

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network
Governing Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:00 AM
NC Department of Correction
Enterprise Conference Room
Raleigh, North Carolina**

CJIN Governing Board Members Present:

Glen Allen	Tommy Allen	Robert Brinson, Chair
Barker French	Donnie Holt	Harold T. Jarrell, Jr.
Cliff Layman	Robert Lee	Steve Lingerfelt
Douglas Logan	Michael McArthur	Jerry Ratley
Woody Sandy	Leslie Stanfield	Larry G. Ware
Albert Williams	William Willis	

CJIN Staff:

Eugene Vardaman	Jennifer Edmonds	Lars Nance
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Guests:

Linda Hayes	David Jones	Gary Kearney
Jon Williams	Ben Comer	Janet Greene
Nancy Kiesenhofer	Larry Cureton	Wendy Brinkley
Rebecca Troutman	Bob Likaszewski	Rodney Spell
Alan Melvin	Wellington Scott	Navin Puri
Bill Carter	Wyatt Pettengill	

CJIN Chairman Robert Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Brinson welcomed back three re-appointments to the Board: Magistrate Larry Ware of Cleveland County, Chief Glen Allen with Clayton Police Department and Sheriff Tommy Allen from Anson County.

Chairman Brinson introduced and welcomed the new appointments to the Board: Donnie Holt from Forsyth County, Barker French from Durham County, Albert Williams an Assistant District Attorney from Buncombe County, Tom Jarrell, Jr. a District Court Judge from Guilford County and Mike McArthur a Clerk from Chowan County. The new appointments shared their background with the Board.

Chairman Brinson introduced Jennifer Edmonds who filled the vacancy of the Board's Administrative Assistant.

Ethics Awareness

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". He also discussed the Statement of Economic Interest forms, including filing dates, requirements, and penalties for late filing, not filing and non-disclosure. Chairman Brinson indicated that mandatory training is required prior to December 31. Tommy Allen brought up that the ethics training classes are mostly offered in Raleigh. Chairman Brinson stated that he would check into having a training session at an upcoming meeting, possibly at the next meeting on November 8.

Chairman Brinson informed the Board that the CJIN staff assembled a handbook and if there were any questions then please contact Gene or Jennifer. He pointed out that tab four in the CJIN Handbook was the 2007 General Assembly Report which is a good summary of the projects as of April 2007.

Guest Speaker – Chair of the Governor’s Crime Commission

The Board was honored to have Linda Hayes, Chair of the Governor’s Crime Commission. Chair Hayes told the Board that there was a long history between the Crime Commission and CJIN in regards to working together and funding projects. She discussed the long list of accomplishments and how it took the efforts of both groups in order to successfully implement statewide projects.

Chair Hayes also shared an e-mail from George Ake with the Board – George stressed teamwork and how we must redefine ourselves so that we change with the times especially after the events of 9/11.

Presentation – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAAC)

Dirk German with the NC Department of Justice provided the Board with an overview of the new ISAAC Center. Their mission “is to serve as the focal point for collection, analysis and dissemination of information relative to threats or attacks, of terrorist or organized crime nature, within and against the State of North Carolina, its citizens, or infrastructure.” ISAAC partners with US Attorney’s Office, FBI, SBI, SHP, ALE, National Guard, Chief’s Association, Sheriff’s Association, Public Health, Department of Agriculture, and Emergency Management. Mr. German left brochures/materials for the Board members.

Board members Steve Lingerfelt, Bob Brinson, Tommy Allen, and Billy Willis participated in a discussion regarding ISAAC. Supporting and assisting Dirk within the discussions were Jerry Ratley and Bill Carter, both from the NC Department of Justice.

Break

After the break, Chairman Brinson announced that Vice Chairman Richard Little had relinquished his seat on the Board. He recognized Cliff Layman, the Chief Information Officer for the Administrative Office of the Courts and indicated that Mr. Layman would fill Mr. Little’s seat on the Board.

Presentation – North Carolina Warrant Repository (NCAWARE)

Cliff Layman provided the Board with an overview of the project and shared some of the challenges in developing a system as large as NCAWARE – A statewide warrant repository that will be widely accessible to all North Carolina court officials and law enforcement officers. Cliff introduced Ben Comer, NCAWARE Project Manager. Ben

Comer gave the Board a detailed project update along with discussing the goals, benefits, and the new features recently added to the project.

The general rollout of the remaining 97 counties is set to follow three months after the successful completion of the pilot project – pilot consists of three counties. The NCAWARE training team includes 11 and their goal is to train four counties a week.

Participating in a discussion of the details of the project were Barker French, Tom Jarrell, Tommy Allen, Rebecca Troutman, Leslie Stanfield, Jerry Ratley, and Woody Sandy.

Presentation – Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS)

Jerry Ratley provided the Board with an overview of the project and introduced Wyatt Pettengill, Project Manager. Wyatt distributed to the Board members a written update of the project prior to starting his presentation. He stated that the SAFIS project has been segmented into two phases; Phase I - SAFIS Replacement Project and Phase II – Live-Scan Replacement.

Wyatt provided the Board with details of Phase I and Phase II along with discussing the completion of the hardcard conversion portion that took nine months and included cards from 1937 to 1999. Wyatt said that the project was on schedule and on budget.

Participating in a discussion regarding the capacity of the system to handle misdemeanors along with other items were Tommy Allen, Barker French, and Donnie Holt.

Presentation – Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER)

Woody Sandy gave the Board an overview of the VIPER project and introduced Alan Melvin, Project Manger. Alan provided the Board with a detailed update of the project including the background and history for the new members.

Alan stated that the State Highway Patrol does not own VIPER, they manage the 22,000 users on the VIPER network. He said that the VIPER initiative is a team effort and that the Patrol have been good stewards of the money allocated for this project. He also shared with the Board that it is less expensive for the state to manage the system in-house.

Alan talked about mobile towers that can be set-up and used on a short or long term basis. He gave some examples of their successful deployment.

Alan along with his team of engineers and technicians successfully demonstrated to the Board the functionality of the system by connecting a radio located in the western part of the state to a radio on the coastline.

Members of the Board including Woody Sandy, Leslie Stanfield, Tommy Allen, and Bob Brinson discussed several items with the project team.

Presentation – DMV Photos

Rodney Spell with the NC State Highway Patrol discussed DMV photos. He gave a live demonstration of a NC Drivers License's check in which he received back a DMV photo. North Carolina is among the first states to work with photo recognition along with Virginia and South Carolina. Facial recognition is important because it is positive identification, enhances officer safety, improves officer efficiency, and improves highway safety. A current challenge for X-FILES is that the current technologies are nearing their end and it is important not to degrade the original system.

A project discussion took place that included the potential ability to set a flag that identifies outstanding warrants from the NCAWARE database – participating in the discussion were Tom Jarrell, Bob Brinson, Leslie Stanfield, Wellington Scott and Glen Alan.

Lunch

Presentation – 2008 Grants

David Jones the Executive Director of the Governor's Crime Commission updated the Board on grant funding. He indicated that funding had been cut severely. He stated that on October 1 grant solicitation will begin and information would be available online. The website is: www.ncgccd.org. A brochure entitled A Resource Guide was given to the members.

Presentation – GangNet

Donald Ladd with the Durham County Sheriff's Office gave the Board an update on GangNet. This is a statewide database system that monitors and evaluates gang members and activity. The Governor's Crime Commission's 2006 Grant Awards included the Durham County Sheriff's Office, the implementing agency, received \$568,036.00 for the NC GangNet – Replication. Mr. Ladd updated the Board with information on how to identify potential gang members.

The technical side of GangNet was explained by Project Manager Larry Cureton. He presented the capability of the system utilizing screen displays.

Gary Kearney and Donnie Holt participated in a discussion with the representatives from the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

Presentation – E911 Challenges

Richard Taylor, Executive Director of the North Carolina E911 Wireless Board with the Office of Information Technology Services provided the Board with an update of the challenges facing Enhanced 911. The last time he visited the Board was in 2002 and a lot has changed since that time. Mr. Taylor indicated that one of the challenges we face today is that the public is communicating in ways that 911 isn't. He went on to say that text messaging is a newer method of exchanging information with 911 and often times better information is received through text messages than via phone. He stressed that time sensitive situations should be called into 911 rather than text messaged. Mr. Taylor discussed House Bill 1755/S.L. 2007-383 entitled Coordinate Statewide Enhanced 911 System. He stated that in the new law there is a monthly 911 service charge of seventy cents imposed on each active voice communications service connection that is capable of accessing the 911 system.

New Business

Chairman Brinson stated that he had been advised by Lars Nance, CJIN Counsel that the Board shall have a Vice Chairman for compliance with statutory requirements. Nominations for a Vice Chairman will be taken at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Brinson announced that the next meeting will be held on November 8 and the meeting location is to be announced. He hoped to have the Bureau of Justice available at the upcoming Board meeting. The CJIN staff is working on a report that outlines the criminal justice initiatives in other states.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51PM.