In early February, the ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY hosted the Data Exchange & Information Sharing Standards & Models FORUM.

- More than 200 technologists & government policy makers representing local, state, and federal agencies attended this forum to learn about some of the nation's most proven or promising integrated justice projects.

The PROJECTS that were highlighted at this forum included:

- **The Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Business First Approach to Information Sharing:**
    - This presentation highlighted Indiana's development of a state-wide data sharing strategic plan and the deployment of a proof of concept technology solution that included the participation & consensus among 21 criminal justice organizations.

- **The Florida State Courts Judicial Inquiry System** – an enterprise approach that allows the State Courts and other criminal justice entities a single-point access to a streamlined dashboard to query numerous data sources.

- **The Iowa Criminal Justice Information Sharing Project** – recognized as one of the most comprehensive statewide integrated systems in the nation.

    AND

- **The New York State Integrated Justice Portal (NYSPIN) –** also recognized as one of the most comprehensive and leading implementations in law enforcement critical information sharing system.

The common lessons learned from these projects were clear:

1. Successful integration must focus on using Global Reference Architecture, *(Service Oriented Architecture tailored to meet specific criminal justice needs)*

2. Successful integration must focus on using the National Information Exchange Model *(A consistent starting point which includes governance, training, tools, and tech support for adopting a standards based approach to data exchange)*

3. Successful integration must have strong leadership that can provide THE platform for collaboration amongst all stakeholders.

Upon conclusion of the Forum, ICJIA sought participant feedback through various channels. Specifically, we attempted to gauge whether local and state government agencies were prepared to create a local or statewide information sharing environment. We also sought to capture feedback on what challenges or barriers were keeping policy makers from moving forward.

OVERWHELMINGLY – particularly, at the County level, our respondents reported that although they lacked the requirements in their existing technologies, they were ready to engage at the policy level.

Participants also reported that the barriers to creating a statewide information sharing environment were funding & a void in establishing a single-point of leadership.

ICJIA was not surprised by these findings.

At the time of the forum, we had already been working directly with the State CIO to craft an Executive Order that would create the Data Exchange Coordinating Council…

- This Council will be group comprised of the state's criminal justice agencies with the collaboration of the Administrative Office of Courts & Chief Justice; as well as other criminal justice stakeholders representing local governments, associations and universities.

    - The main purpose of this Council would be to establish a governance structure to guide the design, development, and implementation of a statewide-integrated criminal justice system that would enable automated information sharing in a common format between state, local and federal criminal justice agencies.

Since learning of the Forum participants' feedback, ICJIA has been working expeditiously and persistently to gain support for the Executive Order from the Governor's office.

- In the meantime, we are witnessing local governments becoming impatient after having been energized from the Models presented at the Forum. These governments continue to work independently – duplicating resources to create one-off systems.

    - In short, as we wait, the silo'd approach continues to occur in Illinois.

ICJIA, by statute, is responsible for developing and operating comprehensive information systems for the coordination of all aspects of law enforcement, prosecution and correction. Working within our legislated responsibilities, we are prepared and capable of leading and providing the platform for the creation of as statewide information sharing environment.

- However, we cannot fulfill our potential without becoming a top-priority in JAG Funding.

I think all of us here know that data exchange is of great importance in Illinois. I will not use this time to tell you why. I know you all recognize the many ways in which integrated justice can create efficiencies and returns on investment.

Instead, I would like to tell you why the ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY is prepared to lead this effort.

Over the past two years, ICJIA has dedicated resources to fostering partnerships with the nation's leaders in integrated justice. We have engaged with the

- Global Advisory Committee, the IJIS Institute, the National Criminal Justice Association, SEARCH, the National Association of Justice Information Systems, and the Office of National Intelligence, PM-ISE.

We have been committed to promulgate their initiatives and fundamentals – all of which focus on GRA, NIEM, and the Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management – GFIPM. In doing so, we have developed a network of experts, leaders, and skills-set in the field of integrated justice that far exceeds Illinois' internal capacity.

SO…HOW HAVE WE CAPITALIZED ON OUR NETWORK?

In short, we have used our funding power to encourage the acceptance and use of their guidance and standards. *SOME EXAMPLES*:

- Last year, we provided funding to the 2nd Judicial Circuit for the purpose of developing a 12 county records management & case tracking system for adult probation. This system is called JWATCH and it will be using Global Reference Architecture & NIEM.

- Recently, we provided funding to the City of Rockford for the purpose of collaborating with the Department of Corrections, Rockford Police Department, the Rockford Department of Human Services, and various Winnebago County Service Providers to develop a GRA & NIEM focused data exchange system that will help guide parolees into needed areas of services and support before they reenter the community.

- We are also providing funding to Kane County & the Elgin Police Department to further develop an enterprise solution that will engage a minimum of 16 local law enforcement agencies using GRA & NIEM.

- Currently, we are providing the leadership, platform and funding to assist the DuPage County Criminal Justice System in developing a countywide integrated justice system that will bring together approximately 32 law enforcement agencies, the Sheriff's Office, the Clerk of the Court, the State's Attorney's Office, Parole and various other stakeholders.

  o Together, we are developing a Records Management System & Computer Aided Dispatch System that will eventually push & pull data along the DuPage County Criminal Justice continuum.

    ▪ We have enlisted our national partners to provided DuPage County with the guidance and confidence necessary to see this project through. AND, once again, we are ensuring the use of GRA & NIEM.

- Finally……we are currently partnered with our national network to develop a GRA & NIEM integrated system for the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force – which is led by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. This system will integrate the collection of criminal intelligence amongst 140 private corporations and more than 100 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

I tell you of this work because we believe that it is significant in the fact that we are setting the stage to eventually plug-in these pieces into the statewide information sharing environment which we seek to create.

- On August 12th, along with the IJIS Institute, we will begin the necessary assessment of current systems, policies, and procedures – *STATEWIDE* – to provide guidance on the development of the strategic plan.

    - We are confident that these efforts will lead to the most effective governance structure and to help determine the most cost effective approach to creating a statewide information sharing environment.

Also of great significance, is that these efforts support the fact that we are a solid bet for the overall use of JAG funding. We are creating real and measurable outcomes that will benefit multi-jurisdictions across multiple disciples.

Many of you might think that the vision of creating the infrastructure and exchanges necessary for a statewide information sharing environment is an ambitious, if not unachievable goal.

- We believe that it is a very realistic goal and we point to – as evidence – those states that have and continue to achieve this desired environment.

TECHNOLOGY IS A FORCE MULTIPLIER! You all know this to be true from within your agencies and associations. We are confident that we can to take it a step farther by making it a force multiplier for the entire criminal justice system.
At the February forum, the Project Manager for the Office of National Intelligence, Information Sharing Environment, issued a challenge to the state of Illinois.

- Specifically, the challenge was for Illinois to enter into a Race to the Top for creating the described environment.

    - Accepting this challenge would be important….as it could most likely put Illinois in a position to secure additional federal resources.

We would like to formally accept this challenge; *however*………..this opportunity WILL pass unfulfilled unless those of you in this room affirm integrated justice as a top funding priority.

Once you do, we will accept the challenge that was posed to us…after which I will guarantee 2 things:

1) That our opportunities and resources to further these efforts will increase tenfold; and,
2) Together, we will re-establish the Illinois Criminal Justice System as a national leader in data exchange.

QUESTIONS?