

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

December 2, 2005
120 S. Riverside Plaza, 21st Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Sorosky convened the regular meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and asked Lori Levin, the Authority's Director, to call the roll.

In addition to the Chairman, other Authority members in attendance were:

Chief David Bradford
Cook County Circuit Court Clerk, Dorothy Brown
Macon County Sheriff Jerry Dawson
Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine
Ms. Barbara Engel
State Appellate Defender Theodore Gottfried
Mr. Thomas Jurkaknin
Attorney General Designee Ellen Mandeltort
State's Attorney William Mudge
Mr. Eugene Murphy
Mr. John Piland
Cook County Board President John Stroger
Mr. John Toscas

Approval of the Minutes of the September 3, 2005 Authority Meeting

{Chairman Sorosky made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 3, 2005. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Sorosky welcomed everyone to the final Authority meeting of 2005 and thanked Mr. Murphy for progress on budgetary matters. Chairman Sorosky called on Director Levin to report.

Executive Director's Report

Director Levin noted Ethics statements were due from Authority members by December 9, 2005. Director Levin introduced Adrienne Fredrick as a new addition to the Public Information Office. Director Levin noted that Associate Director Mary Milano has left the Authority to become the Executive Director of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. She also stated that General Counsel Robert Boehmer has left the Authority to work at the University of Illinois. Other staff changes have also been made. Jennifer Vesley has left her position as VOCCA supervisor to join the Office of the General Counsel. The Director commended John Chojnacki and Ronnie Reichgelt for ensuring the smooth running of the grants unit in the midst of these personnel changes. Director Levin also commended Jennifer Hiselman for her work in the research and analysis unit and for her willingness to undertake a temporary assignment to Infonet where she has had experience.

Director Levin also noted with sadness the passing of Chief Clauser of the IPSAN Board and the Authority approved expressing its sympathy to the family by a condolence letter.

Director Levin reported that the advisory board of ALERTS, ALECS, PIMS and PIMSnet did not submit their bill during last session, as there apparently is some concern as to the precise nature of the IPSAN GROUP's tax-exempt status. Director Levin noted that similar legislation would be introduced next spring as an initiative of the ALERTS

users. Director Levin noted that the Authority would continue to operate the system unless and until the legislation is passed. Ms. Levin also stated that the budget committee passed a rate increase which will go into effect in the billing in April. Director Levin also stated the Authority would maintain the systems as if the ownership will remain with the Authority but is prepared to cooperate in the event that legislation transfers the system to the users group.

Director Levin spoke of the last IIJIS board meeting at which she was elected chair for another two years. Director Levin noted the IIJIS board was missing a chief; and that the board has reached out to Jack Pecoraro in that regard. The Director also referred to an earlier presentation regarding disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system, and pointed to the fact that this has been an issue in which the Authority has been in the forefront.

Director Levin directed the board's attention to a research summary prepared by Jan Cicholwas of our recent publications on elder abuse, child's risk of homicide, executive trends in Illinois and research on methamphetamine.

Director Levin also spoke about a criminal justice needs assessment survey that is being sent on behalf of the Authority to court clerks, chief judges, state's attorneys, public defenders, probation departments, police chiefs and victim-services providers. The Authority will be looking at further research in the area and will be presenting those matters to the research and budget committees.

The Director also noted that she had been drafted to work on the revision of a domestic violence protocol for victim-service providers, law enforcement personnel and prosecutors and that Bridget Healy Ryan had graciously agreed to work on it with her. Because of her many obligations, Director Levin also brought in a project manager to assist in the task.

Budget Committee Report

The Director noted that a summary of budget committee meetings had been provided the authority members for the meeting.

Associate Director Miller presented the Authority's financial status for end fiscal year 05 and beginning year 06. Mr. Miller presented a short summary of the mailing previously sent to Authority members.

Deployment Operations Center

Mr. a made a presentation, including the use of a PowerPoint presentation (attached) outlining the operation of the Chicago Police Department's Deployment Operations Center, a unit which provides direction to the police department in allocating its resources. Among the initiatives instituted was coordinating the use of intelligence not just to help solve crimes after they had occurred, but to use intelligence to prevent or reduce crimes. Among the examples he used were situations in which street level officers were able to supply information regarding gang activity, retaliatory shootings and drug sales. Because of that information, the department was able to do saturation patrolling which, in instances confirmed by wiretap information shared by federal authorities, confirmed that the strategy had succeeded in having the gang's call off planned crimes. The Deployment Operations Center was also able to shift resources from organized crime investigations to gang crime investigations, a much more immediate source of violent crimes and narcotics offenses. Mr. Caluris noted that other major urban departments from across the country had begun to contact the CPD unit for assistance and advice in setting up their own versions of the Deployment Operations Center.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Cutrone
General Counsel