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Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee
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The Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 9:30 AM in Lower Level conference room "A" of the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I. OPEN MEETING STATUS

As amended by LB 898, 2005 Legislature, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for public review.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Chair Michael Overton.

The following members were **present**: Steve Schafer, Office of the CIO; David Wegner, Probation Administration; Chuck Phillips, Nebraska State Patrol-CID; Lisa Hernandez, Nebraska State Patrol-CID; Keta Wright, Nebraska State Patrol-IT; Byron Patterson, Police Officers Association of Nebraska/Kearney Police Department; Kevin Duffy for Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney; Rosalyn Cotton, Board of Parole; Gregg Magee, Nebraska Sheriffs Association; Joe Renteria, Jr., Lancaster County Public Defender; Sherri Haber, Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Children and Family Services; Melanie Koch, Lancaster County Corrections, Scot Ford, South Sioux City Police Department; Sean Owings, Nebraska Department of Roads-Highway Safety; Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads-Highway Safety; Bob Corner, Department of Motor Vehicles-Highway Safety; and Michael Overton, Nebraska Crime Commission.

Also present were: Michael Behm, Matthew Dicke, Brad Hicken and Sarah Schoen of the Nebraska Crime Commission and Jeff Beaty of the Community Corrections Council.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

A motion was made by Magee and seconded by Wegner to approve the minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee meeting of March 13, 2008. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

A. JUSTICE

There were no representatives in attendance from Justice to provide an update.

B. Victim Notification/VINE

Michael Overton reported this is the 10th anniversary of providing Victim Notification in the state. The original contract was signed in 1998 with APPRISS to provide Victim Notification using their product called VINE. They went live with the first jails in May 1999; Adams County was the first jail that went online. The intent of this project is to allow the public, particularly victims of crime, to be able to call a toll free number and find out the status of a person being held in jail or prison. They could then also sign-up to get a notification when that person is released or transferred from jail or prison. Overton reported they now have data for all corrections in the State of Nebraska, except Dodge County.

Overton informed the Committee that when Victim Notification/VINE first began, there was an average of 150 registrations per month. The current average of monthly registrations is over 400. VINE continues to have steady use with 24,000 currently registered for notifications. There were 28,000 total notifications made in the past year with 8,700 email notifications and 20,000 phone notifications. He reported there are approximately 179,000 calls currently coming into VINE.

Overton next reported that they received a grant from the Department of Justice which will allow them to enhance the victim notification system. One of the enhancements that will be made is to add the Vietnamese language to this system, which currently already has English and Spanish in place. A second component of this grant is dealing with court notification. It is too expensive to do court notifications through VINE, but will hopefully go through email notifications within NCJIS to accomplish this goal.

Materials for VINE are available upon request.

C. NCJIS

Overton reported that NCJIS continues to be the cornerstone project, data portal. It continues to have good use with some new features added. He reported that in 2008, there were a total of 6,000 users from approximately 366 state, federal and local agencies.

1. HHSS

Overton reported that in the past year, 1,100 HHS users were added to NCJIS. These HHS users are not actually NCJIS users. A limited view site, NDEN (Nebraska Data Exchange Network), was created so that HHS

users could have access to public information such as court, corrections and jail data.

2. NCJIS/NeLEIS

Overton reported they have been working with the State Patrol to develop the intelligence system within NCJIS/NeLEIS (Fusion Center).

Chuck Phillips stated that while they were looking to develop a Fusion Center, they visited several Fusion Centers across the country. He stated that none of these Centers has anything like NCJIS in place. To have a system like this is a huge step in the right direction for criminal justice.

Overton stated they will work closely to link NCJIS and NeLEIS together to make it as efficient as possible for those using the systems.

3. NPMIS INTERFACES

a. SSI

Overton reported that probation is in the process of automating SSI, and they will add this once completed.

b. YLS

Overton reported that probation is in the process of automating YLS, and they will add this once completed.

c. DCN/PCH

David Wegner reported they have been working with the State Patrol to improve the process of fingerprinting offenders who have never been fingerprinted. He stated that they have been able to integrate PCH when data is being entered so officers can then identify whether or not an offender has been fingerprinted for a specific offense.

A second issue Probation is working with is developing a problem solving court management information system which will allow all problem solving and drug courts to have their data in one centralized system. This system will be brought into production within the next 3-4 weeks, and Wegner stated they will continue to work with NCJIS to get this data added to the NCJIS database.

Wegner also reported they have modified NPMIS to push more data to NCJIS in regards to interstate offenders, which will be a huge help to law enforcement. Their hope is to develop uniform outcomes and data on offenders.

4. SCHOOL DATA - RALSTON

Overton reported that the Omaha Public Schools data has been added to NCJIS. Ralston Public schools has begun to provide their data as well. Other schools are in the process of wanting to get their school data online also. Overton reported they will continue to work with these schools to bring their data online.

5. CRASH DATA

Overton reported that they are working with the Department of Roads to provide crash data to NCJIS for agencies to view. Bob Grant stated they are providing all information they can to make this happen.

D. LOCAL APPLICATIONS

1. SLEUTH

Matthew Dicke informed the Committee that the company who created the SLEUTH software has undergone changes in both the software and company support. He also stated that there has been recent interest from agencies wanting to acquire software or go with a shared installation between a sheriff's office and a police department's office.

2. E-CITATIONS

Dicke next informed the Committee that agencies have been funded for implementation of issuing and creating e-citations. The data that is used will then be passed on to NCJIS. The funding provided was for 40 agencies in 2008. Of these agencies, 22 have finished purchasing equipment or upgrading the software as part of that project. The remaining agencies are in various stages of submitting for funds, acquiring hardware, migrating software or training users.

Dicke informed the committee that the funding provided was for upgrading their software as well as purchasing and implementing MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals) in the cars themselves. However, more times than not, only half or less of the cars that the agencies were looking to have equipped were funded.

Dicke reported that they have also had difficulty with a variety of agencies in implementing the project because of the entire process required for the project to work properly and be maintained. The project has been fairly complex both in creating and solving problems for agencies. He reported that they will continue to work with agencies to help implement the project; however, it is not something that is going away. They are also willing to provide additional funding in the future to those agencies that are willing to commit to the project.

3. TRACS

a. E-Citations

Dicke informed the Committee that TraCS is the e-Citation software that the Nebraska State Patrol primarily uses in their Carrier Enforcement division. This is a stand-alone software that performs form entry. The State Patrol currently has this software implemented in 60 cars as well as carrier enforcement. They are all issuing tickets and passing this data into NCJIS. In 2008, there were a total of approximately 295,000 tickets from the State Patrol that were being electronically sent to NCJIS.

b. Accidents

Dicke reported that they are currently working with the Department of Roads to implement their accident form into NCJIS. This is still a work in progress, and they are working to finalize the details in order to get this up and running.

4. EASYSTREET DRAW

Dicke reported that this program is an accident drawing software that is used to create accident drawings that are inputted into the Department of Roads' accident forms. A new version, Version 4, of this software is available to agencies.

5. JAMIN

Dicke next reported that the JAMIN (Jail Management) software is currently being utilized by 50 jails in Nebraska. This software is supported by a company called Text and Data. He stated that there have recently been issues regarding the transfer of photos and/or data to NCJIS and VINE; however, they are continuing to work to resolve these issues.

Dicke next noted they have been having discussions with Douglas County, who is a non-JAMIN site, regarding jail data issues.

Dick also informed the Committee that the Norfolk Police Department and Dodge County currently do not submit their jail data electronically.

6. CMS

Dicke next reported that the CMS software is a Case Management software that is used by the county prosecutors in Nebraska. This has been included in the electronic citations project in that they have developed a component of the software to facilitate transfer of the citation data back to the county prosecutor system. This software is currently utilized by approximately 20 counties in Nebraska.

Dicke informed the Committee that Douglas county is looking at implementing the CMS software. He stated that they had some free licenses that had originally been purchased with the CMS software, and they will apply those licenses to Douglas County. The current interfaces in place with the CMS software for transferring data citations in and out and filing to Justice will be leveraged and used with counties.

Dicke also informed the Committee that there will be a CMS and Sleuth Users conference on April 27-28, 2009, which is immediately prior to the CJIS Technology Conference.

E. NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

1. PCH

Lisa Hernandez reported that they are currently working on cleaning up the PCH system in order to eliminate duplicate records; however, this currently does not coincide with NCJIS and would like to work with staff to resolve this issue.

2. NCHIP

Phillips reported that they just submitted the NCHIP 15 grant even though NCHIP 14 is still in progress.

Hernandez reported that they are also currently working on cleaning up the NCHIP system in order to eliminate duplicate records; however, this also currently does not coincide with NCJIS and would like to work with staff to resolve this issue.

3. AFIS

Phillips stated that there are currently 24 active LIVESCAN machines, with three planned to be deployed in the near future for Saunders County, Gage County and Saline County.

4. SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY

Phillips stated that Parole and Probation have individuals working on this because as it stands now with Nebraska's requirements, when a offender enters into Nebraska they do not have to be on the registry. This is something that the State would like to possibly see changed.

5. NeLEIS

Phillips spoke on this project earlier in the meeting.

6. CCW

Phillips stated that they have seen an increase in CCW applications in the last couple of weeks. It was also noted that purchase permits have spiked as well.

7. RMS

Phillips stated that RMS went live on March 18, 2009, and as far as he knew, things were running smoothly.

E. AGENCY UPDATES

1. Wegner addressed the Committee with his concern of data integrity. He stated that one of their biggest issues that they are currently dealing with is discharge records from probation. He said there have been a multiple number of offenders discovered who do not have an associated discharge record, which then becomes an issue when the data is pushed to PCH. He wants to ensure that valid data is being pushed to PCH and NCJIS.
2. Byron Patterson brought up the issue of increased gun related requests on agencies. He stated that they have seen almost double the requests from the previous year, which has highlighted the deficiencies of some of the statewide record systems. The one area he stated is of largest concern is that the mental health records are not in place, which is a huge problem and liability when these individuals are submitting gun related requests. He feels that these issues need to be addressed. It was decided that perhaps a smaller sub-committee would be the place to begin in order to map out a process for the course of action to address these issues.

The Committee members who volunteered to serve on this sub-committee are as follows:

- Sherri Haber (said she would find someone from the Division of Behavioral Health)
- Lisa Hernandez
- Gregg Magee
- Byron Patterson
- Chuck Phillips
- David Wegner
- Keta Wright

Patterson also reiterated the importance of data integrity issues.

V. 2009 CJIS TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Overton reported the 2009 CJIS Technology Conference will be held at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, Nebraska on April 29, 2009 to April 30, 2009. The

CMS and SLEUTH user conferences will take place on April 27, 2009 and April 28, 2009.

VI. MULTI-STATE PORTAL DATA SHARING INITIATIVE: CONNECT

Overton informed the Committee that they are working to be able to share data from state to state via portals. This would allow the sharing of Driver license photos between Wyoming, Alabama and Nebraska. With this function, you will be able to launch a search for a driver's information and driver photo. The intent of this project was to build on Standards coming out of the Department of Justice. This project should be live by mid-April and will hopefully be able to roll this out at the CJIS conference. Overton also stated that Colorado is very interested in becoming a part of this project, and they will be working with other states as well to try and bring them online also. The issue is that all states are at various levels of technology which makes this a difficult process; however, it is an ongoing project and they will continue to move forward with this. One important issue they will be keeping in mind is that they need to approach a concrete privacy policy across the states to protect information.

VII. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/JBHC – POTENTIAL STATUTE/CODE STANDARDIZATION

Overton reported that the Community Corrections Council has a sub-committee that deals with addressing the standardization of screening and treatment for drug offenders. JBHC is the name of this sub-committee, and its original focus was on drug offenders; however, there has been an ongoing need to deal with mental health issues as well, and it is important to bring our mental health concerns to their attention.

Overton next reported that the Community Corrections Council is supported by a Uniform Data Fund. This fund is utilized to support the Council with data for decision making and support. The Crime Commission was then tasked with this data collection, and they came to the CJIS Advisory Committee for support and to make recommendations for data projects that would be able to facilitate the collection of data and the use of uniform data fund for improving underlying systems as well as collection of data. Overton reported they are currently in the process of looking at the use of this fund for the next biennium. The one issue they want to address is the standardization of codes, particularly amongst Corrections who has a completely separate code system. This could be accomplished by implementing a double code system, but this is a work in progress and the Committee will be kept up to date as decisions are made regarding this issue.

VIII. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Overton next asked for nominations to appoint a new chairperson for 2009.

Kevin Duffy nominated Mike Overton for chairperson and David Wegner seconded this nomination.

Call to close nominations was made by Gregg Magee and seconded by Byron Patterson.

Motion

A motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Ford to vote for the chairperson via acclamation instead of secret ballot. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Motion

A motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Wegner to approve the nominations and appoint Mike Overton as Chair for the committee for 2009. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Overton next asked for nominations to appoint a new vice chairperson for 2009.

Greg Magee nominated David Wegner for vice chairperson and Kevin Duffy seconded this nomination.

Call to close nominations was made by Byron Patterson and seconded by Kevin Duffy.

Motion

A motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Cotton to vote for the vice chairperson via acclamation instead of secret ballot. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Motion

A motion was made by Magee and seconded by Duffy to approve the nominations and appoint David Wegner as Vice Chair for the committee for 2009. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

XI. NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE

The CJIS Technology Conference will serve as the next Committee meeting.

Following the conference, the next tentative scheduled meeting date is August 6, 2009. This meeting will take place at the Nebraska State Office Building, Conference Room "6Z," 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to report at this time.

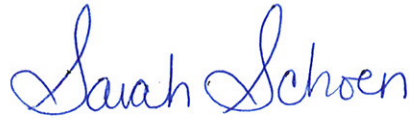
XI. ADJOURN

Motion

A motion was made by Magee and seconded by Ford to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Schoen
Administrative Assistant