

# Overview of the Research and Analysis Unit Planning Process

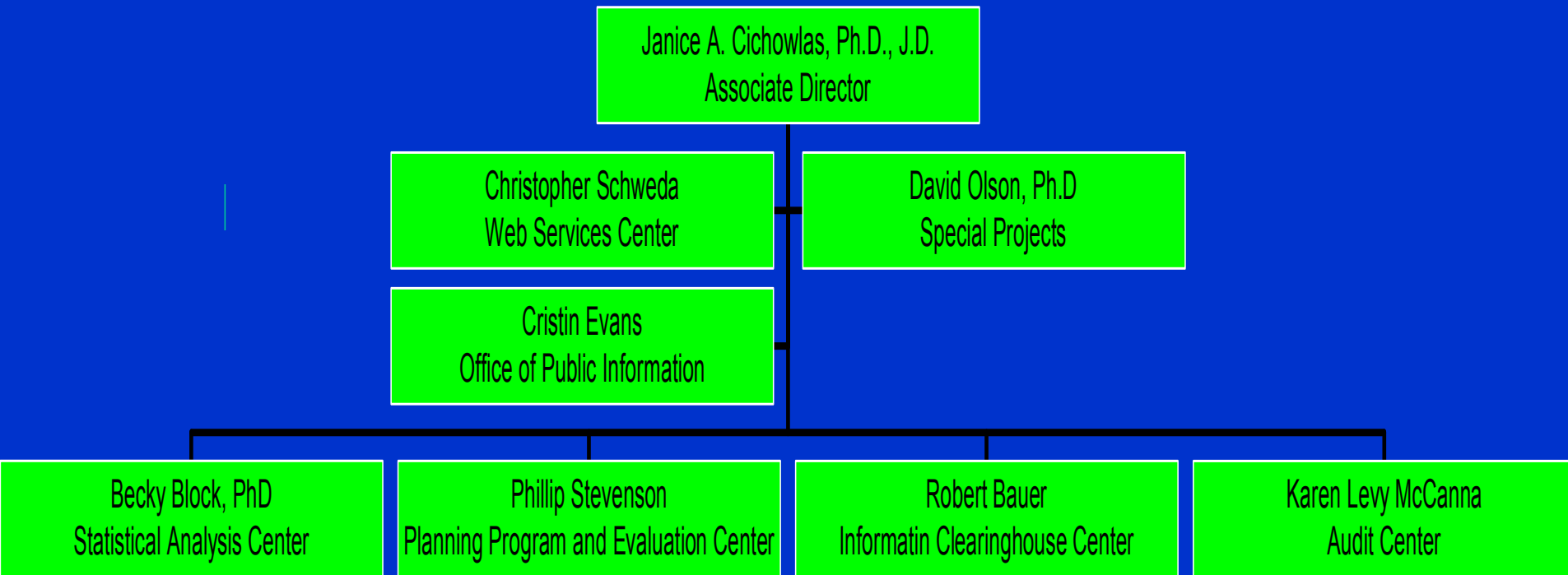
Planning and Research Committee  
Meeting

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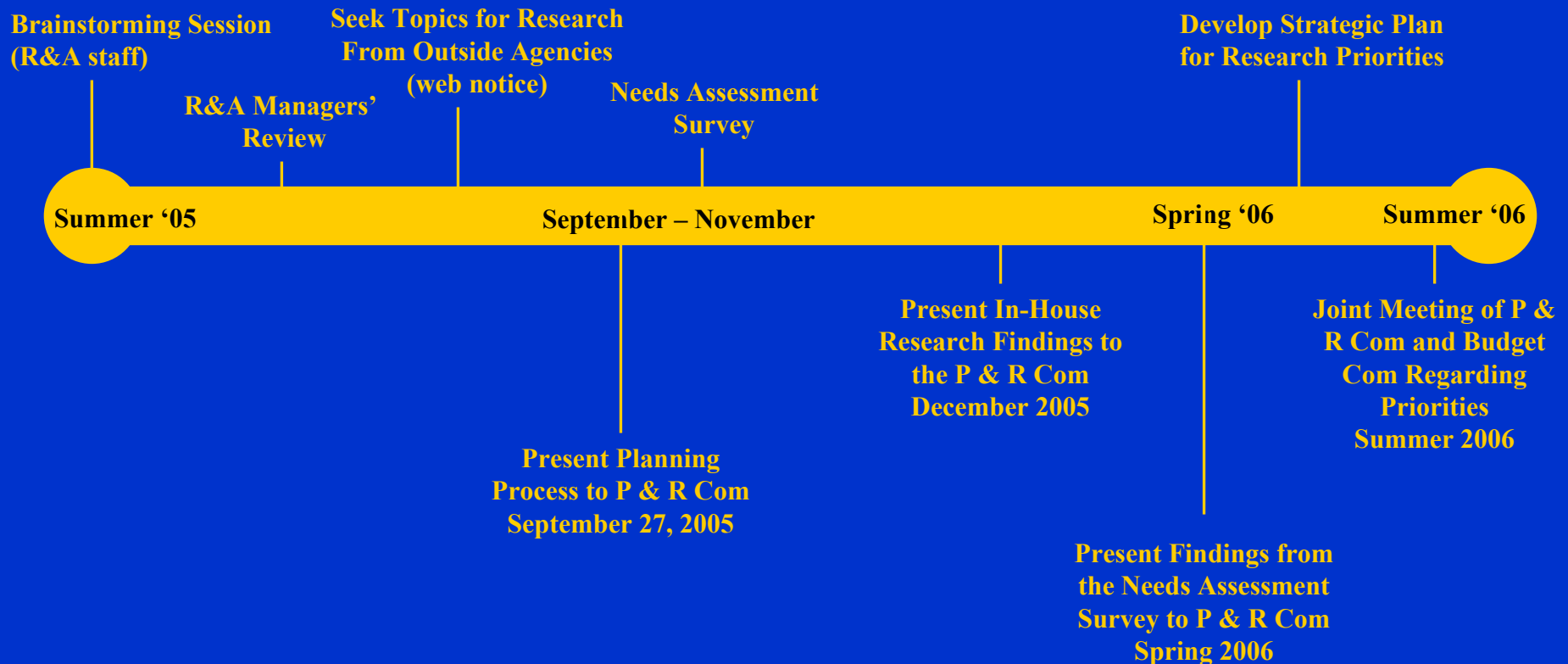
# Overview

- Organization of Research and Analysis Unit
- Research Priorities Identified by Staff
- Criminal Justice Needs Assessment
- ICJIA Planning Efforts
- Website Activity
- Publications
- Upcoming Meetings of P & R Committee

## Research and Analysis Organizational Chart



## R&A Unit Planning Process for Research Priorities



# Identification of Research Priorities from Staff

Research and Analysis staff met to brainstorm and identify issues that should be the focus of our research agenda. Staff drew from a number of sources when compiling their list of research priority issues. These include:

- Our current experience in working with criminal justice personnel and practitioners;
- Relevant research topics appearing in current journals;
- Information and media requests;
- Past planning materials; and
- Emerging problems facing the criminal justice system in Illinois.

# Identification of Research Priorities from Staff

This comprehensive list of issues was then presented to staff and staff selected and ranked their top 5. These selections were then weighted and a final score applied. Some of the topics that ranked highest include:

- Issues related to methamphetamine;
- Mapping of criminal justice needs, services, and gaps;
- Collaborative efforts between criminal justice agencies, schools, and communities;
- Regional issues, especially in rural areas; and
- Offenders with multiple service needs and the coordination of service.

# R&A Management Review of Staff Identified Topics

- Assessed extent to which topics fit into our general “mandate” of drug and violent crime-related topics
- Assessed capacity to conduct research internally versus externally
- Assessed ability to contribute to body of existing knowledge given available resources

# Solicitation of Research Priorities from State Agency Partners

- Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
- Illinois Department of Corrections
- Illinois State Police
- Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Probation Services Division
- Illinois Attorney General's Office
- Illinois Department of Corrections



# AOIC Research & Evaluation Priorities

- Drug & Mental Health Courts
- Supervision & Treatment of Methamphetamine-involved probationers
- Evaluations of Domestic Violence & Sex Offender Programs for Probationers (Outcomes)
- Impact of punishment on medium to low risk probationers/offenders

# DHS/DASA Research & Evaluation Priorities

- Substance abuse among juvenile offender populations
- Substance abuse, treatment utilization and outcomes of probationers
- Examination of the criminal history of treatment participants (pre- & post-treatment), and the treatment needs of the criminal population (DASA/ICJIA Data Linkage Project)

# Illinois State Police Research & Evaluation Priorities

- Impact of law regarding limited sales of cold medications on methamphetamine production in Illinois
- Trends in drug submission to ISP crime labs
- Trends in Operation Valkyrie cases
- Trends in heroin use, availability and arrests
- Relationship between juvenile crime and subsequent adult involvement in violence

# Illinois Attorney General's Office Research & Evaluation Priorities

- Out-of-state methamphetamine manufacturers using Illinois for chemicals & lab sites
- Impact of methamphetamine cases on child-welfare system
- Relationship between methamphetamine and domestic violence
- Cost to “society” of methamphetamine use and production

# IDOC Research Priorities

- Evaluations of specific new IDOC programs and initiatives
- Research into sex offender recidivism
- Research on female offender needs
- Research to support strategic planning as identified by the Governor's Prisoner Reentry Commission
- Ongoing support of research and evaluation to support treatment within IDOC facilities such as the Sheridan Correctional Center

# Criminal Justice Needs Assessment

- Conduct a replication of a needs assessment by ICJIA nearly 10 years ago
- Describe the issues facing CJS professionals regionally and statewide
- Determine research and evaluation activities

# Who is being surveyed?

- Probation (125)
- Circuit Court Clerks (102)
- Detention Center Administrators (17)
- Chief Judges (26)
- Police Chiefs (994)
- Public Defenders (99)
- State's Attorneys (102)
- Victim Service Administrators (100)
- Jail Administrators (Sheriffs)\* (102)

# Survey Topics

- Workload Issues
- Staffing Issues
- Training Issues
- Services and Program Needs
- Information System Needs
- Perceptions of Crime
- Collaborations with Other CJ Agencies
- Priorities for Research and Evaluation



# Simultaneous Planning Processes at ICJIA

- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

# Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- Federal funds that combine the Edward Byrne Memorial Fund and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant into a single grant program

# Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

# Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

- Federal funds supported by the Crime Victims Fund
- Distribution to states via a formula grant
- State grant administrator distributes to state and/or local programs via discretionary grants

# Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

- Grants intended to improve and enhance the quality and availability of victim services
- Victim compensation
- Victim assistance
- Program evaluation and development
- Training of professionals providing victim services

# S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant

- Federal funds are distributed to states based on a formula grant program
- State grant administrator distributes the funds via state and/or local discretionary grants

# S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant

- Training
- Program development
- Protocol implementation
- Data collection and communication systems
- Victim services
- Multidisciplinary efforts
- Victim assistance

# JAG, VOCA, and VAWA Agency Planning

- Federal and State Grants Unit
- Research and Analysis Unit
- Combined staff make up the Agency Planning Committee

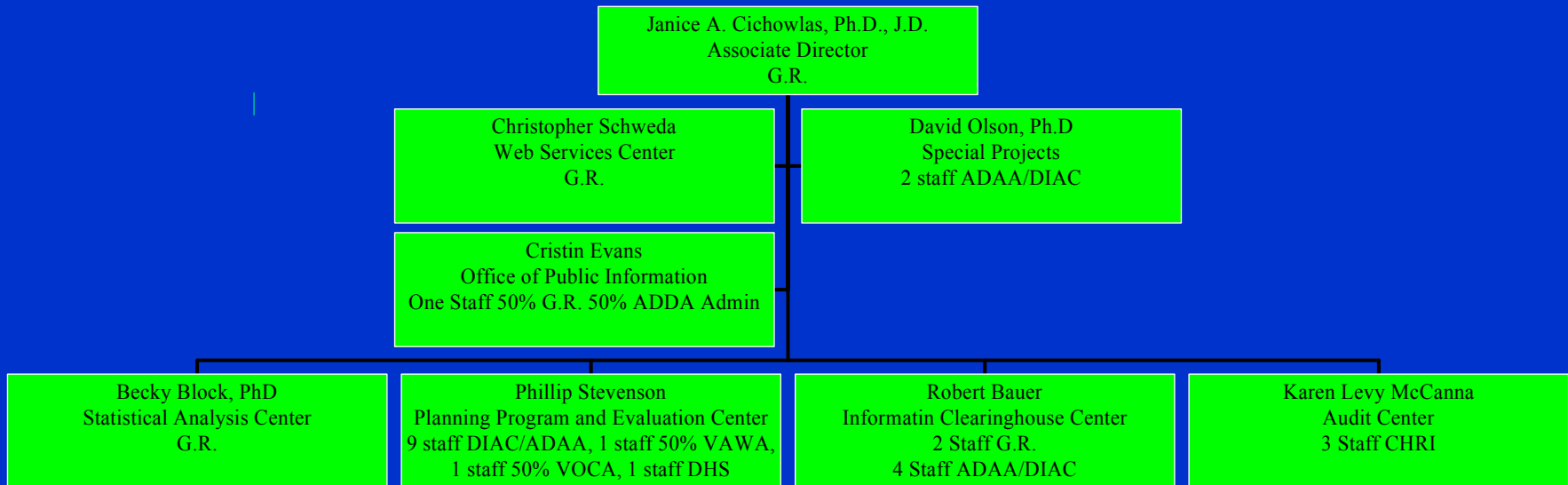


# JAG, VOCA, and VAWA In-House Planning

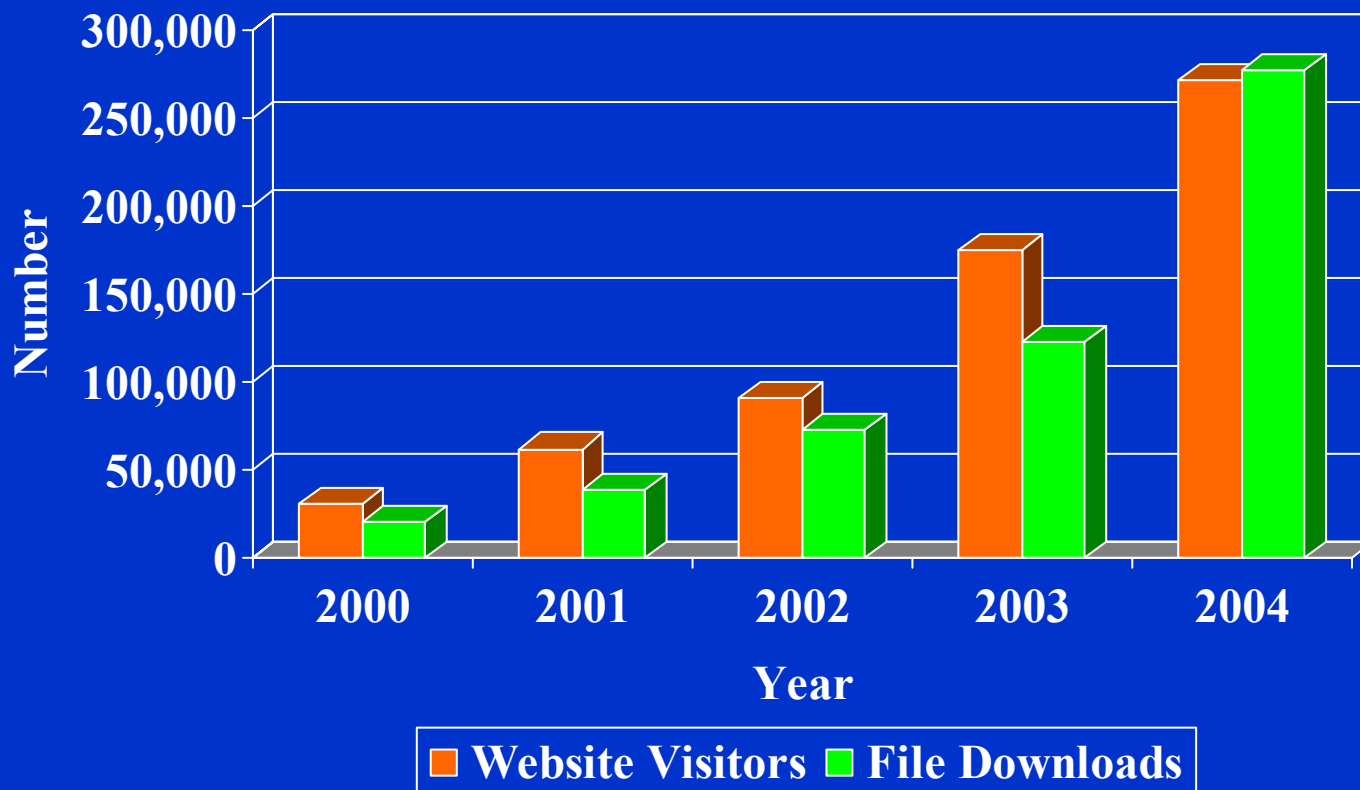
- Determine the picture of spending by fund, service area and region across the state
- Determine the level of need by service area and region across the state
- Present this information with recommendations for funding priorities to the Authority Budget Committee for approval
- Present the refined priority funding plan to the Authority Board for approval



# Research and Analysis Organizational Chart with Funding Source



## ICJIA Website Activity



# ICJIA Website

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us>

- Almost 500 Authority publications available free of charge
- Over 5,000 pages of frequently updated criminal justice news and information
- Authority information, background, and meeting materials
- Maps, charts, and graphs for state and county-level data
- “CJ Dispatch,” a twice-monthly e-mail for criminal justice issues

# ICJIA Website Future Projects

- On-line training and certification
- Additional state and county level statistics
- On-line methamphetamine reporting module for local law-enforcement
- Website in-house committee to expand and improve the website

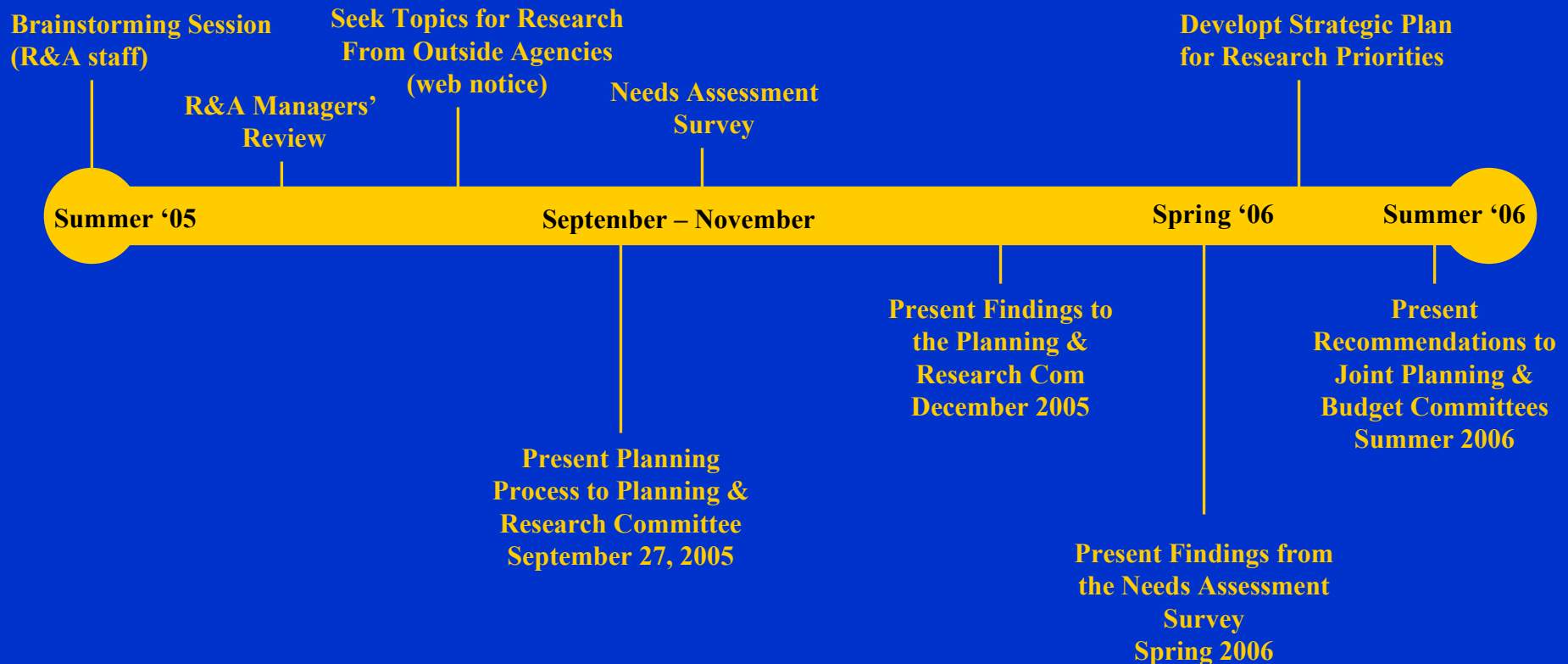
# ICJIA Publications

- Publication List
- In-House Committee to review need for new or different formats

# Planning and Research Committee Schedule

- Next Meeting: Presentation of in-house research findings (December 2005)
- Spring Meeting: Presentation of Needs Assessment Findings
- Summer Meeting: Joint Planning and Budget Committee Presentation

## R&A Unit Planning Process for Research Priorities





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