# North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2014 9:00 AM

901 Corporate Center Drive Oak/Maple/DA Conference Rooms Raleigh, North Carolina

# **CJIN Governing Board Members Present:**

Greg Baker Bob Brinson Shannon Hanes
Chip Hight Dewey Jones Steve Lingerfelt
Jeff Marecic Michael McArthur Kelly Thomas
Victor Watts Al Williams Dexter Williams

**CJIN Staff:** 

Gene Vardaman LaVonda Fowler Lars Nance

#### Guests:

Frank Palombo Chris Cote Jeanette Lindsey Dan Jahn Brian Jones **Bobby Jeffers** Tandra Adams Charity Lemons Kimberly McLamb Dennis Reynolds Karlynn O'Shaughnessy Mark Prakke Michelle Taylor Peter Baker Ryan Hepler Cynthia Bowles Pam Barlow David Boggs Janet Greene Donna Sanchez Danny Bell Jonathan Oakes Cindy Hollar Daniel Miglin Steve Watkins Mark Cervi John Lowry Peter Romary Lawrence Whaley Clinton Williams Mike Futrell Tonva Alexander Al Ferguson Joel Bonestell **Brian Jones** Jeff Phillips Cyncere Neal Jason Bennett Gregory Johnson Travis Robinson Gary Snow James Gerrell Gary Leonhardt Stephen Jacobs Dinah Sittniewski Mike Martin Steve Dolinski Steve Wales Daniel Fannen Harry Rybecki

#### **Board Activities and Announcements**

CJIN Chairman Bob Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Brinson welcomed the Board members and guests to the meeting and informed them that sign-in sheets were being circulated. Chairman Brinson thanked Willa Moyer for sharing the facilities of the NC Judicial Center for the meeting. He also informed the Board to mark their calendars of the tentative schedule for the upcoming CJIN Board Meetings: November 20, 2014, January 29, 2015 and March 26, 2015.

## **Folder Materials**

Chairman Brinson made the Board members aware that their folders contained an Agenda for the CJIN meeting and for the Inmate Medical Workshop being held this afternoon, Travel Request Form, draft copy of the May 29, 2014 minutes, Ethics Commission change in policy documents and NCIS Success Stories.

#### **Ethics Awareness**

Chairman Brinson informed the Board that per NC State Ethics Commission guidelines, all Board members are required to attend an ethics training course at least every two years. The course offerings and locations are also available on the Ethics Commission website.

Chairman Brinson gave an ethics reminder that is required to be presented at the beginning of any Board meeting. Chairman Brinson read into record the following, "In accordance with G.S. 138A-15, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved".

### **Travel**

Chairman Brinson stated that for travel reimbursement, please find a copy of the form in your folder, any questions please see LaVonda or Gene.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 29, 2014 CJIN Meeting were approved.

#### **Project Updates, Discussion and Action Items**

Chairman Brinson informed the Board that the NC Ethics Commission has had a change in Policy regarding allowing the individuals who are required to submit Statement of Economic Interest that the information provided will be available Online for the public to have access to it.

The Board discussed this concern and made a motion to send to the State Ethics Commission stating the following: The CJIN Board opposes any release of personal identifying information from the SEI or through State Ethics Commission, to include but not limited to home address, telephone number, email address etc. not to be included in a public information request or available in any way to the public.

This motion was made and passed unanimously.

## **Program Update – CJLEADS**

Chairman Brinson introduced Danny Bell and Jeannette Lindsey, who gave the Board an update and short PowerPoint presentation on CJLEADS. Danny and Jeanette shared with the Board 550 agencies that have operational presence in NC that are using CJLEADS, over 11,000 users are accessing the system every week, release 11 was launched on September 11, 2014. For release 12 there will be an integration with Pistol Permits, DMV enhancements, Gang information enhancements, ability in the advance search to specifically search by scars, marks and tattoos. Looking at pursuing an interface with NCAWARE, trying to develop a way to compare offenders within CJLEADS, and interested in obtaining Federal data. A request was made by Al Williams if there was a way to get a longer timeout within the courtroom in order for DAs to not have to login after 30 minutes. Danny stated he would bring that up with OITS to determine if it is possible for the Courts to also have a longer timeout such as the 4 hours that law enforcement has. Jeannette gave the Board an overview of the newest enhancements for CJLEADS.

A Motion was made to inform the General Assembly that the CJIN Board at this time is not in support of charging any Federal personnel within NC Borders access to CJLEADS. This access should be allowed to Federal personnel without a user fee of any kind.

This motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Danny participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Jeanette Lindsey, Al Williams, Karlynn O'Shaughnessy, Dewey Jones, and Kelly Thomas.

#### **Program Update – NCAOC Court Automation Programs**

Chairman Brinson introduced Jeff Marecic, CIO for AOC who shared with the Board an update on the major projects within AOC. NCAWARE now has a night vision function, has over 10k processes, eCitation is looking into changing the platform for it to be more functional for the Officer, 444 LEA use this program, CCISCC release 5.5 is being rolled out now, and it is the program that will replace CourtFlow, it has over 2000 users across the state.

Jeff participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Al Williams, Dewey Jones, Janet Greene, and Mark Fuller.

# <u>Program Update & Discussion - NCIS - Law Enforcement Information Exchange</u> (LInX), including the Charlotte Regional Information Sharing System (CRISS)

Chairman Brinson introduced Chief Frank Palombo who gave the Board an update on the CRISS project and its transition to LInX. Frank commented on the success stories that were in the members folders which represents about 10% of all the stories that have been submitted to LInX.

Donna Sanchez reviewed the concerns that CRISS was having with the previous contractor for data sharing, and how the transition was made in order to bring LlnX on as the new data sharing program. The cost of the LlnX installation was covered through

the COPSMORE Grant and the majority of the maintenance fee is paid by NCIS till at least 2018 and most likely beyond that. LInX is continually updating the system and has VA, SC, FL, National Capital Region and other states that share information with all other LInX users, which was extremely important to the CRISS Directors, as well as the fact that it is controlled by Law Enforcement Personnel.

LInX also has the ability to have more analytics available to the users for crime analysis and other tools that the users will be able to access. Chris Cote stated that NCIS is very supportive of facilitating and leveraging the pockets of success that LInX has had with analytical development for the purpose of sharing the knowledge, personnel and development for NC.

Frank stated that LInX Carolinas users now have access to law enforcement records from 1,691 agencies system wide who contribute more than 570 million records and 52 million mug shots, that from 2007 to-date, the total cost to NC taxpayers has been \$113,000, 100% of the annual operating and maintenance costs have been paid by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), funding is forecasted to continue through 2018. Future funding beyond 2018 is likely. LInX Carolinas has always given priority to getting the most for every dollar spent, special attention has been given to large population centers and agencies with large LE data bases, and this represents nearly 60% of NC's population while incorporating 31% of her law enforcement agencies. Southern Software has been added to OSSI, and Spillman on a list of vendors who have preferred pricing status, greatly reducing their mapping cost. The agencies that are currently using LInX but are not contributing data is estimated to be \$114,700. Prior to the preferred pricing of Southern Software the cost would have been \$179,400, Based on priorities, established by the LInX Carolinas Executive Committee, there are 263 NC agencies approved for membership that do not yet have access. These agencies represent approximately 40% of NC's population. Upon completing the mapping of all 263 agencies LInX will serve 99.04% of NC's total population and 97.72% of the sworn officers, the remaining .96% of NC's population (95,515) live in 96 cities each with less than 10 sworn officers or have agencies with no RMS. The 576 officers in those cities represent 2.28% of NC's 25,269 total sworn.

NGC's three preferred pricing vendors represent 225 of the 263 agencies, "Project LINX Statewide Build Out" is designed in 3 phases; Phase 1, FY 2015 – Map agencies with 20 or more sworn whose RMS vendors are covered by NGC preferred pricing 38 OSSI; 86 Southern Software; 5 Spillman – 129 agencies, estimated cost \$1,073,600, Phase 2, FY 2016 - Map remaining agencies with 20 or more sworn plus all agencies with 15 to 19 sworn 81 agencies, estimated cost \$1,392,250, Phase 3, FY 2017 - Map all agencies with 10 to 14 sworn 53 agencies, estimated cost \$533,050. The total cost of "Project LInX Statewide Build Out" is estimated to be \$2,998,900 over 3 budget years. This is not however a hard quote, it's just an estimate - the negotiated price has not been solicited as of yet. Also as another note: Recently, Air Force OSI has determined LInX/D-DEx to be an invaluable tool in their efforts to keep Air Force assets safe worldwide. They have committed funding to map LE agencies that impact Air Force bases starting with MacDill AFB in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. LInX Carolinas has submitted a list of 19 such agencies in NC that impact Seymour Johnson and Pope Air Force Bases. This Air Force OSI effort may impact the overall cost of the project in a positive way depending on the availability of Air Force funding and timing.

Chris Cote stated that the main objective of LInX is to keep the program going, and that most of the funding is through grants and other leveraging funding sources at the State level. LInX is intricately involved with Department of Defense, as now LInX is no longer a separate line item for funding, it is integrated into the NCIS budget. The ability to connect internationally and nationally is vital to solving cases such as the Naval Yard shooting. Chris stated that the cost to run LInX is \$6 Million a year nationally. LInX can pull data from N-DEx into LInX or you can launch N-DEx through LInX.

Frank also introduced Jonathan Oakes who took over for Joe Kennedy as the Special Agent in Charge for NC for NCIS. Jonathan stated to the Board he was very excited to be working with us in expanding LInX and any other projects that he could assist with.

Frank participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Donna Sanchez, Chris Cote, LaVonda Fowler, Ryan Hepler, Jonathan Oakes and Karlynn O'Shaughnessy.

## **Break**

## Pre-Trial Release Presentation – City of Statesville & Iredell County

Chairman Brinson introduced Sqt. Dan Miglin of Statesville Police Department and Cindy Hollar of the Iredell County Clerk's Office. Dan gave the Board a presentation on the Pre-Trial release effort that has been implemented in Iredell County. Dan gave the Board a background of Domestic Violence in Iredell County, which culminated when a Statesville Police Officer killed his wife and himself in front of their children. At this time it was necessary to do something to prevent this from happening again, so an all-out effort was done to find ways to collaborate with Community Services, Law Enforcement, Courts, Victim's Assistance, etc. There was quite a bit of training that was done, including Pre-Trial by John Guard from Pitt County. That training started the initiative to duplicate the model that Pitt County has developed and it is being done today with great success. Some of the highlights are: June 2, 2014 - Iredell County law enforcement community began warrantless arrests for violation of pre-trial release conditions: Intensive education to law enforcement officers; between June-August, 2014 – 15 total arrests for violations in Statesville, while in the previous 6 months there had only been 3 arrests, first Domestic Violence Call-In held in Iredell County, 12 DV offenders invited -11 attended, 70+ community members attended, outstanding feedback from attendees. Planned future enhancements are: Fall 2014: Spanish version of resource guides being printed at this time, implementation of consistent, comprehensive tracking of domestic violence cases using VAWA annual report as template, develop and implement consistent, uniform DV response protocol / policy for all Iredell County law enforcement officers to follow.

Al Ferguson from High Point PD, echoed what Dan presented and confirmed that this program has been amazing in High Point as well.

Dan participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Cindy Hollar, Al Ferguson and LaVonda Fowler.

#### **New Business/ Adjournment**

Chairman Brinson reminded the Board of the Workshop following lunch and that the next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014. Chairman Brinson adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.