

NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK (CJIN)

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004 9:00 AM

Department of Correction

Enterprise Conference Room

Raleigh, North Carolina

CJIN Governing Board Members

Glen Allen	Richard Little
Tommy Allen *	Richard NiFong
Lewis Blanton *	Dwayne Patterson
Bryan Beatty	Thomas Payne
Robert Brinson	Larry Smith
Joseph Buckner *	Robert Rader
Martin Chriscoe	George Tatum
J. B. Evans	Norris Tolson
Rex Gore	Larry Ware *
Chip Hight	Ken Wiseman

*Note: * Denotes member absent*

CJIN Executive Director

Carol Morin

Others Present

Lars Nance	Joey Gardner	Denise Thomas	Debbie Dawes
Susan Katzenelson	Fletcher Clay	Linda Hayes	Cliff Layman
Larry Wilkie	Susan Pruitt	Tammy Tyson	Wendy Brinkley
Basil McVey	Kevin Hutchinson	Janet Greene	Ben Comer
Kevin West	Denise Shell-Jackson	Chloe Gossage	Sandy Pierce
Sharon Ferguson			

CJIN Chairman Robert Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Mr. Brinson stated that District Attorney (DA) Rex Gore, Prosecutorial District 013, has been recently appointed to the Board and he is replacing DA John Carriker.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 20, 2003 and February 5, 2004 meetings were approved.

CJIN Executive Director Report

Ms. Carol Morin said that she has been working almost exclusively on the CJIN General Assembly report, which is due April 1, 2004. Ms. Morin stated that the first professional technical writer that was assisting her with the report unexpectedly resigned two weeks into the contract so another professional technical writer was hired. Ms. Morin said that several days were lost between the transition and the impact to the report is that some proposed charts that were discussed at last month's Board meeting will not be included as previously planned.

CJIN General Assembly April 2004 Report Content

Mr. Brinson and Ms. Morin lead the discussion for the CJIN General Assembly annual report that is due on April 1, 2004. Mr. Brinson stated that at the end of this agenda item, the Board needed to make a motion to approve the formal submission of the report.

The discussion on the special provision request section focused on the poor attendance of some general public at large appointments and how it affects meeting quorum. Various suggestions were made to address the issue:

- 1) Change two general public appointments to a federal criminal justice agency and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians;
- 2) Change the appointing language to be an ex-officio capacity with full voting rights instead of appointment by name;
- 3) Change the number of Board members that must be present for a quorum;
- 4) Change the number of appointments to the Board; and
- 5) Consider an appointment vacant if the appointee has missed two consecutive meetings.

There was a general consensus that further discussion needed to take place with the appointing bodies before submitting a special provision request.

There was a motion and a second to accept the General Assembly April 2004 Report pending any final revisions.

Juvenile-to-Adult CCH Project and Juvenile Recidivism Study

Ms. Susan Katzenelson gave a presentation titled "Juvenile-to-Adult Comprehensive Criminal History". Ms. Katzenelson stated that this study has established a baseline for the 1997 pre-juvenile reform and the study sample could be followed over the next several years. Ms. Katzenelson said it would be interesting to compare this study to a post juvenile reform study and NC Juvenile Online Information Network (NC-JOIN) would allow them to capture social factors next time. Mr. Dwayne Patterson thanked CJIN, the NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission (SPAC), and the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) for partnering on this study. Mr. Patterson stated that the study was important to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention because it showed that over a span of time, investing in the prevention of juvenile delinquency could reduce the impact on the adult criminal justice system.

Worthless Checks

Mr. Basil McVey gave a presentation titled "The North Carolina Worthless Checks Program". Ms. Denise Jackson-Shell gave a history of how the worthless check system was developed. District Attorney (DA) Rex Gore was cited as being instrumental in getting the worthless check program started with Columbus County being the first county implemented. DA Gore stated that the worthless checks program reduces the number of hours that his staff has to spend in court. It has also reduced the number of worthless checks in his prosecutorial district by 50%. Mr. Brinson asked about the application's implementation of web-based architecture. Ms. Jackson-Shell briefly described the technology and staffing needs. Lt. Ken Wiseman asked about encouraging the merchants to use check cashing cards instead of the traditional paper checks. DA Gore responded that smaller merchants are somewhat resistant to the cost of technology.

State Bureau of Investigation's (SBI) New Division of Criminal Information and Identification Section

SBI Assistant Director (AD) Larry Smith gave an overview of the NC State Bureau of Investigation's (SBI) new Division of Criminal Information and Identification Section. AD Smith then introduced the following staff: Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Wendy Brinkley, Ms. Tammy Tyson, and Ms. Susan Pruitt. AD Smith stated that SAC Brinkley is also the Control Terminal Officer, replacing SA Don Roberts who recently retired. AD Smith said he was still working on organizational structure but he expected to have two Assistant SACs reporting to SAC Brinkley. AD Smith said they might change the name of the PIN network to something more representative of its users, which includes over 3,000 non-criminal justice agencies. Mr. Brinson stated that expuncements are a hot topic to the Department of Correction (DOC) because people don't send in paperwork to alert DOC to remove someone from their web site. Clerk of Court Thomas Payne said that the attorneys

sometimes don't specify which agencies the clerks are suppose to send the paperwork to. Ms. Morin asked if the SBI could develop a frequently asked question on how to request an expunction and then post it on their web site. AD Smith said yes.

State Bureau of Investigation's New Cybercrime Unit

SBI AD Smith gave an introduction of the SBI's new Cybercrime Unit and then introduced SAC Kevin West. SAC West gave a presentation titled "North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Computer Crimes Unit ICSC Taskforce". Both Mr. Little and Mr. Brinson stated that there are typically several GCC grants for individual cybercrime units and they relied on SBI Director Robin Pendergraft's expertise to help evaluate them. SAC West commented that grants that share resources across multiple organizations usually have a higher success rate with cybercrime units. Mr. Brinson said that DOC doesn't have any forensic computer training and he would like to ensure that they are preserving the evidence correctly when they are assessing an employee's Personal Computer (PC) for inappropriate use. Lt. Wiseman said that sometimes local law enforcement is unsure what parts of the PC to seize. Captain Joey Gardner stated that the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Motor Vehicles were jointly hosting a conference which deals with theft in late April.

Other New Business

There was none. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.