

NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK (CJIN)
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2005 9:00 AM
NC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE ROOM
Raleigh, North Carolina

CJIN Governing Board Members

Glen Allen	Richard NiFong *
Tommy Allen	Dwayne Patterson *
Bryan Beatty	Thomas Payne *
Robert Brinson	Robert Rader
Martin Chriscoe *	Jerry Ratley
James Godfrey	Leslie Stanfield
Rex Gore	George Tatum
Jane Gray *	Larry Ware
Chip Hight	Bill Willis
Richard Little	Ken Wiseman
Richard McLean *	

*Note: * Denotes member absent*

CJIN Executive Director

Carol Morin

Others Present

Bethany Khouri-Wisbey	Larry Wilkie	Nels Roseland	Rebecca Troutman
Jim Klopovic	Navin Puri	Byron Harris	Robin Pendergraft
Tony Queen	David Jones	Angela Houston	Tom Newsome
Susan Katzenelson	Mike Hodgson	Cliff Layman	Ed Johnson

CJIN Chairman Robert Brinson called the North Carolina (NC) Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:11 AM. Mr. Brinson welcomed new Board member State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Assistant Director (AD) Jerry Ratley who is replacing retired SBI AD Larry Smith.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 17, 2005 meeting were approved.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Mr. Brinson presented resolutions of appreciation to Secretary Bryan Beatty and Judge Robert Rader for their outstanding accomplishments to the Board. Mr. Brinson also presented a Resolution of Appreciation to SBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Larry Wilkie on the occasion of his upcoming retirement and dedication to the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) initiative. Ms. Morin stated that the Board approved the resolutions of appreciation via e-mail.

Memo from North Carolina Board of Ethics

Mr. Brinson read a memo that had been received from the North Carolina Board of Ethics. The memo was dated June 2, 2005, and it was an evaluation of statement of economic interest filed by Lt. Kenneth Wiseman. The memo cited that the Board of Ethics did not find an actual conflict of interest but did find a potential for conflict of interest and requested that the findings be read into the Board's minutes. Mr. Brinson reminded the Board members that CJIN receives notifications from the Board of Ethics and that members needed to be cautious when performing their official duties.

CJIN Executive Director Report

Ms. Carol Morin stated that she is pleased to have submitted the 2004 General Assembly report. Ms. Morin said that she has completed the North Carolina State Project Management certificate. Ms. Morin stated that she will be attending the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) regional meeting sponsored by the National Governors Association (NGA) in Miami, Florida on June 20 and 21. Ms. Morin stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2005. The meeting's proposed agenda items consist of touring the SBI Crime Lab in the morning followed by a facial recognition demonstration by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the afternoon.

Ms. Morin discussed the handout titled "North Carolina Criminal Justice Network (CJIN) Governing Board's Proposed Facilitated Sessions". Mr. Brinson asked for facilitated topic examples. A discussion followed on whether the Board should discuss its mission first and then decide on the technological projects to pursue or vice-versa. Ms. Morin explained that the facilitated sessions would most likely take multiple meetings. The Board reached a consensus for Ms. Morin to draft the topic list and then distribute it to Board members via e-mail, and to request assistance from NGA and SEARCH. The first session is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2005, with further details to follow at a later date.

Ms. Bethany Khouri-Wisbey presented the proposed Board member's binder. Ms. Khouri-Wisbey reviewed the reasons for creating the binder and then highlighted individual sections. Ms. Khouri-Wisbey was asked if the information was also in electronic format. Ms. Morin stated that the majority of the information is located on the CJIN web site. Mr. Brinson asked for feedback on the binder. Mr. Thomas Payne stated that he liked it and felt it would be helpful.

An Update on Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS)

SBI Director Robin Pendergraft thanked the Board for recognizing SAC Larry Wilkie with a resolution of appreciation. Director Pendergraft said that the NC Department of Justice (DOJ) was looking at leasing options to replace the aging SAFIS equipment. Director Pendergraft also said that DOJ was drafting letters to send to the North Carolina U.S. Senators and she was going to ask her partners to sign the letter as well.

SAC Larry Wilkie stated that SAFIS continually plans for catastrophic failure of the system and uses dual backup procedures. SAC Wilkie said that failures are beginning to occur because the equipment is nearly ten years old. SAC Wilkie said he does not see great changes in the overall SAFIS technology and NC is the first state to use multiple vendors for its Live Scan equipment. Mr. Bill Willis asked if the new SAFIS technology could include identity data such as DNA. SAC Wilkie stated that technology was not available now but it may be in the future. Mr. Brinson stated that the upcoming SAFIS December 2006 deadline has been known for a while and he asked how long would it take for SAFIS to implement the new hardware. SAC Wilkie stated that it would take between twelve and eighteen months. There was a discussion on when to begin replacement of the Live Scan devices and what would happen if a local agency couldn't afford to purchase a new one. Both SAC Wilkie and Mr. Nels Roseland, the NC DOJ Deputy Chief of Staff, said that no one would be cut off from the electronic submission of fingerprints. SAC Wilkie suggested that local agencies purchase new equipment as their budgets permit.

Mr. Nels Roseland discussed the distributed handout entitled "SAFIS Cost Estimates". Mr. Roseland stated that DOJ is asking the Senate to carry-forward \$1,500,000 to begin the migration process. Sheriff Tommy Allen asked Secretary Beatty if Department of Homeland Security funds could be used. Secretary Beatty replied that he wasn't sure. Lt. Wiseman asked if all Live Scan equipment would be replaced and if that cost would be deducted from the overall replacement costs. Mr. Roseland said yes to both questions. Director Pendergraft stated that the State needed to help the smaller counties that cannot afford to replace their hardware. There was a discussion about whether it was fair or not to ask the larger counties to purchase their own hardware and have the State purchase the equipment for the smaller counties. SAC Wilkie replied that twenty-one counties have already stated they can afford to replace their own equipment. Mr. Brinson asked Mr. Roseland how we got into this time bind. Mr. Roseland replied that DOJ was trying to get on the legislative calendar and he needed support from everyone - CJIN, the legislature, and the Governor. Ms. Leslie Stanfield said there needs to be a recurring theme to plan for technology refreshes almost immediately after it is deployed. Mr. Brinson asked the Board if it

was ok for him to sign the letter of support and there was a general consensus that it was ok. Mr. Brinson said he would wait for the letter to arrive and review its wording before signing it.

DCI Pin Cost Study

Ms. Angela Houston, Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), presented an overview of the DCI PIN Cost Study and its findings. Ms. Huston distributed a handout titled “Cost Study of DCI-PIN Study”. Sheriff Tommy Allen asked why the fixed terminals cost so much more than the mobile computers. Ms. Roseland described the present telephone circuit environment and its cost. Lt. Wiseman asked why he received the price increase memo the day after he was in Raleigh for a Board meeting. Mr. Tom Newsome explained how OSBM arrived at the financial figures cited in the study. Ms. Rebecca Troutman reminded everyone that \$0 goes to the State Highway Patrol (SHP) to fund the CJIN Mobile Data Network (CJIN-MDN) operations.

Mr. Roseland discussed the handout titled “DCI PIN Projected Cost Issues for FY0506 and FY 0607”. Mr. Willis said he felt the monthly user fees were in a valid price range. Mr. Roseland explained the three significant cost drivers to the increase: 1) an unscheduled move from their rent free location to a leased location; 2) a recent Information Technology Services security audit which recommended three additional security positions; and 3) a 26% telephone bill increase in 2005. Mr. Willis said he would see what could be done to mitigate the need for the new security positions. Mr. Willis also said he would ask his staff to check on the telephone bill increase because he thought they were decreasing. Lt. Wiseman said that he understood the increased costs but he was more upset about the manner in which the local agencies were notified. Chief Glen Allen said the notification letter came after he submitted his yearly budget. Mr. Roseland described the process that was followed to send out the notification. Mr. Roseland stated that any future cost increases notifications would be presented in a timelier manner. Mr. Roseland said that the DOJ budget was decreased by the amount of monthly fee revenue increase. Mr. Jim Godfrey asked if CJIN should go on record that we did not support this budget change. Mr. Brinson said he would prefer to wait and see the proposed House budget. District Attorney Rex Gore asked how many monthly fees were paid with State funds. Mr. Roseland cited individual state agency names. Ms. Troutman said there was a larger issue of cost recovery and how to take the in-kind contribution into consideration. Mr. Willis suggested that the access fee be separated from the network fee. Mr. Brinson asked Ms. Morin to add recurring costs/cost recovery and CJIN-MDN bandwidth issues to the list of facilitation session topics. Ms. Troutman asked that the communications plan be added to the list of facilitated session topics.

Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER)

Mr. Mike Hodgson, NC State Highway Patrol (SHP), updated the Board on VIPER events since the March 17, Board 2005 meeting. Three educational seminars were held and a total of thirty-four counties were visited. Mr. Hodgson then reviewed the three VIPER strategic coverage maps and highlighted the status of several sites. Mr. Hodgson said a part-time project manager has been hired to manage the project. Ms. Troutman asked for the status of the VIPER tactical solution. Mr. Hodgson said that seventeen tactical sites have been built and sixteen are operational. The seventeenth site is delayed due to the availability of 2004 Department of Homeland Security funds and will be completed at the same time as the first strategic phase of VIPER. The State Emergency Operations Center equipment has been ordered. Ms. Troutman asked if VIPER could be co-located with any of the CJIN-MDN transmitters to cut down on a need for phone lines. Mr. Hodgson described the microwave network and how it would reduce the number of phone lines back to DOJ. Mr. Brinson asked how you integrate existing VHF and UHF radio systems. Mr. Hodgson replied that most counties want 800 MHz technology but if they don't, then there could be a connection made between the disparate radio systems using a combination of the VIPER tactical and strategic equipment in consort. Mr. Hodgson cited specific examples that tie Wake County to Harnett County and to Johnston County, all of which use separate 800 MHz systems. The tactical VIPER solution offered a means to connect all the three Counties together and provide the required connectivity.

North Carolina Sentencing & Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) Update

Ms. Susan Katzenelson reviewed the SPAC's mission and highlighted some of the legislative activities to date. Ms. Katzenelson also discussed the projected prison bed shortage as documented in a handout titled “North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission: Prison Population Projections Versus Bed Capacity: Updated January 2005”. Ms. Katzenelson stated that North Carolina's commitment to balance criminal penalties

with fiscally responsible legislation and policies was mentioned in the current issue of the University of Michigan's Journal of Law Review as one of the reasons for the State's successful sentencing reform.

Governor's Crime Commission Update

Mr. David Jones, NC Governor's Crime Commission (GCC), presented an overview of the present federal funding situation. Mr. Jones stated that federal funds for justice assistance have declined and we can't continue to look to the federal government to fund state and local CJIN related projects. Mr. Jones reminded everyone that these funds administered by the GCC were suppose to be 'seed money' to start a project and it was up to the locals and State to assume project costs and continue paying for them when federal funding ends. Mr. Jones then described the revised GCC committee structure that will incorporate a more focused planning process. Mr. Jones reviewed two handouts, "Federal Funds Administered by the Governor's Crime Commission' and Issues Identified by Small Groups, Governor's Crime Commission, March 8, 2005". Mr. Jones said there is a growing sense of alarm among GCC members as to the inadequate amount of state resources allocated to the criminal justice system. There was a general consensus that there needs to be funding available for whatever sentencing policy laws are enacted by the General Assembly, but not at the expense of technology enhancements in the criminal justice system.

Other New Business

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.