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Regular Authority Meeting
Friday, September 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
120 South Riverside Plaza
Chicago

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 1, 2007 Regular Meeting
- Chairman's Remarks
- 2. Executive Director's Remarks
- 3. Budget Committee Report (*Eugene E. Murphy Jr. Chair*)
 - a. Report on the June 19, 2007 and August 28, 2007 Budget Committee Meetings
 - b. Fiscal Report
- Update and Evaluation on Sheridan Correctional Center (*Dave Olson*)
- Adjourn

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

**June 1, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
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 Jack Cutrone, the Authority's General Counsel, to call the roll.

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

Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Ms. Barbara Engel
Director Theodore A. Gottfried, State Appellate Defender
Hon. Becky Jansen, Circuit Clerk of Effingham County
Director Thomas J. Jurkanin, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
Ellen Mandeltort, Attorney General Designee
State's Attorney William A. Mudge
Mr. Eugene E. Murphy, Jr.
Ms. Maryana Spyropoulos
Mr. John Z. Toscas

Approval of the Minutes of the March 2, 2007 Authority Meeting

{Mr. Toscas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 2, 2007. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Executive Director's Report

Director Levin introduced two new ICJIA staff members. She noted that the first, Mark Myrent, was selected as Associate Director for the Research and Development unit, after being in charge of research at Cook County Juvenile Court. Director Levin explained that Mr. Myrent was probably known to some Board Members because he had been with the Authority previously as head of the IJIS project and also had worked in the research and analysis unit. Next, the Director presented Harriet Wilson Ellis as her new assistant. She mentioned that Ms. Ellis' background included working for the American Bar Association, the Legal Services Corporation with Hillary Rodham Clinton before Ms. Clinton was Senator, and most recently, for former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow. She welcomed both Mr. Myrent and Ms. Ellis.

The Director next reported that at the last staff quarterly meeting, the “Employees of the Quarter” for April, May and June, 2007 were announced and included the following: Steve Bernstein and Marilyn Mazewski for their work to assure that the Department of Corrections’ VOI/TIS money is allocated and spent by the deadline; Ding Hai Liu and Ernst Melchior for their activities in developing the Clandestine Laboratory Reporting Information System (CLARIS) methamphetamine database; and Christopher Schweda and Wanda Painter for their efforts to facilitate the transitioning of IPSAN from the Authority.

She then stated that staff levels are still somewhat of a concern, particularly in the research unit as well as in the grant unit. She noted that an RFP for the investigator initiative research was released this week, and that an evaluation of the Redeploy Illinois site is underway, with a presentation that will be made at the meeting.

She added that an analysis of crime victimization data and violent crime victims’ gender is available on the ICJIA website.

The Director then highlighted the Authority’s work related to human trafficking on a number of different levels. She mentioned that on September 18, the Department of Justice OJJDP awarded a grant to the Authority to conduct research on the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth to gain a better understanding of that issue, with the final report anticipated to be completed this September.

Another related activity she cited was meeting with the Department of Human Services for the Governor’s initiative on human trafficking. The Authority will be heading the data collection and research through the efforts of Associate Director Mark Myrent. She also reported that the Authority will collaborate on a human trafficking research project with DePaul Law School, conducting data entry and analysis on human sex trafficking, with the data to be collected this summer and entered and analyzed late summer or early fall.

She then turned to federal funding mentioning that the Chair sent letters to the congressional delegation, with Board members receiving sample letters. The Director recounted her trip to Washington, D.C., meeting with staff of most of the delegation. She reported that they were very receptive with respect to JAG and victims’ issues, adding that four years of such visits had a positive effect with staffers.

She outlined allocations that the Authority received for JAG and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program. She said that there was good and bad news with respect to JAG, reporting that it was at approximately \$12.4 million, an amount higher than last year’s \$8.5 million, but a decrease from previous years of \$20 million and \$14.5 million. She added that while it is an increase it is not as much as anticipated because the Department of Justice took additional allocations from the total.

The Director then reported that the Authority’s Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant is down \$10,000. She added that this week the Senate in a voice vote authorized Byrne JAG through 2012 with the full authorization being \$1.1 billion. She pointed out that does not mean they are actually going to fund it at that point, but it is still authorized at that amount.

She stated that Senator Durbin and his office were leading the campaign to get the funding at that level, which, if successful, would result in being able to fully fund everything the Authority had done in the past.

She related that subsequent to being in D.C., it was learned that the VOCA fund balance which is comprised of fines on federal criminal defendants for victims is \$1.6 million less than last year's VOCA award. Although she said that the VOCA issue would be postponed until the budget committee meeting, she wanted to say that staff is preparing a recommendation to put the ICJIA's VOCA funded projects as well as the Cook County State's Attorney's VOCA funded projects on JAG for at least one year because of having more JAG money and being able to use victim projects for governmental bodies for one year only. She added that if there needs to be more match, there was enough overmatch to cover ICJIA and the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

She reported additionally that the Ad Hoc Victims' Committee will meet this summer to discuss cuts if the funding level is the same next year and what the goal should be. She said that she would like to postpone that discussion, but she wanted the Board to know that there is a problem, but also a temporary solution.

Director Levin then discussed the IJIS Summit to be held in Springfield on June 25. She said that Clerk Brown not only is Vice Chair of the IJIS Board, but also the head of the Summit Planning Outreach Committee. She thanked Clerk Brown and asked her if she wanted to add anything else about the Summit.

Clerk Brown said that she wanted to thank Herbert Johnson, Nicole Sims, and Rosalie Castillo for their hard work, as well as the entire staff and Outreach Committee, and was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summit on June 25.

Next, Director Levin referred to the technical progress report on ALERTS and IPSAN that was handed out. She said that the full transition plan was sent to Clerk Brown and would be made available to all Board Members. She thanked Clerk Brown again, reporting that she held an Information Systems Committee meeting on April 19, and that progress was being made with the physical transition but not with the financial situation. She said that IPSAN as of June 1, owes the Authority \$185,982.94 for rent. The only item they paid was approximately \$3,000 for one billing. She added that the Authority is not now charging IPSAN for billing to try to assure that they remain viable, but that the Authority is getting notices and a third final notice from CMS, with the close of the budget year imminent.

She stated that in the third notice the Authority was told that it will be reported to the Auditor General so the Authority paid the oldest bills, depleting IPSAN's bank account and adding some general revenue so that the oldest bills could be paid. The Director reported that the Authority is in discussions with the Governor's office. There will be some collection efforts in the near future. Any action taken would be made known to the Board.

Before calling on General Counsel Jack Cutrone to discuss the Authority's pending legislation, which includes two pieces that passed and one that could affect the Authority,

Director Levin announced that the Authority was piloting a four-day work week for its employees. Mr. Cutrone then reported that the pieces of legislation the Authority introduced covered one to extend the sunset of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, which otherwise would be expiring this coming January 1. He said that a draft bill to extend the expiration date for four years to January 1, 2012 was prepared. Sponsors were obtained in both houses, and that it passed both houses, and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

The other bill he mentioned was one to correct or to make some amendments to a bill that was passed last year separating sex offender registration from registration for people who have committed violent crimes against children. He explained that the problem arose because the federal Wetterling Act requires recidivists to register for life. Thus, if after having been convicted of a sex offense which requires registration or a crime against a child which requires registration, the individual is later again convicted of either such a sex offense or such a crime against children, the lifetime registration requirement is triggered.

In enacting last year's legislation, the legislature did not require lifetime registration where a person is convicted of a crime against children after previously been convicted of either a sex offense or a crime against children. By not requiring registration in that situation, Illinois was in danger of losing millions of dollars in federal grant funds. The Authority sponsored legislation which corrected that problem and required recidivists to register for life. The legislation passed both houses and was sent to the Governor for signature.

He mentioned that the third piece of legislation, which could affect the Authority, was introduced by the Capital Punishment Reform Study Commission to address some difficulty the Commission has experienced in obtaining records relating to the prosecution of capital cases in Illinois. He said that the Commission introduced an amendment to an existing bill that would vest in the Criminal Justice Information Authority the power and the duty to act as a repository for all records and information relating to all capital cases throughout Illinois.

Mr. Cutrone additionally said that the bill further requires various state and local agencies to turn over information to the Authority on request. He explained that part of the impetus for the bill is that there is no such repository currently existing in the state and therefore when either the Commission or other researchers would attempt to research the capital punishment process in Illinois, they were stymied. He said that the bill with the amendment is currently awaiting second reading in the House and, assuming it gets through the House, will then go to the Senate.

Director Levin thanked Mr. Cutrone and said that before she continued with a few more items, Clerk Brown wanted to comment about IPSAN and ALERTS. Chairman Sorosky then called upon Clerk Brown, who thanked IPSAN, the Authority staff, the Controller, the Information Systems Acting Director, and all the individuals who compiled information and attended the Information Systems Committee meeting. She added that she thought everyone worked through some misunderstandings, and some miscommunications, especially as to the financial issues.

Director Levin once more conveyed the staff's appreciation to Clerk Brown for everything she did with respect to arranging the Information Systems Committee meeting. She echoed Clerk Brown's sentiments about the meeting's importance in clarifying the issues surrounding IPSAN and said that not only was the current Authority Acting CFO present but the past CFO, Ted Miller, to explain historically what had transpired. She complimented the Clerk for her efforts and thanked her for her original motion and suggestion for holding the meeting.

Director Levin said that following up on an earlier reference to the Authority's moving that Clerk Brown made, there still is no exact information as to the location and date, but when those facts become available they will be made known.

She then noted that the Authority will be meeting about shared services and at this point was not sure how it would impact ICJIA.

In concluding her report, the Director encouraged everyone to attend the IJIS Summit in Springfield. She said that Clerk Brown and her Committee arranged a great program, different than last time, with break-out sessions dealing with planning, technical, and performance measures.

Chairman Sorosky thanked Director Levin for her report and said that there were two budgetary matters to discuss. Before moving on, Ms. Barbara Engel inquired about the Director's earlier reference to the Authority's piloting a four-day work week. Director Levin responded that the union had asked the Authority to explore whether some staff could be on such a plan. Director Levin then asked Mr. Cutrone to discuss the pilot and how many people would be involved.

Mr. Cutrone said that in a prior supplemental agreement with AFSCME, the Authority agreed to negotiate toward a four-day work week. He said that he, along with Human Resources Associate Director Brian Brosnan and Associate Director for Federal and State Grants John Chonacki had met with union members and officials to negotiate a pilot program which will operate for around four to six months. He explained that a certain number of individuals from some units could apply based on their seniority. He added that the actual program would involve working either Monday through Thursday or Tuesday through Friday, with nine and a half hours the first, second and third day and nine hours on the fourth day.

He reiterated that the program was a trial. In response to a question by Mr. Toscas about the 37-1/2 hours employees would work on the four-day schedule, Mr. Cutrone said the Authority's normal work week is the same number of hours .

Chairman Sorosky asked if there are any specific areas where the program would start. Mr. Cutrone said that there would be limited units, believing that it would not be appropriate to extend a four-day work week to certain areas because, as a customer service agency, it was necessary to have them fully-staffed five days a week. He gave the General Counsel's office as an example, saying that if a problem arose with a grant application, which frequently happens Fridays at 4:30 p.m., someone needs to be available to provide appropriate legal

answers. Director Jurkanin added that there are other state agencies including CMS that have implemented such a program and that it seems to work well.

Chairman Sorosky inquired if anyone else had any other comments or questions about the four-day work week program, with Clerk Brown asking if it would be ongoing, or just a summer schedule. Mr. Cutrone said the time frame would be six months or until the Authority moves, whichever comes later subject to certain limitations. He added if the program is successful, it will be implemented on a permanent basis.

Clerk Brown asked the reasoning of the employees wanting to adopt a four-day work week. Mr. Cutrone answered that according to the union, a number of Authority employees and those at other agencies said it was periodically necessary to take time off during the week to tend to medical needs of family members or matters relating to their children and older relatives. In short, he said that the employees would be working a full-week but in four days.

Chairman Sorosky asked if an employee would have to show need in order to be the beneficiary of the four-day week or could anyone apply. Mr. Cutrone replied that although the union suggested need be shown, management did not want to be the arbitrator of who had the greatest need, so it opted for entry on the basis of seniority. He said, however, there was an option that if a less senior individual had a compelling need for the four-day work week and could persuade a more senior person who had applied to step aside in their favor, that would be possible.

Chairman Sorosky inquired if there would be less costs to the state if a four-day week were adopted, such as a business closing for one day, and if that question had been discussed. Mr. Cutrone said he was unaware of such a discussion, with Director Levin clarifying that the Authority would still be open five days. In response to Mr. Toscas' asking if the hours of operation would change, Mr. Cutrone said they would remain the normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with time off for lunch.

In a discussion that followed about the four-day week pilot program, it was noted that some employees already are on flex time, whereby they come in early and leave early for such needs as picking up children from day care or school; thus currently every employee is not working from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Cutrone said that those employees who will take part in the pilot program have been given an option to start at 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., or 8:30 a.m., preferably with a half hour for lunch; if they take a longer lunch, they would have to make up the time by staying later. He pointed out that staff would be on-site for all five days of the week during normal office hours, just that some will not be present on Mondays, and some will not be present on Fridays.

He said that the Authority believes it can meet all of its obligations, but if after the test period, it turns out that there are problems, it was made clear to the union that this is only a pilot program and it may have to be terminated.

Mr. Murphy then remarked that the discussion may dovetail into the budget report, finding it inconsistent from the Authority's mantra of trying to do more with less, particularly with

reductions in federal money that the Authority is dispersing to very needy programs. He said he therefore was interested in seeing the results of the pilot because he feels the program is contrary to what everybody has been asked to do to tighten their belts – to do more with less and be a little more personally responsible to make sure that the limited money the Authority has is going where it should be going and is as productive as possible.

Mr. Cutrone responded that the manner in which the agreement is structured will not have any effect on the concept Mr. Murphy was discussing, i.e., people will be working the same number of hours per week and will be accomplishing the same function, whether on a four-day or five-day work week. He said that as anticipated, the program should not have any negative effect on the production of the Authority in any of its units.

Chairman Sorosky then asked if the Board had to approve the pilot program. Director Levin said it did not, that the report was just informational and the Board would be kept apprised of the pilot's performance. Clerk Brown asked how the program's performance would be tracked, if it is working or not. As an example, she asked how a request for information would be handled when the employee to whom it was directed was off, resulting in a delay that could negatively impact the caller.

In response, Mr. Cutrone said that the managers of the various units involved are going to have primary responsibility for determining whether or not the program is having an adverse effect on the Authority's ability to conduct its business. Director Levin added that not everyone is going to be on the four-day work schedule, with a minimum number to start. Responding to Clerk Brown's query, she said that some sort of control would be needed, which would be part of the agreement with the union.

In response to Chairman Sorosky's question as to the percentage of employees who would participate, assuming the pilot is successful, Director Levin indicated there has been no agreement on that issue. Mr. Cutrone added that when it got to that point it would be discussed for negotiation with the union. He further addressed Clerk Brown's example, saying that supervisors are going to be aware of who is participating in the program and will be able to anticipate that type of need, and if something out of the ordinary came up, people on the four-day work week would not mind being contacted.

Chairman Sorosky then asked if the Board was beyond its scope in inquiring into a situation like the pilot program and should its role just be to decide appropriation related matters. He said the Board, for example, would not even consider an issue such as the Director changing the times when employees arrived at work, and while somewhat different, does the Board have authority to suggest that the pilot program not be implemented.

Director Levin said that the Authority always is interested in the Board's oversight because the Board obviously oversees its operations, and that the four-day work week is a pilot to see if it will or will not work. She reiterated that the Authority already has a flex time program, which was encouraged by the state and tracked by CMS, with many employees participating and meeting their obligations as though on regular time. She also reiterated that the pilot,

which was suggested by the union, will be tried for a limited time on a limited basis and that the Board would be kept apprised of how it is working.

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

The Chairman thanked Director Levin for her remarks and called upon Mr. Murphy to discuss the next topic of budgetary matters. Mr. Murphy reported that the Budget Committee has been meeting regularly, dealing much of the time with the issue of less federal funding than initially had been promised or that to which the Authority is accustomed. He announced that the next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for June 19, at 2:00 p.m., and invited everyone to attend or participate by phone, whether a Committee member or not. He said the Authority's mantra of doing more with less and keeping everyone responsible for the money that is coming in and out is working well, and that the frequent meetings are successful in updating everyone as to the flow of funds and will continue on that basis.

Chairman Sorosky reminded everyone that even if a member is not on the Budget Committee, he or she can vote if they attend the meeting, with Director Levin adding that they must be physically present and cannot vote via phone.

Fiscal Report by Acting Chief Financial Officer Fred Trick

Chairman Sorosky then called upon Acting Chief Financial Officer Fred Trick to give a fiscal report. Mr. Trick directed the Board to Exhibits 1 and 2, beginning with general revenue. He explained the reason for being well under the appropriation for personal services was due to some open positions within the Authority, and that until the vacancies are filled, spending would remain slightly less than the appropriation for the remainder of the year.

Moving to the contractual service line appropriation of \$446,000, he said that roughly \$144,000 was currently expended and explained that with the lease payments now being handled through CMS, the Authority will be billed for the April, May and June building lease so that spending should be very close to the appropriation by year end. He further explained that during the year, costs are allocated to the various federal funding sources so that the lease costs are spread out among both the federal funds and the general revenue funds, usually done by head count allocation, and that normally the general revenue money is spent toward the end of the year. Mr. Trick said therefore at the next meeting the \$143,000 will be moving closer to the \$446,000 appropriation as originally approved.

He added that the same holds true for the telecommunications line, now showing only \$8,600 of expenses out of an appropriation of \$45,000, but that when all communications costs are received by the Authority for the next three months, that appropriation will be reached. He added that overall, the general revenue costs will be less than appropriated.

He then moved on to the criminal information systems trust fund which he said is currently no longer part of the Authority's responsibility for expenditures so those costs remain as they were at the last meeting.

Turning to the status of the criminal justice trust fund, he reported that the Authority is spending money according to the time frame, at 73 percent of the appropriation with three quarters already posted into the financial records. He said as April, May, and June, and the Authority's lapse period occurs, the remaining numbers should be close to the \$97 million in terms of federal funding based on all the federal funded programs.

Under the general revenue section for matching, Mr. Trick reported that the Authority was at a little less than its appropriation of \$810,000, but is moving to make sure that by year end matching requirements are met based on all federal funding spent.

He then reported on the juvenile accountability block grant, which he said will be decreased for next year, but added that there is a long way to go for recording expenses for the remaining three months, with only \$4.3 million being spent so far. He said that with the activity in April and May, more expenditures would be realized, in terms of granting funds.

Lastly, Mr. Trick said that there was no new budget to report because of the current situation, but assuming the budget issues will be resolved, there will be one to present at the next meeting.

Chairman Sorosky asked for any questions or comments, with Director Jurkanin inquiring as to whether the Authority was going to be involved in shared services and how that would affect staff. In response, Director Levin stated that she did not know, but that there was a budget and people in the shared services line. However, what was budgeted and what is going to happen are most likely two different things. She said that discussions were underway and that she thought the Governor's office was going to get involved. She added that because most of the Authority staff who would be subjected to shared services, potentially are dealing with federal issues, hopefully it would be a minimal number. Director Levin continued to say that as far as personnel was concerned, the Authority previously had two people in its HR department, now only one, but even in HR, shared services would be leaving one.

She said that some of the functions such as payroll may go to shared services, but that the Authority's HR Associate Director, even under the most dire scenario, would be staying at the Authority. Director Levin said that the second HR position has not been filled, and there was a question whether or not it would be, even though there still was the head count.

Presentation on Redeploy Illinois by Mark Myrent

Chairman Sorosky then turned to the Redeploy Illinois program, initiated by Governor Blagojevich's office to prevent crime and assist young people to turn away from criminal behavior. He said it is an important effort, which has had some success in meeting two important facets: first in promoting public safety and second, if young people can be turned away from crime, the state can realize a tremendous economic savings in terms of the costs of litigation and tragically incarceration.

He introduced Associate Director of the Research and Analysis Unit Mark Myrent and Jessica Ashley of the unit to discuss the program, with Mr. Myrent informing the Board that Ms.

Ashley would not be present. He said historically recidivism has been one of the chief concerns in juvenile corrections, with almost half of the juveniles released from IDOC in the year 2002, returning to some sort of a juvenile correctional facility within three years. He stated that while the new Department of Juvenile Justice is implementing programs to deal with recidivism, the research suggests that at least for nonviolent juvenile offenders, they are less likely to recidivate if they can be kept in the community and receive the services they need to address the underlying causes.

Giving background, Mr. Myrent stated that Redeploy Illinois was implemented as a result of legislation at the end of 2003. He said that the core requirement for the program is to reduce the number of juveniles sent to IDOC and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice by 25 percent, with a baseline period for each of the participating jurisdictions. He added that another purpose of Redeploy Illinois is to reduce disproportionate minority confinement, with a potential to do so because juvenile corrections is actually used somewhat as a preadjudicatory detention facility. He said that a number of jurisdictions send juveniles to IDJJ for 30 to 45 days for evaluations because they lack resources at the local level to do comprehensive assessments, such as for psychological and psychiatric needs, mental health and substance abuse, with the state paying.

He explained that the Redeploy Program is coordinated through the Department of Human Services with the assistance of an oversight board that includes the Authority and on which he serves as Director Levin's designee. He added that DHS developed the baseline and is monitoring the program's progress, funding the Authority to oversee the evaluation work. Associate Director Myrent said that an RFP was issued and the four Redeploy sites are Macon, Peoria and St. Clair Counties, and the Second Judicial Circuit, with Cook County hopefully to come on board.

He said that the target populations are juveniles being sent to correctional facilities for the 30 to 45-day evaluations, that the program is for nonviolent juveniles, and it does not accept those being tried for any murder or other class X forcible felonies.

Associate Director Myrent explained that each of the sites is expected to do a full psychological, mental health, and substance abuse assessment of each juvenile, using a number of different assessment tools to identify the specific needs of each juvenile and tailor the services to those needs.

Associate Director Myrent indicated that this core requirement and core aspect of the evaluation of Redeploy has resulted in sending fewer juveniles to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. Looking at reductions in the first year of the program following the baseline period, which is the average of the three previous years prior to project startup, he cited about a 40 percent decrease in the number of juveniles being committed to IDJJ in Macon and Peoria Counties and in the Second Circuit, and a little under 30 percent in St. Clair County.

He then referred to the annual report of DHS which shows economic savings as an outcome of Redeploy, stating that it costs an enormous amount of money to hold juveniles in IDOC or IDJJ with DHS using a figure of about \$71,000 per juvenile per year in calculating the

figures. As an example of the savings, he cited the first two years of implementation in the Second Circuit serving 28 juveniles, which translated into a savings for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice of about \$1.4 million. He said that similarly for Macon County, with 60 juveniles in the program the first two years translated into a savings to the Department of Juvenile Justice of about \$3 million. He noted that there were 226 juveniles that were eligible for IDJJ that were served by Redeploy and not sent to IDJJ, at a projected savings of \$11 million. He added that overall there was about a 44 percent reduction per site in juveniles being sent to IDJJ over the first two years.

He also pointed out that for the two years some \$3 million was spent on Redeploy, and subtracting that amount from the \$11 million that was saved to IDJJ by not sending juveniles there, the overall savings would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8 million.

He said that in addition to cost savings and reductions in juveniles going to IDJJ, it is hoped the program will have an impact on recidivism and disproportionate minority confinement, with it being too early to have conclusive results in those areas. He said an evaluation summary of the Redeploy program in Macon was released last year and also available is a program summary for the Second Circuit along with a combined evaluation for Peoria and St. Clair Counties. He referred people to the ICJIA website to see them, and also to the annual report that was recently released by Redeploy Illinois and DHS, and being sent to the Governor's office and to the legislature. He then asked for questions.

Mr. Mudge asked about the composition of the screening teams, saying that he assumed cooperation was needed from the state's attorneys. Mr. Myrent agreed, adding that it varies across jurisdictions. He said that in most cases the process is determined by the probation department, that the plans submitted to DHS had to identify specific screening criteria in terms of eligibility, and with the exception of a juvenile having been in court for forcible felony, there was some latitude. He added that for the most part, it is the juvenile probation department that is making those decisions, but in some cases, it is the judiciary during the hearings.

In responding to a question by Ms. Jansen concerning compensation of service providers, Associate Director Myrent explained that funds are granted to the probation department which disseminates those funds to the service providers. He added that presumably they will be able to use that money to augment their staff for supervision purposes, but guidelines point out that most of the money is for compensation for community-based providers.

In response to a question about disproportionate minority commitment being addressed by Redeploy, Mr. Myrent said it was. He added that by not having community-based alternatives, whatever the portion of minority juveniles who are involved in the court system, will become worse if they are going for a preadjudication stay in IDOC, with research suggesting an adverse impact on later adjudication decisions.

Presentation on the Juvenile Intervention Support Center by Chris Mallette

Chairman Sorosky thanked Associate Director Myrent and then introduced Chris Mallette, Executive Director of the City of Chicago's Juvenile Intervention Support Center, a grantee, for a presentation on how the program is developing. Mr. Mallette stated that the program is operating in Police Area 1, which includes the 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 21st Districts, representing approximately one third of the city. He said that similar to Redeploy Illinois, JISC is aimed at keeping juveniles out of detention and reconnecting them with their communities. He added it focuses on those who are station adjusted and deferred from court dates or who have signed a deferred prosecution agreement if appropriate, with the goal to get the right services to the right juveniles at the right time.

Mr. Mallette stated that since JISC opened on March 4, 2006, the number of juveniles processed was 8,265, including 2,691 year to date. He said that JISC is a partnership of a number of government agencies, with the two main entities the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services.

He added that if a juvenile is referred to case management on a station adjustment, it is at the discretion of the officers, usually in lieu of a court date. The parents and the juvenile will sign a deferred prosecution agreement and then they will enroll in a voluntary case management program. To date, the juveniles processed for case management since it started is 4,624. Since that time 16-1/2 percent of all arrestees have been sent to case management, which equates to more than 800 youth to date, and which he said does not include 300 young people and families who came into the JISC looking for services for young people who are having some challenges with the juvenile justice system, not necessarily already arrested.

He also said that JISC has representatives on staff from the police department, Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services and that its case managers, working in conjunction youth advocates, actually visit the homes of the youth who are enrolled in the program. Further he said that a full-time Chicago public school staff member is housed at the JISC from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to address school-related issues, with approximately 20 percent of juveniles coming from schools.

He reported that DCFS has committed a part-time person for a half a day one day a week, with JISC developing a data exchange program to identify wards of the state. Mr. Mallette added that currently juveniles are not self-identifying when they come through and neither are the parents, custodians or guardians. He said this effort is being undertaken because JISC feels it can provide more services for wards of the state so it is partnering with DCFS to make these identifications. He added that faith-based organizations, community agencies and juvenile probation also have part-time representatives at the JISC. Mr. Mallette said that Chapin Hall received funding from the MacArthur Foundation to do a process evaluation of the JISC starting in July, hopefully with an outcome evaluation in 2008.

He told about a juvenile from JISC attending a police youth forum conducted by JISC along with the police department, Kennedy High School, and the Chicago Public Schools. He said

that the youth talked very positively about his experience at JISC, which enabled him to have a dialogue with the police department about crime in the schools, leaving him seeing things in a different light from other people's perspectives as well as his own.

He said JISC partnered with Allstate which has a longstanding relationship with the police department and the CAPS office. Mr. Mallette then outlined on a map nine faith-based agencies which agreed to serve or find appropriate services for all juveniles that the JISC refers. He also identified on another map 222 Chicago public schools within JISC's catchment area, a number representing approximately one-third of all the 600 or so Chicago public schools. Stating that about a fifth of the arrests are coming from schools, Mr. Mallette indicated that JISC is focusing on how to solve the school arrests problem.

He also reported that JISC will be working with Allstate to do a balance and restorative justice training program not just in schools, but throughout communities, targeting other entities that have access to juveniles, such as community and faith-based organizations and parks. In addition, he spoke about JISC's partnering with CYC in a three-year economic mentoring program for youth from the JISC who are in case management and maintain a certain grade point average and follow all the criteria.

Lastly, Mr. Mallette said that JISC is leveraging existing resources to provide employment and employment training for JISC youth. He said that in conversations he has with JISC youth, in response to the question of what one thing could be done to keep them from returning, the answer 100 percent of the time is to get them a job. In that regard, he reported that JISC has worked with Mayor Daley's Kids Start Program, receiving 25 slots for 25 youth who have completed their case management successfully and are headed in a positive direction, having not been rearrested, to be placed in these jobs this summer. He said that in that endeavor, JISC is working with the Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services youth career development centers.

In conclusion, Mr. Mallette stated that JISC is continuing to make progress toward its goal of using a multidisciplinary approach to prevent overlooking juveniles who need help. He stated, in summary, that this effort is being done in two ways: one, by developing relationships and getting support in the community; and two, by reconnecting youth to their communities through providing them services there and not making them go elsewhere. As a sign toward success, he pointed to the fact that even without a major community awareness campaign, JISC has had 300 walk-ins in six months.

Answering a question as to when juveniles come from families who have serious challenges, does the JISC work with the families, Mr. Mallette responded affirmatively and described the process. In short, he said that in cases in which a deferred prosecution agreement is signed by the child and the parent, a youth advocate will go to the home, check the environment and an individualized family service plan will be developed to address the strengths and weaknesses and be sure the right services are provided to correct the situation. He added that even though the program is in its infancy, the holistic wrap-around services that the JISC is trying to provide for young people appear to be successful, with less than 10 percent of the juveniles referred to case management having been rearrested.

Chairman Sorosky then asked what percentage of the JISC youth are involved in what he called traditional old fashioned anti-social crime versus the more modern drug dealing and the lure of that money. Mr. Mallette said that the vast majority are nonviolent offenders, but that the data on drug dealing is not available as yet and is part of the JISC's work with Chapin Hall to ascertain.

Chairman Sorosky thanked Mr. Mallette, with Ms. Engel adding that Mr. Mallette's attitude was heartening and that it was exciting that the program had so many partners and was thought through in such a broad way. She wished everyone with JISC good luck.

Chairman Sorosky's solicitation for new or old business was unanswered. He reminded everyone that the next Authority meeting is September 14 and called for a motion to adjourn.

{Mr. Toscas' motion to adjourn was seconded by Ms. Spyropoulos and passed by unanimous voice vote.}



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer
Date: September 7, 2007
Re: Authority Fiscal Reports

Attached are the FY 2007 fiscal reports covering the period:
July 1, 2006 through July 30, 2007.

Exhibit #1 – Operations

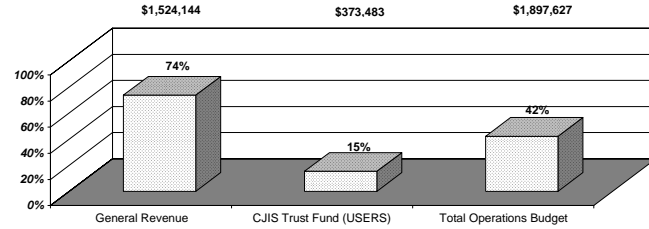
As shown on Exhibit 1, the Authority has expended or obligated 42% of our total operations appropriation and 74% of our General Revenue operations appropriation respectively. The disparity between the 42% and 74% is the fact that spending has ceased for the Criminal Justice Information Systems Trust Fund. The operation from a fiscal standpoint was transferred to IPSAN effective October 15th, 2006.

Exhibit #2 – Awards and Grants

As shown on Exhibit 2, the Authority has expended or obligated 81% of our General Revenue matching funds appropriation and 81% of our total appropriation.

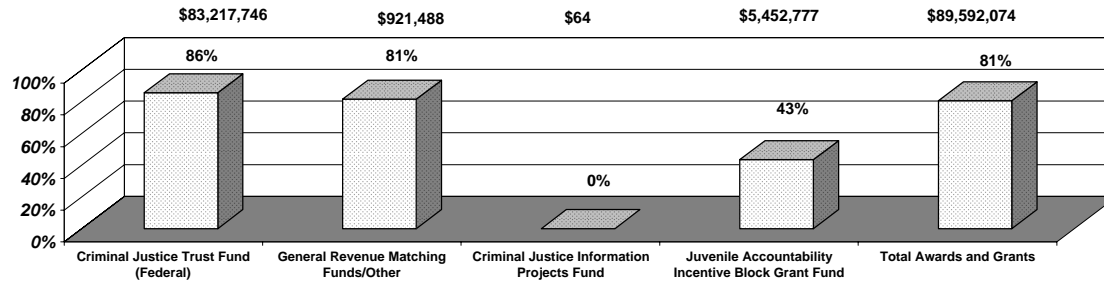
I will be available at the Authority meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding these reports.

Exhibit #1 - Operations
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
FY 2007 Expenditures/Obligations
 July 1, 2006 - July 30, 2007



	General Revenue				Criminal Justice Information Systems Trust Fund				Total			
	Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance	Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance	Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance
Personal Services	\$1,113,000	\$0	\$907,718	\$205,282	\$826,100	\$0	\$212,445	\$613,655	\$1,939,100	\$0	\$1,120,163	\$818,937
Retirement - State Pick-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$128,400	\$0	\$104,690	\$23,710	\$95,200	\$0	\$24,494	\$70,706	\$223,600	\$0	\$129,184	\$94,416
FICA	\$85,300	\$0	\$67,836	\$17,464	\$63,200	\$0	\$15,801	\$47,399	\$148,500	\$0	\$83,637	\$64,863
Group Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$32,515	\$157,485	\$190,000	\$0	\$32,515	\$157,485
Contractual	\$446,000	\$0	\$261,969	\$184,031	\$187,000	\$0	\$25,550	\$161,450	\$633,000	\$0	\$287,519	\$345,481
Travel	\$11,600	\$0	\$5,963	\$5,637	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$15,600	\$0	\$5,963	\$9,637
Commodities	\$12,400	\$0	\$7,874	\$4,526	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$13,400	\$0	\$7,874	\$5,526
Printing	\$16,000	\$0	\$12,941	\$3,059	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$0	\$12,941	\$5,059
Equipment	\$5,900	\$0	\$47	\$5,853	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$7,900	\$0	\$47	\$7,853
EDP	\$186,100	\$0	\$125,591	\$60,509	\$805,000	\$0	\$3,398	\$801,602	\$991,100	\$0	\$128,989	\$862,111
Telecommunications	\$45,500	\$0	\$24,239	\$21,261	\$241,000	\$0	\$59,080	\$181,920	\$286,500	\$0	\$83,319	\$203,181
Operation of Auto	\$15,000	\$0	\$5,275	\$9,725	\$7,400	\$0	\$200	\$7,200	\$22,400	\$0	\$5,475	\$16,925
Total	\$2,065,200	\$0	\$1,524,144	\$541,056	\$2,423,900	\$0	\$373,483	\$2,050,417	\$4,489,100	\$0	\$1,897,627	\$2,591,473
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):			74%	26%			15%	85%			42%	58%

Exhibit #2 - Awards & Grants
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
FY 2007 Expenditures/Obligations
 July 1, 2006 - July 30, 2007



	Criminal Justice Trust Fund (Federal)			General Revenue Matching Funds/Other				Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund		
	Appropriation	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance	Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance	Appropriation	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance
Federal Assistance Support	\$5,800,000	\$3,640,741	\$2,159,259	\$810,000	\$0	\$792,132	\$17,868			
State Agencies	\$12,000,000	\$8,566,602	\$3,433,398							
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.	\$37,000,000	\$32,117,463	\$4,882,537							
Misc. Awards/Grants	\$1,700,000	\$235,207	\$1,464,793	\$150,000	\$0	\$104,090	\$45,910	\$400,000	\$64	\$399,936
Fed. Crime Bill Initiatives	\$40,000,000	\$38,504,723	\$1,495,277							
Shared Services	\$700,000	\$153,010	\$546,990	\$170,700	\$0	\$25,266	\$145,434			
Total	\$97,200,000	\$83,217,746	\$13,982,254	\$1,130,700	\$0	\$921,488	\$209,212	\$400,000	\$64	\$399,936
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		86%	14%			81%	19%		0%	100%
	Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund			Total						
	Appropriation	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance	Appropriation	Reserve	Expenditures/Obligations	Balance			
Federal Assistance Support				\$6,610,000	\$0	\$4,432,873	\$2,177,127			
State Agencies				\$12,000,000	\$0	\$8,566,602	\$3,433,398			
Locals/Non-Profit Orgs.				\$37,000,000	\$0	\$32,117,463	\$4,882,537			
Misc. Awards/Grants				\$2,250,000	\$0	\$339,361	\$1,910,639			
Fed. Crime Bill Initiatives				\$40,000,000	\$0	\$38,504,723	\$1,495,277			
Shared Services	\$100,000	\$69,294	\$30,706	\$970,700	\$0	\$247,570	\$723,130			
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	\$12,440,000	\$5,383,482	\$7,056,518	\$12,440,000	\$0	\$5,383,482	\$7,056,518			
Total	\$12,540,000	\$5,452,777	\$7,087,223	\$111,270,700	\$0	\$89,592,074	\$21,678,627			
% of Appropriation (less Reserve):		43%	57%			81%	19%			



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members

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

Date: August 24, 2007

Re: Federal and State Grants Unit Report – September 7, 2007 Authority Meeting

The staff assigned to the Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) performed the following activities during the period of May 1 to July 31, 2007. During this period, FSGU headcount rose to 18. Additional new hires are pending at this time.

Grant Activities

During the reporting period, FSGU staff monitored 488 grants, representing approximately \$140,259,528 in grant funds. Monitoring included the following:

- Reviewing (1,072) monthly or quarterly reports: (533) data and (539) fiscal;
- Initiating disbursement of funds requested by grantees;
- Conducting (21) 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 3,970 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 173 new agreements (grants), representing \$12,417,002 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 eight meetings:

- One Budget Committee meeting was held on June 19, 2007.
- Staff held one Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition meetings, on June 5, 2007.
- The Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (IMVTPC) conducted three meetings: 1) a regular council meeting on May 18, 2007 in Springfield Illinois; 2) a program directors meeting on June 8, 2007, in Pontiac, Illinois; and 3) a Grant Review Committee meeting on July 11, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois.
- Staff participated in three Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Task Force meetings to conduct oversight of current activities and begin development of media and spending plans for next year. Meetings were held on May 22, June 18, and July 24, 2007.

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 Program Applications

Between May 1 and July 31 of 2007, six applications were submitted to the federal government for awards from the following federal programs:

Program	Date Submitted
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY07	May 16, 2007
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) - Central FFY07	June 12, 2007
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) - Northern FFY07	June 12, 2007
Project Safe Neighborhoods - Anti-Gang Initiative (PSN-AGI) - Central FFY07	June 19, 2007
Project Safe Neighborhoods - Anti-Gang Initiative (PSN-AGI) - Northern FFY07	June 19, 2007
National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) FFY07	June 19, 2007

Federal Program Awards

Between May 1 and July 31 of 2007, the Authority received awards from the following federal programs:

Program	Date Received	Amount
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FFY07	June 22, 2007	\$12,469,262
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY07	June 22, 2007	\$15,077,000
Residential Substance Abuse Act (RSAT) FFY07	July 3, 2007	\$278,825
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) FFY07	July 24, 2007	\$1,477,100
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY07	July 25, 2007	\$3,842,155

Training and Conferences

One staff member attended a National Organization for Victim Assistance conference in Springfield, Illinois on July 23 through 27, 2007.

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) Anti-Drug Abuse Act (ADAA) FFY 1999 and FFY 2002.
 - B) Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) FFY 2003.
 - C) Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) FFY 2004.
 - D) National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) FFY 2000 through FFY 2004.
 - E) National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) FFY 2004.
 - F) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Act (RSAT) FFY 2001.
 - G) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2001 and Rural FFY03.
 - H) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2003.
- 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 met with the Information Services Unit and the Research and Analysis Unit to discuss formatting of the Authority's new E-Grant computer system, which is intended to eventually replace the current Grant Management Information System.



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To: Authority Members

From: Mark Myrent, Associate Director
Research and Analysis Unit

Date: August 20, 2007

Re: Research and Analysis Unit Report for the September 2007 Authority Meeting

This memorandum highlights some of the work performed by staff of the Research and Analysis Unit since the Authority's last quarterly meeting.

I. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Program evaluation and research projects

The R&A Unit pursues an aggressive program evaluation and research agenda through an in-house ADAA-funded grant program. Evaluation and research efforts supported, conducted or monitored by R&A staff include:

1. Illinois Going Home Program Evaluation

The University of Chicago is conducting an implementation and preliminary impact evaluation of the Illinois Going Home Program. The program is a major offender reentry effort funded through a partnership of contributing federal agencies and in concert with a number of Chicago-area government, community and faith-based organizations. The evaluation will determine if the program was implemented as designed, how it worked in the field and the effectiveness of the program. Evaluators completed a one-year interim report in September. This report identified a number of recommendations for increasing enrollment that Going Home staff is currently implementing. The report is now undergoing final revisions.

2. Reports on the analysis of datasets maintained/available through the Authority

In addition to collaborative research projects using the Chicago Homicide Dataset or the Chicago Women's Health Risk Study, R&A staff has also collaborated with external researchers on projects that focus on the analysis of our in-house data.

This data includes InfoNet, which is a database that maintains information from victim service providers and agencies, and data from the Illinois Crime Victimization Survey and the 2000 Probation Outcome Study.

- *Analysis of Methamphetamine and Domestic Violence in Illinois* under the direction of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, formerly at Southern Illinois University, now at Sam Houston University. This project measures the impact of methamphetamine on domestic violence across Illinois counties. State and regional trends in meth use are detailed, as well as a descriptive assessment of statewide and regional trends in domestic violence. In addition, the study examines the effect of meth use indicators on variations in domestic violence, while controlling for other county level characteristics. This report has been reviewed and we are awaiting final revisions.
- *Victim Characteristics and Reporting Violence to the Police* (Illinois Crime Victimization Data) under the direction of Dr. Callie Rennison of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. This project examines how victim's characteristics influence the decision to contact the police following violence. The study is based on Illinois 2002 crime victimization survey data. This report is undergoing final revisions.
- *Comparing Risk Factors Associated with Violent and General Recidivism while on Probation and After Discharge – Implications for Risk Management* under the direction of Dr. Loretta Stalans and Dr. Paul Yarnold. This study will address several issues in the identification of risk factors that contribute to violent and non-violent recidivism after discharge from probation. In addition, the study will address what types of offenders show evidence of refraining from new crimes for a longer-term period after they have successful treatment completion. They study will also test whether family only and generalized aggressors have unique risk factors associated with recidivism. This report was received in May and is under review.

3. Safe Havens Domestic Violence Program evaluation project

Staff is evaluating the Chicago Safe Havens demonstration site, a project funded under the Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The Safe Havens Program was established by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 to provide an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. The purpose of the supervised visitation program is to enable custodial parents to comply with court ordered visitation, without having to fear that they or their children will be re-victimized. Staff identified the following priority areas of the evaluation: interviews with visitation center directors and staff (to determine changes in practice in policy and roles as collaborators), the issue of case termination (to determine why cases come to a close and what can be done in cases where visits should continue, but do not), observation forms used by staff at visitation centers during visits as well as other data collected in client files (Data from these forms, together with data collected through the interviews helped determine how accurately these forms reflect what happens during visits. Other client information found in their files helped identify who is referred to visitation services from court, how rule violations are handled, and in terms of termination, whether or not clients fail to show up for services, if

they terminate visits due to court order, etc.). Also included in the final report are findings from an evaluation completed on a judicial training for judges in the Cook County Family Court division that focused on domestic violence in relation to custody and visitation rights. Staff distributed a pre-survey, a survey at the training itself, and a post-survey to determine whether or not the training had an affect on judges' beliefs or actions in the courtroom. The final draft of the report is in the process of being reviewed, and publication is expected this fall.

4. Criminal justice agencies Needs Assessment Survey project

Orbis Partners was assigned to conduct a criminal justice needs assessment in Illinois and the Authority has recently received the results of the survey in a draft report. The primary purpose of this study is to supply information that will demonstrate the needs of criminal justice organizations, and identify areas that need improvement. The information will also be used to guide decision-making regarding where to best allocate resources. The study's secondary purpose is to provide information that outlines if, and how, the needs of criminal justice organizations have changed over time by comparing the data collected as part of this study to the results of a needs assessment survey conducted in 1996.

Major components of the criminal justice system were surveyed on topics such as workload demands, training needs, staff retention, information systems and programming. The needs assessment involved the distribution of surveys to approximately 1,700 practitioners in the Illinois criminal justice system, and included court clerks, detention center administrators, judges, police chiefs, probation, public defenders, state's attorneys, and victim service providers. While the surveys for each agency contained some of the same sections, the surveys were also tailored to address those issues that pertain specifically to the component of the system being surveyed. For example, the survey for detention centers offered questions regarding security issues, medical care and in-house programs; while the probation survey offered questions on assessment tools and supervision.

After multiple strategies were employed to encourage participation, a total of 602 questionnaires were returned for an overall response rate of 38.6%. Results indicate that law enforcement feel that domestic violence crimes, property crime and juvenile crime are the most significant contributors to their workload. Law enforcement also noted a need for resources and training related to methamphetamine investigations. Respondents from probation and court services indicated that in addition to supervision duties, pre-sentence investigations comprise a significant part of their workload, as do working with clients that present treatment and drug or alcohol use issues.

Drug cases comprised a significant portion of the workload for both public defenders and state's attorneys, as did domestic violence and juvenile crime cases. Additional or timelier crime lab processing was also noted as factor in the efficient movement of cases. The need for drug treatment, employment opportunities and youth prevention programs was noted by both the prosecution and defense sides, as well as victim service providers, as actions that may reduce drug use or violence.

Many of the respondents also noted the need for increased resources to combat identity theft, an increased need for bi-lingual personnel or language translation, and the need for better access to computerized information or information sharing systems. While the final results are still being studied, the responses and the final report have become an integral part of the JAG planning process. The report is on our website. An overall summary was written. The results were presented at the March 2, 2007 Authority Board meeting. A series of summaries describing results by criminal justice component are planned.

5. 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 has operated since reopening in January 2004 as a fully dedicated therapeutic community for inmates in need of substance abuse treatment. Sheridan is currently the largest correctional facility in the country that is entirely committed to substance abuse treatment and is considered a national model. The prison has also been upgraded with a new facility designed to house and treat methamphetamine users beginning in FY2008, aiming to reduce the recidivism of the emerging population of releasees incarcerated for meth-related offenses. The evaluation of Sheridan is a collaborative effort between the Authority, Loyola University, and the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Using methods approved by an Evaluation Advisory Committee, the process and impact evaluation involves extensive quantitative data collection and qualitative information from interviews with staff and participants. The evaluation will seek to measure changes in participant attitudes, beliefs and psychological functioning, in addition to participants' preparedness for release. The most relevant findings are the impact of the program on recidivism after release. Extensive analyses of aftercare services available to releasees, a factor that research has consistently found to reduce recidivism over several years, is currently underway.

A summary of the project was released in October 2004 as a *Program Evaluation Summary* report, and Authority staff has completed analyses assessing program impact after two years of operation. A second *Program Evaluation Summary* report was completed in March 2006 reporting recidivism and post-release employment outcomes in addition to information contained in the first *Program Evaluation Summary* report. The Authority continues to assist the evaluation team in updating recidivism figures on a continuous basis. Research will continue throughout 2007. A comprehensive program evaluation report and a third program evaluation summary is expected to be published this year, as well as additional publications intended for scholarly journals at a later date regarding the long-term impact of the program and the characteristics of participants that influence success in the program.

6. An evaluation of Illinois-Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting (I-CLEAR)

The evaluation of I-CLEAR has been awarded to Northwestern University. The evaluation will assess the statewide implementation of the CLEAR reporting system operating under the Chicago

Police Department. I-CLEAR will offer a statewide criminal justice information system that is accessible to all of Illinois' criminal justice agencies. The two-year assessment began in May 2005. The final report was received May 2007 and is under review.

7. 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 evaluation began in January 2006 and data collection and interviews are progressing. The final report was received May 2007 and is under review.

8. Cook County Social Services, Transitional Services for Female Offenders

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, under the direction of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, was awarded a grant to evaluate the Cook County Social Service Department program that provides specialized services to women probationers that are convicted of DUI. The final report has been received and is available on the website.

9. Investigator Initiated Research

Projects funded under an Investigator-initiated RFP address research in our priority areas of interest. The following two proposals were selected for funding:

- *Corrections to Community: The collective reentry experience of juvenile offenders.* This study, under the direction of the University of Chicago, will examine a number of factors that play into the reentry experience of juveniles released from Illinois correctional facilities between 1996 and 2002. The final report is due in September.
- *Analysis of Domestic Violence Service Data.* Under the direction of Loyola University, this study will examine InfoNet service data to describe victim service use patterns over time and describe the characteristics of victims and their service needs. The report was reviewed by staff, and we are awaiting final revisions.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in July 2006 and we received a number of well-qualified proposals. Reviewers elected to fund the following:

- *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 12-month project began January 2007. A report has been received and is under review.

- *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. This 12-month project began in October 2006 and is in progress.

An additional Investigator-initiated RFP was issued in June, and four new projects have been selected for funding, pending final contract negotiations.

10. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee

Legislation has passed both the Illinois House and Senate to establish a Capital Crimes Database to be overseen by the Authority. Staff had previously assisted the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee in the development of an RFP to secure a vendor for the development of a survey regarding capital punishment in Illinois. Loyola University was the selected Vendor. Staff is now working with the vendor to determine data collection strategies and feasibility, as well as a framework for analysis under various data collection scenarios.

B. Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit

The unit's Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) Audit Center is an ADAA-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.

The 2008 CHRI Audit methodology development is currently underway.

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 us 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 1990-2006 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, user agreements were executed with researchers from University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Several others are pending approval. Since the inception of the CHRI Ad Hoc Connection Partnership, a total of twenty-two 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.

Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Staff continues to work on this multi-state research project examining the rate of recidivism of violent sex offenders released from prison. A sample of approximately 1,100 sex offenders has been identified from a data file of year 2001 exits received from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), along with a control group of violent non-sex offenders. Recidivism rates for new offenses (for sex offenses and all other types of offenses) are being determined from CHRI data. The project is slated to be completed by September 30, 2007.

Uniform Conviction Information Act (UCIA) Cost Survey. The Authority is statutorily mandated to periodically assess if the maximum allowable fee charged for conviction information requests made by the private citizens adequately covers the costs incurred. Approximately 300 law enforcement agencies were mailed a brief survey. Results of the survey are currently being tabulated. Any recommendations for changes in the maximum allowable fee will be reported to the Authority Board.

C. Chicago Homicide Dataset Update Project

The Chicago Homicide Dataset 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. The updated dataset is currently being archived with the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, to allow wider access to the data for research.

Staff continues to collaborate with selected researchers on projects involving use of the Chicago Homicide Dataset.

D. Externally-funded research and evaluation projects

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. Chicago Women's Health Risk Study (CWHRS)

Funded by NIH with substantial in-kind support from the Authority and other collaborating agencies, 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 goal of the CWHRS project is now 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 90 members, most of them practitioners or researchers in the field, plus 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.

2. Juvenile justice system and risk factor data: 2005 Annual Report

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, R&A staff is in the process of completing work on the 2005 Annual Report, which is a compilation of county-level juvenile justice system and risk factor data. Like the previous reports, this version also 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. The comprehensive report, which contains over 200 pages of juvenile justice information, is scheduled for completion this fall and will be available on the Authority website. Staff will also publish a *Research at a Glance* focusing on system and risk factor trends in rural counties.

3. 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. The first wave of data collection has been completed in all six participating counties:

Lake, DuPage, Adams, Cook, Sangamon and the 2nd Judicial Circuit. The second wave of data collection has been completed in the 2nd Judicial Circuit, has begun in Lake County and will begin in late 2007 at the remaining sites. Partnership agreements have been executed for Sangamon, Cook, DuPage and the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

4. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Research Grant

On September 18, 2006, the Authority was awarded a Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant to conduct research on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth (award # 2006-JP-FX-K057). The overall goal of the research is to gain a better understanding of the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth (CSEC). A final report will be completed in September 2007. The study utilizes three research methods: focus groups, interviews, and arrest records. The research will:

Professionals from entities with experience in the area of CSEC serve as an advisory group to help Authority staff plan the focus group project. Researchers had a meeting with the advisory board in November 2006. On January 25, 2007, a sub-contract was signed with Claudine O'Leary to serve as a national consultant on the project. On February 28, 2007, a sub-contract was signed for Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP), a non-profit agency in Chicago, to recruit focus group participants and moderate the focus groups.

On March 2, 2007, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) application was signed by the ICJIA IRB. One focus group was held on March 21, 2007 and one on May 9, 2007. Participants were adults over 18 years old who as juveniles were involved in the sex trade. The focus groups were audio-taped and each participant was paid a stipend of \$50. Both focus group sessions were transcribed. From April to August 2007, a total of ten federal and local law enforcement officers working in the Chicago Metropolitan area were interviewed on CSEC for this study from the following: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Office of the Attorney General, Chicago Police Department, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Cook County Sheriff's Department, and suburban Cook County police departments.

A review of the literature was completed with over 70 reference notes in the final report draft. The final report and a research bulletin will be completed by October 2007.

5. Assessment of prior victimization and access to services among adult female inmates in the Illinois Department of Corrections

This project is designed as an assessment of the prevalence of prior victimization, primarily domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse, among adult female inmates within the Illinois Department of Corrections. Through an examination of existing data collected during the Reception and Classification process at the Dwight Correctional Center, the research team will determine the prevalence of these forms of prior victimization, examine those inmate characteristics correlated with prior victimization (i.e., demographic, socio-economic, criminal and substance abuse history, and mental health), and gauge the access to IDOC services among those with histories of victimization. Data has been obtained from IDOC and preliminary analysis has begun.

6. CLARIS Web-based Application for methamphetamine lab reporting

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has asked each state to identify a single agency to be responsible for collecting monthly information regarding meth lab seizure incidents. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has been identified as the agency to collect this information.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority applied for and received a U.S. Department of Justice grant to develop CLARIS, a web interface and database to allow Illinois law enforcement agency personnel to enter meth lab seizure data, access these data, and extract these data from customized queries. It was originally designed as a tool to supplement ISP and EPIC data by providing a mechanism to electronically “push,” or share, the collected data with EPIC and also share these data with the Illinois State Police, the key feature and hidden by-product of the database. CLARIS allows us to ensure that the agencies using it submit required data both to EPIC and also supply any additional information required by ISP.

The database has been completed and ICJIA has received clearance from EPIC to send data. ICJIA staff has transmitted over 40 newly entered meth lab seizure incidents to EPIC through the CLARIS system in the four weeks since EPIC was able to receive these incidents. Staff also transmitted over 50 previously entered incidents (entered while CLARIS was in operation but EPIC was unable to receive incidents.) Because this is a transition period, these figures indicate the capability of CLARIS to handle a variety of lab seizure incidents successfully, but should not be used to estimate the number of meth labs being seized in Illinois this summer. Staff are working with ISP, Meth Response Team (MRT) members, and members of ISP drug task forces and metropolitan enforcement groups to ensure consistent input of meth related data into CLARIS. All ISP monthly internal meth data reporting is now handled in a paperless manner through CLARIS.

On August 10, 2007 staff provided a CLARIS demonstration in Marion, Illinois to approximately 25 local police officers as they were recertified as meth lab responders.

II. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

A. Briefings/Presentations

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

- Staff attended LEADS Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, May 15.
- Staff met with Jody Rafael of DePaul University to discuss research project on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children the week of May 14.

- Staff participated in a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Partners meeting on Thursday, May 17.
- Staff attended a meeting of the Illinois Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board on May 18.
- Staff attended a JJ Fall Conference Planning Meeting on May 18.
- Staff attended a Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Partners meeting May 21 to discuss the next steps following the colloquium that was held April 13.
- Staff held a meeting with Rev. Charles Collins of the state initiative on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and Sally Wolf of the Illinois Balanced & Restorative Justice (I-BARJ) initiative on May 29 regarding the Fall 2007 collaborative juvenile justice conference.
- Staff met with Charles Loeffler, a researcher from Harvard University the week of May 28, regarding his research on court case outcomes in Cook County. Discussions were held about possible data linkages between CHRI data from the State Police, the Cook County Court Clerk's administrative data, and employment data from the Illinois Department of Employment Security".
- On June 4, staff participated in planning sessions for the collaborative juvenile justice conference to be held in Fall 2007.
- On June 7, staff participated in an Office of the Attorney General, Illinois Youth Court Association Board meeting.
- On June 8, staff participated in a PROMISE task force meeting.
- Staff attended the Juvenile Justice Commission Retreat in Bloomington next week.
- Staff attended the Capital Punishment Reform Study Group Full Committee meeting on June 4th.
- Staff attended the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition meeting June 5th.
- Staff attended the Illinois Department of Human Services Rescue and Restore Steering Committee meeting on June 12.
- Staff met with State Police Quality Assurance Unit, Bureau of Identification staff the week of June 14 regarding recently identified data quality issues within the Computerized Criminal History System.
- Staff met with officials from the Cook County Public Defender's Office to discuss data analysis strategies for their in-house prosecution case management records.

- Staff attended a planning meeting for the Juvenile Justice Collaborative conference on June 18. The conference will be held Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 in Springfield and address collaborative planning in connection with JDAI, Redeploy Illinois, DMC, BARJ, and Models for Change.
- The Research Director met with Board member Barbara Engel on June 19 to discuss the scheduling of an Authority Research Committee meeting, including membership composition and agenda items.
- The Research Director attended a Transitional Jobs Reentry Demonstration conference call on June 20 with Director Levin, Janine Zweig of the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, and Cindy Redcross from MRDC.
- Staff attended a meeting of the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board on June 22.
- Staff attended the IIJIS Summit in Springfield on June 25.
- The Research Director attended a planning meeting on June 27 for juvenile justice collaborative planning conference.
- Staff held a teleconference meeting with Col. Michael Snyders of the Illinois State Police on June 28 to review work on the criminal history record system audit, and the use of criminal history information for research and statistics.
- Staff met with DePaul Law School researcher Jody Rafael on July 2 for the collaborative Human Trafficking project.
- Staff attended a juvenile justice conference planning meeting in Bloomington on July 6.
- Staff met with DHS on July 10 to discuss juvenile justice research collaboration for FY '08.
- Staff attended a Safe Havens meeting on July 19 to discuss the evaluation report. Staff will provide the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence a rough draft of the evaluation.
- Staff attended a PROMISE anti-trafficking task force meeting on July 27.
- Staff attended a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative partner's meeting, as well as a JDAI sites meeting July 25 in Matteson.
- Staff attended a planning meeting on July 26 for the Juvenile Justice Conference, "Connecting the Pathways" being held this fall in Bloomington.
- Staff attended the National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation conference July 23-25 in Washington, DC.
- Staff attended IDHS Rescue and Restore our Minors from Sexual Exploitation Steering Committee on July 27.

- Staff met with IRB members on August 2 to discuss the Jail Data Link evaluation.
- Staff met with Cook County Juvenile Probation Department on August 2 to discuss Redeploy Illinois, and to obtain information for an upcoming edition of *The Compiler*.
- The Research Director, along with the Executive Director, met with the Presiding Judge for the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Circuit Court on August 8 to discuss his prospective membership on the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) Advisory Board and other juvenile justice issues.
- Staff attended an SPSS Seminar regarding new statistical software products.
- The research director met with representatives from Singapore and officials from various state and county criminal justice agencies, and Loyola University to discuss day reporting centers and other alternatives to incarceration.
- Research staff presented information on juvenile justice and risk factor trends to the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) at their August 17th meeting.
- Staff presented findings from the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Initiative Evaluation at an event scheduled for August 30 at Hotel Allegro in Chicago.

B. Criminal Justice Information Clearinghouse

The Authority serves as a statewide clearinghouse for statistics and other information about crime and the criminal justice system. Many requests continue to come from governmental agencies (28 percent) and private citizens (38 percent). Other requests came from private agencies, researchers, students, news media representatives, legislators, and prison inmates. Twenty-four percent of the requests originate in the Chicago metropolitan area. Forty-one percent originate in other parts of the state. All other requests for information were received from outside Illinois, outside the United States, and unknown areas. R&A distributed over 4,295 Authority publications during the fourth quarter of SFY 07, not including those downloaded from our Website (292,458) [TABLE 1]. The volume of web users has continued to remain at high levels. For the fourth quarter of SFY 07, there were 2,129,845 “hits” on our website and more than 95,000 visitors (users that remained on the site for a period of time.) There were 292,458 downloads of information or publications for the fourth quarter of SFY 07 [TABLE 2]. The website continues to be a valuable resource for our constituents. Appendix A lists the publications that have been recently posted on the website since the last Authority Board meetings.

C. FSGU Support Efforts

Upon request, R&A staff review and comment on proposed program narratives submitted by potential grantees to FSGU. The focus of R&A comments are in the areas of proposed objectives, goals, and performance measures. FSGU staff also request R&A assistance in the development of

data reports for proposed programs. R&A staff continued to work with FSGU staff responsible for the VAWA and JAIBG funds to develop data reports for grantees that include the federally mandated performance measures. This effort will allow federal agencies to improve their reporting of the performance of these grant programs at the state and federal level. R&A staff has also assumed responsibility for the computerization of some program performance data not only for VAWA and JAIBG, but also ADAA/JAG, VOCA, MVTPC funds. Upon FSGU request, staff produce program status reports and/or profiles assessing performance for each of these funding areas over a given period of time.

The research director is now working with staff to refine protocols for this R&A partnership with FSGU.

D. Technical Assistance

- Provided technical assistance regarding juvenile arrest data to the Juvenile Justice Initiative on May 14 and 21.
- Provided technical assistance to TASC, Inc. regarding available meth statistics in the 9th Judicial Circuit on May 14 and 21.
- Staff met with personnel from the Cook County Public Defender's Office the week of June 4 to determine how historical administrative data could be structured to answer research questions.
- Staff traveled to LaSalle County detention center on August 16 with JDAI staff to provide technical assistance regarding data collection and analysis.
- Staff gave a CLARIS demo to over 25 state and local Illinois police officers in Marion, IL, (John A. Logan College) on August 10.

E. Balanced and Restorative Justice Trainings:

Staff continues to plan seminars to give juvenile justice practitioners, policymakers, counselors, and treatment providers the tools they need to incorporate the balanced and restorative justice (BARJ) philosophy and its practices into juvenile substance abuse treatment to maximize the potential for rehabilitation. Topics include: delivering restorative substance abuse treatment, using BARJ to maximize offender rehabilitation potential, helping juvenile methamphetamine offenders, imparting empathy with victim impact panels, and the benefits and implementation of juvenile drug courts.

On August 16, 2007, staff is holding a one-day seminar on "BARJ and Juvenile Substance Abuse" in Bloomington for juvenile justice professionals. Previously held in 2006, evaluation results showed that participants rated the seminar as "very good" and 90 percent felt that the seminar's content was suitable to their background and experience. The agenda will be altered slightly based on the comments provided from participant evaluations. Dee Bell, a well-known national speaker on the

topic of BARJ affiliated with the Department of Justice-funded National BARJ Project, will present on the topic. These seminars will help courts, probation, and service providers incorporate the principles of BARJ in their work with young offenders. The seminar will build on other prior statewide ICJIA sponsored events: the BARJ summit held in Fall 2003 and the conference, “Juvenile Justice in Illinois: Implementing Restorative Justice in Your Community” held in Spring of 2005. In addition, seminar participants will build on the information obtained from the ICJIA’s BARJ implementation guides.

On October 15 and 16, 2007, staff will be holding a two-day seminar on “BARJ and Crime Victims” in Bloomington, Illinois for juvenile justice professionals. The seminar will build on previous statewide ICJIA sponsored events: the BARJ Summit held in Fall 2003, the conference, “Juvenile Justice in Illinois: Implementing Restorative Justice in Your Community” held in Spring of 2005, and the nine BARJ practices trainings held over the past two years in Illinois. In addition, training participants will build on the information obtained from the ICJIA’s BARJ implementation guides. In 1998, Illinois’ Juvenile Court Act was revised to include a purpose and policy statement adopting BARJ for all juvenile delinquency cases. Many jurisdictions have not complied with provisions of the Act. This seminar will help service providers incorporate the principles of BARJ in their work with crime victims.

F. 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:

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

Summary data on death in law enforcement custody for the year of 2005 was submitted to BJS in July 2007. Once their records are finalized, BJS will be able to move forward with a special three-year (2003-

2005) study of arrest fatalities in the United States. The report, Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005, is expected to be released in October 2007.

As of May 2007, data collected for 2007 can be submitted to BJS either annually or quarterly; with a deadline of March 2008.

G. Web-based training curriculum (Breeze)

Staff continues to explore development of a web-based application that will serve as a medium to users to present interactive training curricula for criminal justice practitioners, social service professionals, and the general public.

III. NEW PROJECTS

Data on Victims of Human Trafficking

Staff is participating in an initiative by the Illinois Department of Human Services to expand the scope of data collection, management, and reporting on victims of human trafficking. Staff will examine existing data sources, and make determinations regarding possible enhancements to those systems as well as the initiation of new data capture strategies.

IV. GRANT PROPOSALS

R&A staff routinely pursues discretionary grants to support data collection, research, and evaluation activities. Frequently these projects involve collaborations with universities and/or other criminal justice agencies.

DePaul Law School Human Trafficking Research Project

The DePaul University College of Law's Family Law Center asked the Authority to conduct data entry and analysis for a research project on human sex trafficking. Ms. Jody Raphael, Senior Research Fellow, received a grant from the Chicago Foundation on Women for this research. The project will administer questionnaires to 80 girls and women currently in the sex trade industry (ages 13-25) to gain information about local trafficking, how the industry works, and how to better reach these particular victims. Data is being collected and entered, and will be analyzed in late summer/early fall 2007.

V. CONTINUING STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- Staff continues to conduct and/or take part in a variety of staff development and training programs and projects. These include: (a) observations/site visits to several key criminal justice agencies; (b) peer review process for project development and pre-publication; (c) partnerships with the academic community; (d) training classes including basic SPSS use and the use of

mapping software. Most recently, staff attended an in-house training on InfoNet, the reporting and database system that a number of victim service agencies in Illinois utilize.

- Several R&A staff are actively pursuing advanced academic degrees in graduate programs and post-graduate programs. Some also serve as adjunct faculty in criminal justice and other social science programs.
- Internship program. Under the direct supervision of a senior staff member in the Research and Analysis Unit, interns have been hired to perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois criminal justice system. These might include, for example, assembling data for analysis and writing a summary of results, developing data collection instruments and collecting data, writing press releases or editing documents for publication, converting spreadsheet data to web-friendly formats, assisting with the development of on-line training, staffing committees, or other tasks as appropriate. There is no compensation for these positions, but interns may be able to use the experience as course credit.

Cc: Lori G. Levin
Hank Anthony

Appendix A

Publications

Research Bulletins

State survey results quantify crime victimization pattern (March, 2007)

Program Evaluation Summary

Peoria, St. Clair counties initiate Redeploy Illinois youth program (May, 2007)

Research at a Glance

Corrections data illustrate juvenile incarceration trends in Illinois (March, 2007)

The Compiler

The fight against human trafficking (Winter/Spring 2007)

**TABLE 1. Information Request Handling Statistics
April 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007**

ITEM	REQUESTS/Pct
Information requests handled:	192
Monthly average number of requests:	64
Geographic Origin of requesters:	
Chicago metropolitan area	24%
Other region of Illinois	41%
U.S. other than Illinois	19%
Outside the U.S.	2%
Unknown	14%
Type of requester:	
Government agency	28%
Private agency	19%
Researcher	8%
Student	5%
Citizen	38%
Media	1%
Legislators	<1%
Inmates	<1%
Method of request:	
Telephone/fax	47%
Mail	1%
Email/Internet	14%
In-person	1%
ICJIA Website	35%
Publications disseminated:	
Mailed in response to requests	4,295
Downloaded from Website	292,453
Total	296,748

Table 2. Authority Website Trends

www.icjia.state.il.us

April 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007

Month/Year	Hits		User Sessions			Visitors			File Downloads	CJ DISPATCH SUBSCRIBERS
	Entire Site	Average Per Day	Sessions	Average Per Day	Average Length (min)	Unique	One-Time	Repeat		
Apr-07	729,961	26,388	97,481	3,249	16	31,828	26,520	5,308	103,828	2,322
May-07	703,900	25,652	100,389	3,238	14	31,722	26,300	5,422	95,713	2,334
Jun-07	695,984	23,199	119,382	3,979	14	31,650	25,255	6,395	92,912	2,350
TOTAL	2,129,845	25,079	317,252	3,488	15	95,200	78,075	17,125	292,453	
MONTHLY AVERAGE	709,948		105,751			31,733	26,025	5,708	97,484	



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MEMORANDUM

To: Authority Members
From: Ronald Litwin
Acting Chief Fiscal Officer
Date: September 7, 2007
Re: Summary of Office of Fiscal Management Activities

The following highlights the work by the Office of Fiscal Management since the last Authority meeting.

Reports

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

- FY07 4th quarter aged accounts receivable and payment application reports.
- Quarterly Federal Financial Status Reports (SF 269'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 Office of Management and Budget.

Federal Grants

- Conducted preliminary budget reviews of approximately 219 interagency agreements.
- Processed 238 contract obligation documents (\$16,487,000) and 429 vouchers (\$19,252,600) for federal grants to state and local governments and not-for-profit agencies.

General Agency Obligation

- Completed the obligation, expenditure and cash reconciliations for five funds.
- Appropriations are in place for FY07 and spending is less than planned based on less staff as compared to planned levels.

Other Agency Issues

- Ethics training was completed by Fiscal Department staff.
- The Fiscal Department continued the responsibility for entering payroll in order to assist the Human Resources Department. As of July 16th, 2007 this activity has been transferred to the Shared Services operation in Springfield.
- The Authority is participating in the regular examination of the Agency for the two years ended June 30, 2007. The accounting firm of Duffner & Company, P.C. will make the survey of the accounting records and procedures.



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Brian Brosnan
Date: August 20, 2007
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

The Authority wants to welcome two new staff members:

Michael Carter- Public Service Administrator (FSGU)
Leonard Schrank- Internal Auditor I

Electronic Personnel Action Requests (EPARs) are being 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.

The process of filing positions in the Authority has been in process. Thirteen candidates were invited and eleven of them were interviewed for a PSA position. A candidate has been selected and waiting for approval. Also, for a Criminal Justice Specialist I, twenty-two candidates were invited and thirteen were interviewed. The process of choosing the best candidate is coming to an end and will soon have candidates into the EPAR system.

- Ran background and fingerprint checks on all new employees & interns
- Awaiting approval for several ePARS (approval to hire) regarding current vacancies
- Posted employment opportunity notifications via the ICJIA web site, CMS, and various other entities
- Reviewing resumes and starting to plan the schedule for interviews
- Formulating a recruitment plan for underutilized Affirmative Action categories. This is an agency initiative.

Employee Benefits

- Provided staff with disability and family 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
- Processing the changes of many employees' benefits and flexible spending accounts during the Benefit Choice Period (May 1-May 31)
- Working with Shared Service to prepare a smooth transition for them to take over our benefits

Salaries & Compensation

- Assisted in continued bi-monthly payroll processing for 58 employees
- Issued time balance reports monthly to payroll and contractual employees
- Continued to check timesheets of federally funded employees for correct time certification reports
- Tracking balances of employees who do not qualify for overtime under FLSA and receive Equivalent Earned Time (EET) as of July 1, 2006.
- Assisted in the payment of temporary assignment pay due to the vacancies
- Implemented and started to disperse Merit Compensation increases starting January 1, 2007
- Prepared a transition and transferred payroll/timekeeping to Shared Services effective July 16, 2007
- Continue to work with Shared Services to work through minor problems with the payroll

Equal Employment Opportunities

- Met and was trained by representative from Dept. of Human Rights
- Submitted the Fourth Quarterly report and Annual report for FY2007
- Submitted yearly EEO report for FY2008 for approval
- Training will be ongoing for Affirmative Action Planning for our agency in order to meet and attain our hiring goals

Staff Development & Training

- Supervisory/Management Staff completing Interview and Selection (RUTAN) Training
- Refresher courses were taken to recertify employees for RUTAN training

- Certified employees in different computer classes
- Enrolled staff in sexual prevention training
- Continued to provide staff with development tools now available in library for use
- Continuing the Ethics training for all employees through use of the internet and paper materials
- Coordinated the completion of Ethics Training for every employee at the agency

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 as well as annual evaluations for all staff

Reports

The following reports were prepared and submitted by HR staff:

- Fourth Quarterly EEO Report for FY2007
- Annual EEO Report for FY2007
- Affirmative Action Plan FY2008



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Christopher Schweda
Acting Associate Director, IT Unit
Date: August 29, 2007
Re: Information Systems Unit Report

The following highlights the work performed by Information Systems Unit since the last Authority meeting.

The InfoNet System

One hundred and eight domestic violence and sexual assault programs and 17 child advocacy centers currently access InfoNet from nearly 200 sites throughout the state. Since the Authority last met, the InfoNet team continued to improve the efficiency and performance of the system for current users. Some specific accomplishments during the past quarter follow.

One new InfoNet user was acquired during the period – Child Advocacy Center of DeKalb County began using InfoNet for SFY08. Additionally, the Lake County Child Advocacy Center has agreed to start using InfoNet as of October 1, 2007.

Staff continued to provide technical assistance and training to InfoNet users. Three trainings were conducted that were a combination of beginner and advanced instruction tailored to attendee needs. One took place in Summit for Pillars Sexual Assault Center staff on May 30th, and another in DeKalb for the DeKalb Child Advocacy Center on June 5th.

Consultants were hired from Chicago Systems Group to enhance one of InfoNet's most critical functions – its batch reporting service, which allows aggregate data to be queried for multiple agencies to yield statewide and regional patterns about domestic violence and sexual assault. To date, this job is nearly finished and should be complete by the date Authority members meet.

Systems Support Quarterly Report

Systems support continues its technical support to the agency internal users along with the support of the agency local and wide area networks. Maintaining and updating the

existing systems remains the top priority. Technical resources are being used to troubleshoot servers and computers hardware.

Two new servers were purchased for the agency's CLARIS project. The servers are installed and functioning.

The Authority recently leased 46 new workstations from Hewlett-Packard. These workstations have been installed and configured by Authority staff over the past three months. In addition, the Authority has purchased five new HP laptops. These laptops have been configured and are available for staff use.

ICJIA/IPSAN Transition:

The Authority has hired a consultant from Nexum, a local consulting firm, to assist with migration issues. Currently, the Authority and IPSAN are working with CMS to reconfigure network equipment in the Authority's server room to facilitate IPSAN network migration away from the Authority.

The InfoNet segment of the network was fully reconfigured during the first part of the August. Routers were installed and configured in the Authority's server room by CMS on August 14. And the Authority plans additional firewall configuration on August 24.

The network migration is complex, and both the Authority and IPSAN continue to encounter unexpected issues which need to be worked through and solved. However, we continue to work together and communicate on a daily basis -- and we hope to be fully separated from one another within the next three to four weeks.

CLARIS

ICJIA staff has transmitted over 40 newly entered meth lab seizure incidents to EPIC through the CLARIS system in the four weeks since EPIC was able to receive these incidents. We have also transmitted over 50 previously entered incidents (entered while CLARIS was in operation but EPIC was unable to receive incidents.) Because this is a transition period, these figures indicate the capability of CLARIS to handle a variety of lab seizure incidents successfully, but should NOT be used to estimate the number of meth labs being seized in Illinois this summer.

We are working with ISP staff, Meth Response Team (MRT) members, and members of ISP drug task forces and metropolitan enforcement groups to ensure consistent input of meth related data into CLARIS. All ISP monthly internal meth data reporting is now handled in a paperless manner through CLARIS.

On August 10, 2007 Ernst Melchior provided a CLARIS demonstration in Marion, Illinois to approximately 25 local police officers as they were recertified as meth lab responders. We think that most local agencies now use the ISP MRTs that we have

trained to report meth lab seizures to CLARIS and EPIC, but if any want to report on their own we wanted to make sure they knew how to do that.

MARS

Authority staff are developing a data collection system that will allow online motor vehicle theft reporting by state-funded anti-theft task forces throughout Illinois.

The Motor Vehicle Automated Reporting System (MARS) will allow simpler and more accurate monthly reporting of vehicle recoveries, arrests, and investigations of stolen vehicles.

The system will be used throughout the state by motor vehicle theft task forces supported with Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council funding. Statistics on auto theft are used to help determine annual task force funding needs.

Testing of the system will begin in the fall. Future plans for the system include possible expansion for use by multijurisdictional narcotics enforcement groups and drug task forces across Illinois.



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To: Authority Members

From: Herbert Johnson
IIJIS Project Manager

Date: August 20, 2007

Re: Illinois Integrated Justice Information System Project Update
May 2007 through August 2007

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

Tactical planning efforts

- The full Planning & Policy Committee met on May 31st. Colonel Michael Synders, Chair of the committee instructed each of the subcommittee chairs to review their group's action plans with emphasis on the IIJIS Strategic Plan. The plans are being updated to identify completed item, items still outstanding, and those items which are no longer feasible. The resulting action will lead to a reviewing and/or revisiting the mission of the subcommittees. Progress is being made in the development of a standardized booking and rapsheet documents. There are numerous detailed data elements that are being reviewed and will have to be vetted before XML schemas can be developed.

The development and rollout of the I-Case, a uniform incident/case report, will provide the foundation for the work of the Police Standardized Incident Report subcommittee. The subcommittee members will vet and test the I-Case system to assist in the development of the elements and requirements of the report.

IIJIS Governance

- The IIJIS Executive Steering Committee met on June 6th, and the full Implementation Board met on June 14th. The Executive Steering set the agenda for Implementation Board meeting and discussed the Technical Committee Chair vacancy. According to the IIJIS governing rules, the Chair shall appoint Board members or their official designees as chairs of committees.

The Implementation Board approved the recommendation from the Technical Committee to adopt Global Justice XML (GJXDM) as the foundational standard for information exchanges. Also, the Technical Committee asked the Board to endorse the use of (AFIS), Automated Fingerprint Identification System, for getting information into the LEADS system.

IIJIS 2007 Summit

- The Illinois Integrated Justice Information System Implementation Board sponsored the 2007 IIJIS Summit on June 25th at the Hilton Springfield. The purpose of the summit was to update and educate the justice community from the central and southern Illinois regions about integrated information sharing, the IIJIS initiative, and the importance of improving the quality, accuracy, accessibility, and timeliness of criminal justice information. Approximately 180 stakeholders from across Illinois registered to attend the summit. Colonel Jill Morgenthaler, Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety and Homeland Security for the State of Illinois provided the welcome address, and set the tone for a day that brought together local and nationally recognized experts in the criminal justice community to share best practices and national trends on integrated justice and information sharing. This year's summit featured breakout sessions on various topics, and by the reports from the summit evaluations, the sessions and the summit succeeded in stimulating dialogue across justice agencies. The 2007 IIJIS Summit program and the presentations are available on the IIJIS website for viewing.

ICJIA/IIJIS Grant Request

- The IIJIS Implementation Board along with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority has applied for a Byrne Memorial Grant Program 2007 Competitive Grant. The application is for a Category VI: Facilitating Justice Information Sharing. The dollar amount requested is \$1,023,950. The project's goals are to increase the sharing of information within the adult criminal justice system in Illinois consistent with federal and Illinois laws and to measure how criminal justice information integration and data exchange improvement programs impact Illinois counties' cost and operational efficiencies annually.

Privacy policy development efforts

- *Privacy Policy Guidance for Illinois Integrated Justice Systems, Volume 1* has been approved and adopted by the full Implementation Board. This report discusses several privacy issues confronting the integration of Illinois's justice information systems and sets forth the mandatory, prohibited, and permissible information practices under existing state and federal laws. The report also proposes a set of six privacy principles that reflect philosophical underpinnings of the justice system's collection, use, and dissemination of the information it requires to promote the public's safety.
- The development of *Privacy Policy Guidance Volume 2*, which addresses the enhanced collection, analysis, and dissemination of police report information, is ongoing. The key issues being researched are (1) the treatment of victim information, (2) the treatment of witness information, (3) the treatment of information concerning juveniles, (4) the treatment, (5) the treatment of social security numbers, and (6) the treatment of medical information. Research is being done to identify the existing protections for each of the issues, and a position on the pros and cons of each issue. The plan is for the full subcommittee to come together to vet, provide insight and make recommendations on the issues addressed in Volume 2.



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Memorandum

To: Authority Members
From: Hank Anthony
Date: August 29, 2007
Re: Office of Administrative Services (OAS) Report

The Office of Administrative Services continues to support the day-to-day operations of the Authority with: meeting/conference support (in and out of Authority space), travel arrangements (in-state and out-of-state travel), mail and supply operations, receptionist duties, security monitoring, vehicle maintenance and support, oversight of all telecommunications operations and requirements, oversight and processing of all procurements, establishing contracts for and oversight for the maintenance of all Authority equipment, database management, and resolution of office space concerns.