

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network  
Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 26, 2019 9:00 AM  
901 Corporate Center Drive  
Oak/Maple Conference Rooms  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CJIN Governing Board Members Present:**

Allen Baddour	Charles Blackwood	Galen Braddy
William Bryan	Crystal Cody	John Correllus
Laura Fahnstock	Lorin Freeman	Kesha Howell
Torre Jessup	Ryan Kokajko	Glenn Mack
Michael McArthur	Wyatt Pettengill	Kimberly Quintus

**CJIN Staff:**

LaVonda Fowler

**Guests:**

Jeffery Mitchell	Lisa Jayne	Marc Erickson
Kimberly Thomas	Jessie Garner	David Oyler
Jeff Stevenson	Demetrius Pulley	Tanya Stauffer
Richard Brown	David Bishop	Dennis Reynolds
Tim Parker	Eric Puryear	Ryan Helms
Emily Sawyer	Anthony Whitmore	Brad Fowler
Catherine Miller	Carol Burroughs	Liz Patel
Geroge Tkach		

**Board Activities and Announcements**

CJIN Vice Chairman, Sheriff Charles Blackwood called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice Chairman Blackwood took a moment to read the CJIN Board purpose to everyone as a reminder of why we were there and what the role of the Board was.

Vice Chairman Blackwood noted that LaVonda has circulated sign-in sheets throughout the room and to please sign in.

Vice Chairman Blackwood acknowledged the CJIN Advisory Board members who were present and thanked them for their continued support.

Vice Chairman Blackwood reminded everyone that the CJIN Website and Facebook Site have been updated.

**Folder Materials**

Vice Chairman Blackwood stated that the following items were contained in their folders: Meeting Agenda, Travel Request Forms, Draft Minutes – January 16, 2019 Meeting and the CJIN Annual Report.

Vice Chairman Blackwood also noted that the presentations from the meeting will be posted on the CJIN website.

Vice Chairman Blackwood took a few moments to welcome a new Board Member, Kesha Howell.

### **Ethics Awareness**

Vice Chairman Blackwood 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. He stated that the course offerings and locations are available on the Ethics Commission website.

Vice Chairman Blackwood gave an ethics reminder that is required to be presented at the beginning of any Board meeting. He 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.

Vice Chairman Blackwood also reminded the Board Members that their Statement of Economic Interest documents are due prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> and that they can be completed manually or electronically, please see LaVonda regarding any questions.

### **Travel**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 16, 2019 Meeting were approved.

### **Meeting Format**

Vice Chairman Blackwood stated that the meeting format would consist of having a variety of updates on the CJIN Board Initiatives and projects that have significant interest to law enforcement, court personnel, corrections, IT departments, and others. These presentations will include: Kesha Howell the Chief Operating Officer for the AOC, she is joined by Brad Fowler, the Chief Business Officer of the AOC, who will be giving us an update on the Administrative Office of the Courts. Ms. Catherine Miller who will be joining us from Maryland and she is going to give the Board an update on the National Capital Region with the LInX Program as well as some new capabilities of this wonderful information sharing solution. Kimberly Quintus will give the Board an update on the Juvenile Justice status in NC, and Lt. Jeff Mitchell of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will be sharing the joint initiative with Fayetteville Police Department of Operation Cease Fire. We also welcome Wyatt Pettengill of the SBI and Carol Burroughs of GDAC who will share their assessment of fingerprinting compliance within NC.

### **CJIN Executive Director Update**

Vice Chairman Blackwood introduced LaVonda Fowler who gave the Board an update on the Conferences she has attended recently. LaVonda shared with the Board that in October she attended the NAJIS Conference in Bolder, CO and had an opportunity to connect with other CJ Professionals some of who have come and presented to the Board here in NC. LaVonda also reminded the Board that she was elected to serve on the NAJIS Board and this will open up even

more opportunities to share innovations from other states here in NC. LaVonda on to share that she also attended the IJIS Conference in January in Washington, DC. LaVonda stated she made contact with Catherine Miller, LInX Program Manager of the National Capital Region. Catherine came to update the Board on some of the challenges she is facing and some of the improvements to the LInX System. LaVonda stated that she learned about the ability to use artificial intelligence to determine if individuals were the same person in criminal records searches from various sources, as well as being able to see the impact that facial recognition software was having on criminal justice cases, both positive and negative. LaVonda shared that she was asked to serve on the Corrections Committee, which will assist in the development of the Domestic Violence Pilot. Having members across the country share their experiences allows for NC to not make some of the same mistakes.

LaVonda participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood.

### **Administrative Office of the Courts Update**

Vice Chairman Blackwood introduced Kesha Howell and Brad Fowler, who gave the Board an update on the Administrative Office of the Courts. Brad and Kesha presented the long-term goals of the AOC in making the Courts paperless. The entire presentation can be seen on the CJIN Website.

Kesha and Brad participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, Mike McArthur, Mitch Cunningham, Marc Erickson, Judge Allen Baddour, Crystal Cody and LaVonda Fowler.

### **Juvenile Justice Update**

Vice Chairman Blackwood welcomed Kimberly Quintus who gave the Board a presentation on the Juvenile Justice update. Kim reviewed with the Board the Juvenile Justice System's top initiatives, which are raise the age, re-entry into society and NC-JOIN program. Kim went on to explain each initiative and to share with the Board some vital stats regarding those initiatives. Kim's presentation is available on the CJIN Board website.

Crystal Cody made the Motion to add the Juvenile Justice Initiatives to the Annual Report, which was seconded and was unanimously passed.

Kim participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, George Tkach, Crystal Cody, Judge Braddy, LaVonda Fowler, Carol Burroughs, Anthony Whitmore and Jeffery Mitchell.

### **Cumberland County Sheriff's Office – Operation CeaseFire**

Vice Chairman Blackwood introduced Lt. Jeffery Mitchell who gave the Board an overview of the program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. Jeff was joined by Lisa Jayne and Jeff Garner of the Fayetteville Police Department who also shares sponsorship of the program. The program focuses on education of students regarding gun violence and on community outreach. The entire presentation is available on the CJIN website.

Lt. Mitchell participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, Lisa Jayne, Jesse Garner, Kim Thomas, Mitch Cunningham and Marc Erickson.

## **National Capital Regio LInX Presentation**

Vice Chairman Blackwood introduced Catherine Miller who is the National Capital Region's Program Manager and who is with the Montgomery County Police Department. Catherine updated the Board on some of the emerging technical changes to the LInX Program. One of which is facial recognition. This change will be available soon to the other regions who are using LInX. This presentation is available through request of the CJIN Executive Director.

Catherine participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, LaVonda Fowler, Kim Thomas, Lisa Jayne, Torre Jessup, Wyatt Pettengill and Crystal Cody.

## **Fingerprinting Submission Compliance Assessment**

Vice Chairman Blackwood introduced Special Agent in Charge Wyatt Pettengill with the State Bureau of Investigation and Carol Burroughs with GDAC. They presented to the Board the circumstances that were required to have fingerprints taken. The SBI, GDAC and the SAS Institute have partnered to do a research study to determine statewide compliance by agencies. Wyatt and Carol shared with the Board some of the challenges that they are hoping to overcome and to ensure compliance. The entire presentation can be retrieved from the CJIN Website.

Wyatt participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, LaVonda Fowler, Carol Burroughs, Judge Allen Baddour, Catherine Miller and Kim Thomas.

## **CJIN Annual Report**

Vice Chairman Blackwood recognized LaVonda Fowler who gave an overview of the CJIN Annual Report. Some of the highlights from the Annual Report were the addition of a number of agencies into the LInX Program to have almost 98% of the State is now covered. The strategic direction and recommendations was laid out for the upcoming year for CJIN. The CJIN Initiatives involving technology, legislation, funding and activities were outlined in the Report, which can be viewed on the CJIN website.

A motion was made to accept the report with slight changes, the motion was seconded and was unanimously passed by the Board.

LaVonda participated in a discussion with Vice Chairman Blackwood, John Correllus and Crystal Cody.

## **New Business**

Vice Chairman Blackwood asked if there was any new business.

Vice Chairman Blackwood adjourned the Meeting at 1:30 PM.