \$19,575 by the American Statistical Association/Bureau of Justice Statistics Small Grants program. This study will employ various statistical techniques including multilevel modeling, survival analysis, and markov modeling to examine recidivism in-depth. Further, recidivism will be measured through readmission to either juvenile or adult correctional custody (derived from IDJJ and IDOC admissions data) and through re-arrest (derived from criminal history record information). Recidivism will be compared across various demographic and offense-type subgroups, with special attention paid to neighborhood of release indicators using U.S. Bureau of the Census data. The study was approved by the IRB. The study period and funding award will be finished in July 2011. Staff has cleaned the data and is working on geocoding the sample.

## **J. Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: 2008 Annual Report**

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, the 2008 Annual Report, a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data, is now amassing the 2008 data sets. Similar to previous editions, this report 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.

## **K. Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Merger Committees**

Staff from ICJIA have been participating in and providing assistance to different subcommittees created by the Office of the Governor to facilitate the merger of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Staff participate on subcommittees including: assessment tools; reports and best practices; data collection; aftercare; programs and internal services; and steering committee.

## **II. CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **A. Program evaluation and research projects/ internally funded**

The R&A Unit pursues a program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts conducted, supported, or monitored by R&A staff include:

#### **1. Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative**

In November 2009, ICJIA initiated plans to convene a large group of criminal justice professionals, lawmakers, and policymakers from across Illinois on September 22-23, 2010 Criminal Justice Planning Summit. At this two-day event, ICJIA will review current challenges in the adult justice system based on the experiences of policymakers, practitioners, and others in the field, and on the latest research. Participants will then identify priorities for a statewide strategy for criminal justice policy, funding initiatives, and justice research in the coming years. This effort is the first since 2001 to create and implement a strategic criminal justice plan for the state of Illinois.

ICJIA is partnering with several key state and national criminal justice and human services agencies to gather information and guide planning for the summit, including the Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, and the National Criminal Justice Association, Justice and Research Statistics Association, and Pew Research Center. Other partners include representatives of the state's mental health, law enforcement, judicial and court services, and criminal justice associations.

ICJIA completed several fact-finding strategies to pinpoint critical criminal justice issues and the most effective and efficient evidence-based policies, practices, and programs in Illinois and across the nation. These include reviewing existing statewide strategic plans from around the country to identify areas for potential replication and lessons-learned, interviews with state justice and human service association leaders to solicit information about critical issues facing their communities, and workgroups with representatives of the academic and policy advocacy communities. ICJIA also collected existing needs assessment data, reports, survey findings, and other information reflective of current justice trends in Illinois that could be used to support the development of the summit agenda and the strategic plan.

The invitations have gone out, and a catalogue of evidence-based practices related to smarter and more efficient utilization of criminal justice resources was developed on the Summit website. To date, there are over 100 registrants. Overall response to the event and the strategic planning process has been very positive.

The summit, and subsequent working sessions, will energize the justice community to contribute innovative ideas and partnership and planning principles that will reduce crime and improve public health and safety in urban, rural, and suburban jurisdictions across Illinois. It is hoped that this effort will increase the investment all facets of the justice system have in planning for a more organized and strategic effort to reduce crime and increase public health and safety. In the end, this important initiative will result in a coordinated statewide, data-driven strategic approach to crime reduction and justice system investment.

## **2. Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) Technical Assistance**

SPAC, which was created by Public Act 96-0711, will draw on criminal justice information collected by state and local justice agencies and use that information to explore sentencing issues and how these practices impact the criminal justice system as a whole. The Council consists of a nonpartisan group of 18 key stakeholders from across the state and local criminal justice systems, including members from all three branches of government: legislators (from both political parties and houses), retired judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections and administrators of the court officials, law enforcement, victim's rights advocates and academics. There are also ex-officio members from the agencies providing data to SPAC (Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and Illinois Department of Corrections).

ICJIA Research & Analysis Staff began assisting the SPAC in reviewing Illinois criminal justice data availability for sentencing policy research. A presentation was made to the Council regarding these issues, and a larger report that documents current data collection practices and examine information gaps at each stage of the system was completed in July. This document was produced in partnership with the Illinois State Police, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and the Illinois Department of Corrections. The report is currently being updated by staff to include information on potential local-level data sources for use by SPAC. It will be made available on the ICJIA's website [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us).

### **3. Adult Redeploy Illinois Utilization-Focused Evaluation**

The Crime Reduction Act (Public Act 96-0761 effective on January 1, 2010) establishes the Adult Redeploy Illinois program, which provides financial incentives to local jurisdictions for designing community-based programs to treat offenders in the community instead of sending them to state prisons. Under the Act, financial incentives will be offered to counties/groups of counties/judicial circuits to increase programming in their areas, in exchange for reducing the number of people they send to the Illinois Department of Corrections (with penalties if they do not meet the reduction goal).

The goal of Adult Redeploy is to establish pilot sites to increase access to community-based services and decrease commitments to the Illinois Department of Corrections. In Phase I, counties or judicial circuits will craft local program plans that specify how to reduce commitments of non-violent offenders to prison and implement these plans in Phase II. The counties or judicial circuits must negotiate an agreement with the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (AROIB) to limit the number of Adult Redeploy Illinois eligible commitments from that area to 75% of the average number of commitments of the three previous calendar years.

ICJIA Research and Analysis Staff are working closely with the AROIB and IDOC and IDHS staff to track the policy implementation process, to guide the development of performance and outcome measures, and to provide relevant technical assistance toward insuring the program model aligns with the language describing the initiative in the Crime Reduction Act. The implementation evaluation will commence in October 2010.

Additionally, ICJIA staff are working with the AROIB to provide technical assistance related to data needs for the required standard planning document and ensuring the incorporation of existing legislated alternatives to incarceration programs in Illinois.

ICJIA staff are participating in and providing assistance to some of the AROIB subcommittees, including the Performance Measures and Outcome Indicators subcommittee and the Site Selection subcommittee.

### **4. Adult Redeploy Illinois Website Data**

As technical support for the Adult Redeploy Illinois program planning grants issued by the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board (AROIB), staff has developed a new website to simplify and standardize access to county-level data required for the planning process. The counties and judicial circuit (encompassing 12 counties) currently accepting planning grants can access the county census and criminal justice system data available through the Authority's website. This information is to be used to guide their identification of target populations eligible for the program, and serve as a starting point for the community corrections and service gap analysis to be conducted in the planning process. Data for all 102 counties are also available as print-friendly PDF documents as well.

During the last quarter, staff have provided technical support regarding data interpretation and identification of target populations for participating counties. Staff also worked with IDOC staff to verify the methodology used to determine the corrections information available on the website, so

that counties would obtain the same numbers regarding potentially eligible Adult Redeploy participants from either IDOC or the Adult Redeploy website.

## **5. Hate Crime in Illinois and across the United States Report**

Staff completed a report that compares incidences of reported hate crime throughout Illinois and the United States over an 11-year period, 1997-2007. Using ISP-UCR supplemental case level data as well as FBI-UCR data, staff is analyzing data to determine trends in the number of reported hate crimes within Illinois and throughout the United States from 1997 to 2007. The report involves analysis and evaluation of regional and county-level reporting of hate crime throughout Illinois, as well as the specific hate related offenses (i.e., against persons / property) committed and explicit locations where such crimes are occurring. Also, victim and offender characteristics (e.g., bias motivation, race, gender, religious affiliation, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical/mental handicap, victim type, etc.) are being compared in an effort to identify relationships between victims and offenders of hate related offenses. The report is under review and is slated for publication in September.

Staff also prepared a Power point presentation focusing on hate crime trends in Cook and surrounding counties, to be presented to the Cook County Hate Crimes Prosecution Council.

## **6. Illinois College Campus Crime and Safety Issues Series**

Staff is working on a series of reports on the issues of emergency preparedness on college campuses, and general crime as reported through various sources of data. The first report, *Issues on Illinois College Campus –History of College Campus Emergency Preparedness and Safety Planning* was published on the Authority's website in March, on the new *College Campus Resource Center* web page. Two other reports, *Trends in Illinois Campus Crime at Four Year Colleges, 2005-2008*, and *A Comparison of Campus Crime Trends at Illinois Four Year and Two Year Colleges, 2003-2007* are under review and are slated for publication in September. Staff has been requested to participate in a roundtable discussion on campus crime data quality and usefulness at the Justice Research and Statistics Association annual conference in October.

Other reports in the series include: arrests and referrals for school disciplinary action for weapons, drugs and alcohol offenses, the prevalence of sexual assault on campus, and hate crimes reported on college campuses compared to the state in general.

## **7. Get the Facts**

Staff are working to update existing and create new "Get the Facts" publications. These popular publications explain processes and components of the Illinois criminal and juvenile justice systems, and have not been updated since 2000. Topic areas of the publications include: victims' rights; the court system; criminal sentencing; juvenile sentencing; the juvenile court system; juvenile pre-trial; juvenile corrections; adult pre-trial; adults arrests; juvenile arrests; criminal records; and adult corrections.

The juvenile justice series of the publication has been completed: juvenile arrests (December 2009), juvenile pre-trial (January 2010), juvenile court system (March 2010), juvenile sentencing (June 2010), and juvenile corrections and parole (June 2010). The get the facts on expungements, adult arrests, and adult pre-trial are expected by October 2010.

## **8. Juvenile Justice Data Coordination Partnership**

Staff participate on several working groups related to effective juvenile justice data collection, including DMC, Juvenile Redeploy Illinois, IJDAI, and Models for Change. During the last quarter, staff have also been requested to participate on various workgroups initiated by the Governor's Office related to the merger of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS).

Juvenile Redeploy Illinois data reporting templates. Juvenile Redeploy Illinois data reporting templates. Staff has been asked to develop new data reporting forms for the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Program. Staff will also develop the policy around submission of the report. The data reports will be submitted to the Authority on a monthly basis and quarterly reports will be developed and sent to each Redeploy Illinois site to provide information to participants/staff of the programs.

Data repository template. During discussions at meetings, it was determined that a data template, or a standardized local criminal justice data and risk factor analysis and graphical presentation tool, is needed in order to help local practitioners better understand the communities in which they work in and the people with whom they work. As a result of numerous calls for technical assistance regarding proper data analysis as well as discussions within the various initiatives, it was determined that a uniform data template was something those participating in initiatives would benefit from. Work on this data template is ongoing.

## **9. Juvenile Justice Information Request database**

Staff completed a database to track juvenile justice system information requests from agencies, legislators, and the public. This database will help the Authority determine what information is requested, what it is used for, and how it can be made more available through our website. During the last quarter, 30 substantial requests for juvenile justice data and information were received and processed.

## **10. Safety Net Works – Implementation Evaluation**

Authority staff is concluding its evaluation of the implementation of the Safety Net Works Initiative, a violence prevention and youth development program currently taking place across 14 community areas in Illinois. The primary purpose of this implementation evaluation is 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; and to inform and guide similar undertakings. Sources of data for the evaluation include surveys, interviews, meeting observations, and implementation and progress reports submitted by the sites.

During the last quarter, staff participated in the Year-Three application solicitation rating process for SNW funding, conducted by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. This included reading the proposals, and participating in several meetings to determine which sites should be offered continued funding. A final project report on the implementation process of the SNW programs will be completed and presented to the Steering Committee scheduled the first week of October.

### **11. 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 and is under the direction of Dr. David Olson of Loyola. 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 2007 report has been updated with 2008 data and will be released in June of 2010 pending DOC's approval. Findings indicate that as a result of the treatment services and aftercare received, those inmates released from Sheridan had a 20 percent lower likelihood of being returned to prison after three years in the community than a statistically similar comparison group released from Illinois' prisons during the same time period. The largest reductions in recidivism – both in terms of rearrest and return to prison—were evident among those Sheridan releasees who successfully completed aftercare treatment. Dr. Olson is continuing the evaluation of the Sheridan program, as well as assessing the drug treatment therapeutic community operating at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. This continued research began in October 2008 and will continue through August 2010 so that 2009 data may be included.

### **12. 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. The report addresses whether the program reduced recidivism, and assisted the women in obtaining employment, housing, food and childcare. The study also focused on the third service provider that the program enlisted. Findings show that those in the program are more likely to receive services and referrals, including mental health services and employment services. While there were little differences in some outcome aspects between the women in the program and a control group, those in the program were less likely to have had a violation of probation filed or have their probation revoked. The final report is available on our website.

### **13. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee**

Loyola University Chicago was selected to continue research and conduct a survey regarding capital punishment in Illinois for the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee. Work on this project began in October 2008 and a renewal to continue work was signed in October 2009. A final report is under review.

### **14. Mental Health Courts in Illinois**

Loyola University Chicago was selected to conduct the assessment and evaluation of mental health courts in Illinois. The project will inventory the operating courts in Illinois and assess what barriers were in place for those courts that did not materialize. A more thorough evaluation will be conducted on specific courts in an effort to gauge their operations, effectiveness and outcomes. Loyola's methodology and study design includes a mixed methods approach, including quantitative data from program operations and client outcomes, as well as qualitative data stemming from interviews and focus groups with the court stakeholders. A component of the study that includes client surveys will assess the perceptions of those that participate in the courts. Loyola will collect data and assess the implementation and operation of each court in Illinois, including those that are in the planning stages. Factors that contributed to the failure of some jurisdictions to implement a court will also be outlined. A more detailed in-depth analysis of three (3) courts will be conducted. This analysis will involve a thorough assessment as to the operation, impact and outcomes of the courts. Special attention will be paid to the multi-disciplinary roles of the MHC teams and the "boundary-spanning" that they are required to do. A final report will be due in September 2010.

### **15. Investigator Initiated Research**

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. A number of projects have been completed and final reports are available on our website. The following projects are in progress or near completion.

- *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 edits have been sent on the 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 has been reviewed and final edits will be completed in August 2010.
- *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. The report was revised in 2010 and the final version is available on our website.
- *Safer Return Demonstration: A Research-Based Community Reentry Initiative – An Examination of the Family-Inclusive Case Management Service Component* - Conducted by the Urban Institute this project will provide an implementation and impact evaluation of the family-inclusive case management component of the Safer Return offender reentry initiative. Stemming from a larger evaluation of the reentry initiative, this study will focus on whether and to what extent the family-inclusive case management benefits offenders returning back to the community and their family and social support networks. Individual and family-level outcomes will be assessed. Due to delays in obtaining DOC parole data, the project was extended through May 2011. Urban Institute staff received data on May 7 but the project is experiencing delays in enrollment. A further extension into early 2012 may be necessary.
- *Assessing Views of Critical Incident Prevention and Response* – Conducted by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, this project will determine the attitudes and perceptions of students regarding campus safety initiatives and campus preparedness for critical incidents. The study will conduct surveys of students in six Illinois campuses regarding the perceived likelihood of an incident occurring, fear of incidents and past exposure to types of incidents or offenses. Staff from SIUC presented the findings to Authority staff on April 20 and the final report is now available on our website.

An additional Investigator Initiated Research RFP in the amount of \$150,000 was issued in September 2009. Two projects were selected and began in December 2009.

- *Systematic Evaluation of the Peoria Drug Market Intervention* - Conducted by Southern Illinois University, this project seeks to assess the approach and effectiveness of a strategy to combat open air drug markets in the City of Peoria. The Peoria Police Department (PPD) is in

the process of implementing a proactive policing strategy in response to open-air drug markets in a high crime neighborhood. The PPD more specifically is implementing a “pulling levers” intervention that relies on a combination of incapacitation for serious, chronic and violent offenders as well as a deterrent-based message combined with increased social support mechanisms for less serious offender who have been deemed suitable for diversion and have the potential to be diverted from a lifestyle of offending. The pulling levers framework is implemented at the local level and is designed to strengthen relationships and communication between criminal and social justice agencies. The evaluation will assess the implementation and preliminary impact of the effort. A report is due September 30, 2010

- *Growth of Illinois Prison Population and Assessment of Risk and Recidivism Among Prison Releasees* - Conducted by Loyola University, this multi-tiered project will examine trends in prison admissions, end of year populations, and prison exits. Using existing data available from IDOC and CHRI system, the proposed research will examine, in detail: 1) trends in admissions, exits and the end-of-year populations within prison and 2) the post-release recidivism of those released from prison. For both of these research activities, there will be a specific emphasis on the similarities and differences between female versus male inmates and releasees. The proposed research seeks to further the understanding within Illinois regarding the risk and recidivism of those released from prison, and assess the utility if existing information collected by DOC for determining post-release risk. It extends the potential predictive validity of risk assessment by examining community-level risk factors such as indicators of social disadvantage, social cohesion, and police surveillance as well as individual level characteristics, such as age, criminal history, substance abuse, and other factors. The goal of the research is to examine post-prison recidivism of offenders using the most current and appropriate statistical techniques, while ensuring that the findings and results useful to practitioners and policy makers. A number of presentations have been given on findings to date, most recently a presentation on April 16 detailing differences in female and male admissions and releases. The project will be available in the Fall of 2010.

## **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. Redesign of Criminal Justice DataNet**

The Authority received \$58,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to enhance web access and on-line presentation formats of the Authority’s holdings of criminal justice and social risk factor data. An added feature of the project is enhancements to the Federal Deaths in Custody Reporting process conducted by the Authority on behalf of Illinois law enforcement agencies. The grant is scheduled to end on September 30, 2010.

An Instant Atlas application has been designed for the Strategic Planning Initiative. This application will be used as a prototype for upcoming applications to be included in the SAC website. An HTML-based alternative to this application has also been created to allow users who cannot use Adobe Flash

to access the same data, regardless of accessibility issues. On-line users (and Authority staff) will be able to access the Authority's holdings of criminal justice data to create maps and explore relationships among the various data sets across time and counties. Usability testing will be conducted on a sample of ICJIA staff and likely website users to obtain feedback and refine the application.

Staff is also developing a SQL database that will allow on-line users to generate answers to more specific questions, such as, "which county has the highest violent crime rate?" Additionally, the database will provide a means to ensure integrity and consistency of the data for all staff members. Most data holdings have been converted into spreadsheets for the public to download for a newer data download page to be deployed that includes links to actual data sets and detailed meta data describing the data. Data has also been reorganized for inclusion into the larger SQL database. Staff will be working with an intern to update Fact Sheets currently available and linked to from the main State of Illinois website.

A second SJS grant in the amount of \$68,000 was submitted to BJS on March 15, 2010. Approval of this grant by BJS is still pending. Included in this project is a redesign of the Authority's current website, particularly with respect to the publications and data offerings. A web page specifically dedicated to the Research & Analysis Unit in its role as a State Statistical Center (SAC) will also be developed with the assistance of the Authority's webmaster and public information officer. It is anticipated that work on this grant will begin in September.

## **2. Illinois Juvenile Justice System Walkthrough**

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, staff developed a step-by-step walkthrough of the general practices, processes, and procedures of the Illinois juvenile justice system, from arrest through community supervision. The report was sent to an advisory committee around the state including juvenile court judges, attorneys (both private defense attorneys and state's attorneys), police officials, probation officers, and other juvenile justice system experts to review for accuracy. The report has been edited and reviewed by experts in the field numerous times and is in the final review stage. The final report is expected in August 2010.

## **3. Elder Abuse Collaboration Technical Assistance**

Supported by a grant from the federal government, staff is conducting a process evaluation of this project aimed at coordinating responses to elder abuse among service providers, law enforcement and the courts. Participants include Metropolitan Family Service (an elder abuse service provider), the Chicago Police Department, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, among others. The goal of the program is to provide a coordinated response ensuring that victims receive needed services while abusers are held accountable in the criminal justice system. ICJIA staff is in the process of reviewing all the grant materials for the program over the past two years, in order to determine interview questions for the Policy team members and Practice (elder abuse case review) team members. A final report will be completed by the end of the year.

In preparation for the evaluation, staff attended the Lake County Elder Abuse Conference at the College of Lake County on June 25<sup>th</sup>, to learn about successful multidisciplinary team models for

dealing with elder abuse, particularly those involving partnerships between police and social service agencies.

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

In March of 2005, ICJIA research staff entered into a three-year cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in the amount of \$194,232 to evaluate Illinois' Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP) Initiative. This project will assist local probation departments participating in the EBP Initiative by providing them with data and analysis that gauges performance before and during the implementation of evidence-based practices, and will establish a process and protocol for ongoing assessment of probation performance through an effective state and local partnership. All three waves of data collection (years 2002, 2005 and 2006) have been completed in all six participating counties: Lake, DuPage, Adams, Cook, Sangamon and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit. Data analysis is currently being conducted and work on a draft final report is nearing completion. The final report will be completed and available in Fall 2010.

#### **C. Criminal History Record Information (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 staff 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 1990-2009 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, several new CHRI User Agreement were processed, including those received from the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois, and the University of Chicago. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of at least 43 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. Technical assistance on CHRI data interpretation and data manipulation was also provided to several researchers who received data in previously, including those from the Disproportionate Justice Impact Study (DJIS) Commission, Urban Institute, University of Chicago, and DuPage County Probation.

Information requests answered using CHRI data. During the last quarter, updating of all non-expunged arrests and associated arrest charges and court dispositions from 1999-2009 continued for loading into a new SQL Server database to provide an immediate querying capability for these arrests, dispositions, and charges covering the entire ten year period. In combination with CHRI data already stored in SPSS files, these data were used to answer several media requests for criminal justice statistics. During this quarter, CHRI data regarding public corruption arrests in Illinois requested from the Virginia Sentencing Commission for state comparison purposes.

#### **D. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project**

The Chicago Homicide Dataset (CHD) 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. CHD data from 1965 to 1995, with all victim identifiers and addresses removed, is archived with the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Staff is currently cleaning the entire dataset from 1965 to 2000, and creating three linked CHD datasets – victim-level, incident-level and offender-level.

During this quarter, staff continued to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset. A copy of the dataset stripped of identifiers was made available to Dr. Gipsy Escobar of Loyola University. She is conducting an international comparison of homicide trends.

#### **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 current goal of the CWHRS project is 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 209 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field. The CWHRS Forum also 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.

### **III. ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

#### **A. Briefings/Presentations**

Since the last Authority update for the June 2010 meeting, R&A staff made presentations at, and/or attended the following professional meetings:

- On May 18, staff attended a potential research collaboration meeting with the Sociology Department at DePaul University
- On May 18, staff attended a meeting of the LEADS Advisory Board meeting in Joliet.
- On May 20, staff attended the Assessment Tools Workgroup for the DJJ/DCFS merger
- On May 21, staff attended a juvenile Redeploy Illinois Board meeting. The data report was presented and the board provided feedback
- On May 25, staff attended a research meeting on the Sheridan evaluation project with Westcare, Inc. staff.
- On May 26, staff attended a presentation from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency on their Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System via conference call for the Assessment Tools workgroup of the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On May 26, staff attended a meeting of the Adult Redeploy Oversight Board.
- On May 26, staff, the Research Director, the Director of the Office of General Counsel, and the Executive Director met with and were interviewed by Hon. Judge George Timberlake on behalf of the McArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative to discuss the juvenile justice system in Illinois
- On May 27, staff attended a presentation from ORBIS Partners, Inc, on the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) for the Assessment Tools workgroup of the DJJ/DCFS merger committee.
- On May 27, staff participated in a juvenile Redeploy Illinois conference call to discuss issues in Madison County and how to address their high numbers of commitments to IDJJ.
- On June 1, staff participated in a DJJ/DCFS merger meeting to discuss programming and internal services.
- On June 1, staff attended the Risk, Assets, and Needs Assessment Task Force meeting.
- On June 2, staff attended the AfterCare workgroup for the IDJJ/IDCFS merger.
- On June 3, staff held a training of researchers who will be interviewing research subjects for the Sheridan evaluation project.
- On June 3, staff attended the Assessment Tools workgroup meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger committee
- On June 4, staff attended a Pathways Group meeting in Paxton, Illinois to discuss how the group can compliment/assist the work of the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- On June 4, staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- On June 4, staff assisted during Chicago Public School's Peer Jury Recognition Day.
- On June 4, staff attended a site visit of the McHenry County Mental Health Court for the Illinois Mental Health Court Evaluation project that Loyola is conducting. This evaluation is supported by DIAC funds.

- On June 7, staff participated in a special juvenile Redeploy Illinois meeting to further discuss the issues in Madison County.
- On June 8, staff attended a meeting about a project completed with data assistance from ICJIA with a researcher at Harvard University.
- On June 8, staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Check Taskforce in Joliet.
- Staff will attend the Illinois Mental Health Court Association conference on June 8 at College of DuPage.
- Staff met on June 9 with officials from the Cook County Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department to discuss a proposed evaluation of the six evening reporting centers that are components of the county's juvenile detention alternatives initiative (JDAI), and their impact on disproportionate minority confinement. An evaluation proposal will then be prepared for submission to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- Staff attended a meeting on June 9 in Chicago on the coordinated response to elder abuse program with the Chicago Police Department officials and local service providers.
- On June 10, staff attended a meeting with statewide juvenile justice professionals to discuss juvenile re-entry from IDJJ.
- Staff attended a meeting of the Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency on June 10 in Springfield.
- On June 11, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On June 11, staff participated in a meeting with the communications sub-committee of the Juvenile Justice Commission.
- On June 15, staff attended an Assessment Tools workgroup meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger committee.
- Staff observed a Coordinated Response Initiative Practice Team meeting being held jointly by Metropolitan Family Services and the Chicago Police Department, on June 16 (via phone conference call), as part of the Elder Abuse Pilot Program evaluation project.
- On June 17, staff convened a conference call with Aunt Martha's agency to discuss the possible evaluation of the Evening Reporting Centers for the OJJDP proposal
- On June 21, staff administered pre-tests and distributed course evaluation surveys to police officers to obtain data for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation. On those days, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) held their first of twelve Juvenile- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training provided the ARRA/JAG grant recently awarded to them. All 12 of the CIT trainings will be evaluated to measure the extent to which the trainings increased officer knowledge of juvenile mental health issues, as well as the practicality of using such information to respond appropriately to juveniles experiencing a mental health crisis.
- On June 21, the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention (Ceasefire) coordinated a workshop for the British Council's Transatlantic Network 2020 - a network for action which brings together young influencers from business, civil society, the arts, science and media to revitalize transatlantic and global links for the future. As part of a session on violence at this event, the Authority's research director participated as an expert on juvenile justice, and discussed which programs and reforms have worked or showed promise in addressing juvenile violence.

- On June 23, staff attended a meeting with IDOC staff regarding IDOC data systems and technology needs in preparation for the SPAC report.
- On June 24, staff participated in a DJJ/DCFS merger meeting to discuss aftercare/release.
- On June 24, staff attended a symposium titled, “What happens to people with mental illness when they encounter the criminal justice system? Innovations in Illinois,” hosted by Alder School of Professional Psychology’s Institute on Public Safety and Social Justice
- On June 25, staff met with Will County’s juvenile probation department. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center’s mental health program evaluation.
- On June 25, staff attended the Lake County Elder Abuse Conference at the College of Lake County.
- On June 28, staff presented at the juvenile Redeploy Illinois all-sites meeting. The discussion focused on the new monthly data report and feedback was provided by participants.
- On June 28, staff attended a meeting on the creation of a Cook County Prostitution Court.
- On June 28, the research director attended the RANA Advisory Group meeting. Although the entire task force had had several meetings, this was the first meeting of the advisory group. They were briefed on the work of the task force to date.
- On July 1, staff attended the Interagency Process Review hosted by the Office of the Governor to discuss the DJJ/DCFS merger process
- On July 1 staff had a conference call regarding assistance in developing a methodology to do a pre/post test with the Rockford schools district. All teachers will be participating in BARJ training and there’s interest in determining what changes, if any, occur after the training.
- On July 6, staff attended the Assessment Tools committee meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On July 7, staff attended the Risk, Assets, and Needs Assessment Task Force meeting.
- On July 7, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to gain a better understanding of how data can be collected for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On July 7, staff met with Will County probation department staff to gain a better understanding of how data can be collected for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On July 8, the Research Director presented the findings of the report completed on the current status of Illinois criminal justice system databases for use in analyzing sentencing policies to the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council
- On July 8, staff attended a joint meeting of the Disproportionate Minority Impact Study (DJIS) Policy & Research Advisory Groups.
- On July 9, staff attended a PROMISE (Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation) meeting.
- On July 12, staff administered pre-tests and distributed course evaluation surveys to police officers to obtain data for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation.
- On July 13, staff attended a meeting with the Office of Violent Crime (OVC) federal grant monitor, to discuss the VOCA and S.T.O.P VAWA grants data reports.
- On July 13 staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Checks Task Force in Joliet.
- On July 14, staff attended a meeting of the Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission IT Project in Springfield (and via teleconference).

- On July 15, staff attended the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board meeting
- On July 15, staff met with Alliance of Local Service Organizations staff at the Authority's offices to discuss the Illinois ARRA site visit.
- Staff attended an Elder Abuse Conference in Schaumburg on July 16.
- On July 16, 19 and 23, staff administered post-tests to police officers, as well as collected completed course evaluation surveys for the NAMI/ CPD Juvenile, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training Evaluation.
- On July 20, staff met with Will County probation department staff and administrative personnel from the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center to discuss the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- Staff met with IDOC officials on July 22 regarding the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.
- On July 27, staff attended a meeting of the Criminal History Records Check Taskforce at District 15 State Police headquarters.
- On July 27, staff held a meeting with the Salvation Army on the evaluation of Anne's House.
- On July 29, staff met with Kankakee County probation department staff to continue discussing the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On August 2, staff attended the Assessment Tools committee meeting for the DJJ/DCFS merger.
- On August 3, staff attended and provided technical assistance to the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board subcommittee meeting on Site Selection.
- On August 3, staff met with Will County probation department staff to continue discussing the data collection process for the River Valley Juvenile Detention Center Mental Health Program Evaluation.
- On August 9, staff attended a teleconference meeting to propose expansions to CLARIS to connect the system to a software tracking system used by ISP to generate leads regarding meth lab activity.
- Staff attended the Authority's Legislation and Regulations Committee meeting on August 9 to prepare for a possible role in preparing future legislative analyses.
- Staff met with the Federal and State Grants Unit staff on August 12 to review the role of the upcoming Criminal Justice Planning Summit in impacting future program funding priorities.

## **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](http://www.icjia.il.state.us) .

### **Information Requests**

Many requests continue to come from government agencies (21 percent) and private citizens (56 percent). Other requests come from private agencies, researchers, students, news media representatives, legislators and prison inmates. Fifteen percent of the requests originate in the

Chicago metropolitan area, and another 35 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 (*Appendix B*).

New Publications

R&A published two research reports and two fact sheet during the period May 1 through July 31, 2010. The titles are listed in Appendix A.

Website

The volume of web users has remained at high levels. Using a new website analytics tool (Google Analytics), it was determined that the website had 8,408 new visitors, and that all new and returning visitors viewed 22,156 pages of content on the site (*Appendix C*). The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents.

The following Table shows the publications that were downloaded most often from the Authority’s website from February 2010 through April 2010.

**Table 1  
Top Downloaded Publications  
May 2010 through July 2010**

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Total Downloaded</b>
Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data 2007 Annual Report (December, 2009)	10,075
Mental health screening and assessment in the Illinois juvenile justice system (March, 2010)	8,024
An Evaluation of the Moral Reconciliation Therapy of the Franklin/Jefferson County Evening Reporting Center Program (April 2005)	5,797
Implementing Restorative Justice: A Guide for Schools (October 2009)	4,883
The commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in Illinois (January, 2008)	2,903
Trends & Issues 2008 Chapter – Juvenile justice (May 2008)	2,497
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Annual Report FY 2008 (March, 2009)	2,457
Issues in Illinois College Campus Safety: History and Development of Campus Safety Planning (March, 2010)	2,381
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile Court (March 2010)	1,551
Juvenile Justice System and Risk Factor Data: 2007 Annual Report Appendix H: Data Tables (December, 2009)	1,385
Implementing restorative justice: A guide of juvenile probation (May, 2006)	1,314
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile corrections (June,	1,256

2010)	
Examining At-Risk and Delinquent Girls in Illinois (June 2009)	1,215
GET THE FACTS: Juvenile sentencing (June, 2010)	1,124

*Acquiring/updating/documenting dataset holdings*

During the last quarter, staff continued to inventory and update core datasets data on all criminal justice and risk factor topics. Staff also began work on a comprehensive inventory and examination of sources of drug statistics and information, at the state, national, and international levels. This will result in several publications, including a *Trends & Issues Update*, and a report on drug data availability from various perspectives, spanning from surveys of drug usage in the general population to federal prosecution in Illinois of high level drug traffickers. Gaps in knowledge will be highlighted, to inform future funding for data collection systems. Staff is also working with research staff within the Illinois Department of Corrections to document updated juvenile and adult admissions, release and parole data that were received earlier this year.

**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, JABG, MVTPC, and MEG/TF funds. In addition, R&A staff assumes responsibility for the computerization of some program performance for many grants.

During the last quarter, staff assisted extensively on the development of materials for the Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee meeting being held August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. This involved data analysis related to both the S.T.O.P VAWA and VOCA grant programs. Activities included:

- Pulling crime data to determine trends/location/severity of violent crime in Illinois (focus on domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and violent crime)
- Determining the location of service providers statewide which, in conjunction with the crime data, helps determine needs and gaps in services.

- Analyzing program data to show who VOCA/VAWA programs serve and the services they receive.
- Comparing funding trends with crime trends to determine gaps and the need for services statewide.
- Preparing presentations for the 2-day meetings.

#### **D. Technical Assistance**

- On June 17-18, staff provided 100 CDs with information/data on disproportionate minority contact for a DMC/Models for Change conference held in Oak Brook, Illinois.
- As planning an implementation for Adult Redeploy Illinois sites have progressed, staff have provided technical support to participating counties to assist with target population identification.
- Staff continues to analyze and provide data to various State juvenile justice initiatives.
- Staff participated in extensive technical assistance to the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board and staff of IDOC, DHS, and Metropolis 2020 regarding implementation issues with this new program to be initiated as part of the Crime Reduction Act of 2009.
- Staff provided research support for the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.
- Staff released a CLARIS update that allows the tracking of ISP use of NPLEX (meth purchase tracking software) in their meth lab reduction efforts. The release also makes some technical changes to the method of reporting incidents to EPIC. Another release is in progress to make repository lab bust entry easier for the officers.

#### **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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Those killed by any use of force by law enforcement officers prior to booking

- People who died at a crime/arrest scene or medical facility prior to booking.
- Deaths occurring in transit to or from law enforcement facilities.
- Deaths of those confined in lockups or booking centers (facilities from which arrestees are usually transferred within 72 hours and not held beyond arraignment).

Cases occurring in 2010 are in the process of being identified and assessed for eligibility, which will continue throughout the year. Forms for the first six months of 2010 will be sent to law enforcement agencies in August. Completed 2009 records have been sent to BJS, and BJS has officially closed all cases in Illinois for 2007 and 2008. 2010 records are being collected throughout the year. BJS utilizes the data to produce reports of arrest fatalities in the United States, with updates planned as states submit data. The last report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2006, was released in July 2009.

As part of the SJS grant received from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, a new DICRA web page was designed to facilitate reporting from law enforcement agencies. A permanent graphical link has been added to the ICJIA homepage sidebar that allows users easier access to a new web page regarding how to report a death that would be eligible for reporting. The page consists of three main sections (general information, information for law enforcement agencies, information for coroners/medical examiners) that each contain more detailed information. Forms provided by the Department of Justice are available for users to fill out and return to the Authority. The website can be accessed here: [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us). A short survey targeting coroners and their knowledge and willingness to participate in the reporting process is being developed for deployment in September.

## **F. Web-based applications**

### **1. Nefsis Video Conferencing**

Nefsis is an internet based video conferencing service that is used to create information and general presentations, online training materials, web conferencing, learning modules, and user desktop sharing applications.

Staff is currently developing other INFONET User Training using this software.

Staff is currently developing other Research and Analysis Unit and other agency on-line applications.

### **2. SurveyGizmo**

SurveyGizmo is an online survey software solution that provides a variety of features to help in conducting a multitude of tasks including advanced market research, quick polling and quizzing, embedding forms into websites.

### **3. Website Enhancements**

Staff is currently working on updating various sections and pages of the ICJIA Public Website.

Staff has created and launched the *Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative Summit Website*. This website provides details about the ICJIA September 22-23, 2010 Summit an invitation-only, two-day summit in Schiller Park, IL to share local-level strategies with justice and human services professionals for possible replication in Illinois jurisdictions and to identify strategies to inform ICJIAs research, policy, and funding agenda. Visit the Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction Initiative website <http://www.icjia.org/strategy2010>.

Staff also created and launched the following interactive data website, *Overview Achieving Maximum Impact: County Prevalence of Justice and Health and Human Services Involvement* for the *Smarter Solutions for Crime Reduction: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Strategic Planning Initiative Summit* website.

The Authority recognizes that the drain on resources is experienced most heavily on counties, and maximum impact across the State can only be achieved by addressing local health and justice challenges. To this end, the Authority identified the top quarter (27 counties) of counties with the highest "prevalence" of justice and health and human services involvement. Using available data, the Authority examined nine core indicators in each of the 102 Illinois counties, including:

- Violent Crime Offenses
- Property Crime Offenses
- Drug Crime Arrests
- Percent Indicating Poor Health
- Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health State Hospital Admissions for "Unfit to Stand Trial"
- Domestic Crime Offenses
- Felony Crime Filing
- Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions
- Illinois Department of Corrections Court Commitments

Based on an aggregate score of all nine indicators, twenty-seven counties emerged as being most impacted by crime and related health and human services involvement. View full table for all 27 High Impact Counties and Statewide county comparisons visit the following website at: <http://www.icjia.org/public/strategy2010/countymap.cfm>

Staff has created and launched the *Adult Redeployed Illinois Website*. The purpose of the Adult Redeploy website is to provide applicants preparing an Adult Redeploy Illinois Local Plan access to county-level criminal justice data relevant to their planning process. A county profile of demographic factors, criminal justice system indicators, and information on program eligible populations. Staff also created an easy access to county-level data elements that will be useful for preparing the Standard Plan for the Adult Redeploy Illinois Program. There is an interactive County map that displays data which includes county demographics, criminal justice system indicators, and a detailed breakdown of Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) admissions information for suggested "program eligible" individuals, as interpreted by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. It should be noted that these data are provided for planning

purposes only. Visit the Adult Redeployed Illinois data website at: website  
<http://www.icjia.org/redeploy>

Staff has created and launched the *Sentencing Policy Advisory Council Website*. The Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC), created by Illinois Public Act 96-0711, draws on criminal justice information collected by other agencies to explore sentencing issues and practices and how they impact the criminal justice system as a whole. SPAC is charged with objectively informing sentencing and corrections policy decisions. To perform this function, the SPAC is responsible for collecting and analyzing data, conducting correctional population projections based on simulation models, and producing fiscal impact statements for the legislature. In addition, SPAC is charged with ensuring that effective evidence-based practices are used in policy decisions and within the criminal justice system. SPAC will report in writing annually to the General Assembly, the Governor and the Supreme Court. Visit the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council website at <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=spac>.

Staff has created and launched the *College Campus Safety Resource Center Website*. The purpose of this website is to showcase the availability of the first in a series of reports on college crime and safety issues, *Issues in Illinois College Campus Safety: History and Development of Campus Safety Planning*. Other reports on the topic of college crime and safety issues are also highlighted. Visit the College Campus Safety Resource website at <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metaSection=Publications&metapage=campuscrimehome>.

Staff is currently developing the *Illinois Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Website*. The Illinois Statistical Analysis Center will serve as criminal justice data collection and analysis center for the Research and Analysis Unit the research arm of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). The website is currently under development/construction at <http://www.icjia.org/sac>.

Staff has also created and launched the *Illinois County Queries Website*. The Illinois County Queries Data Center is an interactive enabled website clearinghouse of criminal justice statistics about Illinois counties. These statistics can be used to go research broad issues facing the criminal justice system or to simply examine crime problems in the 102 county regional areas of Illinois. This webpage will be an upgrade to the CJ DataNet and will be the part of the Illinois Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Website. Visit the website at: [http://www.icjia.org/public/sac/cq\\_test2.cfm](http://www.icjia.org/public/sac/cq_test2.cfm)

Staff is currently developing a new redesign of the Illinois Integrated Justice Information System (IIJIS) Website to enhance web access to further the mission of the IIJIS Implementation Board. IIJIS is an intergovernmental effort dedicated to improving the administration of justice in Illinois by facilitating the electronic sharing of justice information throughout the state. It is a collaborative effort charged with enhancing public safety by making complete, accurate, and timely offender-based information available to all justice decision makers.

Staff also will be developing a new redesign of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority main public website and associate websites (Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council website, and InFoNet website)

## **G. Authority's Institutional Review Board (IRB)**

Staff have been working during the last quarter to review and revise the current forms used for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for research involving human subjects. The purpose of these revisions and modifications is to provide a clearer and more streamlined process for IRB review. The proposed revised forms include the initial IRB application and renewal application. A new form for amendments also was created. A subcommittee of the IRB members has been created to review and provide feedback on the proposed revisions. The forms will be presented to IRB members for their approval on August 25, 2010.

## **IV. GRANT PROPOSALS**

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities:

- A proposal to BJS regarding an SJS grant to further enhance the Authority's website, in the amount of \$68,000, was submitted in March.
- Staff submitted a research proposal on recidivism for juveniles admitted to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to the American Statistical Association/Bureau of Justice Statistics Small Grants program. Staff received notification in April that funding was awarded, with a start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff submitted a proposal to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice in response to an RFP from the Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program. Staff worked with the Cook County Juvenile Division of Probation and Court Services to develop the application. The proposed study would be conducted over the course of two years and would evaluate the effectiveness of Evening Reporting Centers, a community-based alternative to detention, in terms of violations or new offenses while awaiting disposition on a warrant or probation violation. The proposal requested \$193,462 over a two-year period. Funding determinations will be made in September, 2010.

## **V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

- Staff attended free on-line training sessions to learn ARC-GIS software for the creation of statistical maps.
- Staff conducted an in-house training on the statistical technique of Markov processing and formalized declarations of isomorphism.

## **VI. 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. During the last quarter, Intern Ronald Farag, an undergraduate in the criminal justice program at Loyola University, assisted the unit in many data entry and report writing projects, including the River Valley Juvenile Detention Evaluation project, CLARIS technical assistance, preparing evidence-based practices reports for the Summit, and authoring a “Get the Fact” factsheet on the adult arrest process.

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**Appendix A – Most recent publications**

**RESEARCH REPORTS**

**Research Report: Student Perceptions of Campus Safety Initiatives: Assessing Views of Critical Incident Prevention & Response (June 2010)**

**Research Report: Short-Term Impact Evaluation of the Lake County Adult Probation Women's Specialized Services Program (May 2010)**

**GET THE FACTS**

**Juvenile corrections and parole (June 2010)**

**Juvenile sentencing (June 2010)**

**Appendix B – Information Request Handling Statistics**

**April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REQUESTS/Pct</b>
<b>Number of information requests handled:</b>	63
<b>Monthly average number of requests:</b>	21
<b>Geographic origin of requesters:</b>	
Chicago metropolitan area	15%
Other region of Illinois	35%
U.S. other than Illinois	10%
Outside the U.S.	3%
Unknown	35%
<b>Type of requester:</b>	
Government agency	21%
Private agency	8%
Researcher	0%
Student	11%
Citizen	56%
Media	0%
Legislators	2%
Inmates	2%
<b>Method of request:</b>	
Telephone/fax	42%
Mail	2%
Email/Internet	0%
In-person	0%
ICJIA Website	56%

**Appendix C**  
[www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us)  
**January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010**  
**Google Analytics**

<b>Months</b>	<b>Visitors</b>			<b>Page Views</b>			
	<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>New Visitors</b>	<b>Returning Visitors</b>	<b>All Visit Page Views</b>	<b>Page Views New Visits</b>	<b>Page Views Return Visits</b>	<b>Average Page Views</b>
Jan-10	10,620	8,673	1,947	22,668	17,746	4,922	2.13
Feb-10	11,063	8,996	2,067	23,872	18,402	5,470	2.16
Mar-10	12,488	10,092	2,356	26,358	20,378	5,980	2.12
Apr-10	10,577	8,622	1,935	22,576	17,467	5,109	2.03
May-10	9,111	7,546	1,565	19,194	15,002	4,192	2.11
Jun-10	9,096	7,295	1,082	19,201	14,952	4,613	2.11
Jul-10	9,741	7,635	2,106	21,226	15,599	5,627	2.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,696</b>	<b>58,859</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>155,095</b>	<b>119,546</b>	<b>35,913</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGE</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>8,408</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>22,156</b>	<b>17,078</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>2.12</b>