

# COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2007 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lee Baca, Vice Chair  
Steve Cooley  
Peter Espinoza  
Janice Fukai  
Anthony Hernandez  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Michael Hoff  
Gabriella Holt  
Michael Judge  
Jeanne Kennedy  
Jeffrey Prang  
Richard Propster  
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran  
Robert Taylor  
Margaret York

### **ALTERNATES**

Kenneth Brazile for Larry Waldie  
Ed Brekke for John Clarke  
Marcus Castro for Dennis Tafoya  
Joseph Charney for Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair  
Ellen Conley for Gary Dominguez  
Rudy Diaz for Michael Nash  
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Trish Ploehn  
Briane Grey for Ralph Partridge  
Pamela Hamanaka for Edmund Brown  
Aldean Lee for Adam Torres  
Maria Lira for David Janssen  
Peter Loo for Jon Fullinwider\*  
James McDonnell for William Bratton  
Sally Meloch for George Cardona\*  
William Montgomery for Dave Lambertson  
Steve Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa  
Wilson Poon for William Fujioka\*  
Greg Savelli for Stephen Port\*  
Chris Shaefer for John Torres  
Buren Simmons for David Brewer  
Martin Vranicar for Rockard Delgadillo  
\*Not a designated alternate

### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED**

Mark Arnold, Judge, Superior Court  
Cynthia Banks, County Community & Senior Services  
Hon. J. Stephen Czuleger, Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
Jonathan Fielding, Department of Public Health  
Ray Fortner, County Counsel  
Karl Henry, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program  
Jay Imperial, League of California Cities  
Roger Johnson, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs' Association  
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender  
Loretta Martin, U.S. Probation Office  
Don Pedersen, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association  
Darline Robles, County Office of Education  
Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Marvin Southard, Department of Mental Health  
Stephen Tidwell, Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Robert Todd, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association

Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission  
Michael Tynan, Judge, Superior Court  
Frank Venti, Independent Cities Association  
Mike Webb, County Prosecutors' Association

**STAFF**

Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director  
Kenna Ackley  
Vincent Holmes  
Cynthia Machen  
Craig Marin

**GUESTS/OTHERS**

Davy Aguilera, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms  
Clayton Anderson, Quality and Productivity Commission  
Lisa Mandel, Board of Supervisors, Third District  
John Ruegg, Information Systems Advisory Body  
Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission  
Kimberly Wong, Public Defender's Office  
Ruth Wong, Quality and Productivity Commission  
Bryce Yokomizo, Department of Public Social Services

**I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Lee Baca**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, Vice Chair of this Committee and Acting Chair of this meeting.

**II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Lee Baca**

There were no requests for revisions to the Minutes of the meeting on November 15, 2006. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes.

**ACTION: The Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.**

**III. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS – Joseph Charney**

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, will serve as the Chair of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) for 2007. Supervisor Yaroslavsky was unable to attend this meeting. Joseph Charney, Justice Deputy for Supervisor Yaroslavsky, provided opening remarks on behalf of the Supervisor.

One of the important issues that the criminal justice community must address is that of improving the Juvenile Justice System. Last year, the Children's Planning Council presented a report to the County Board of Supervisors (Board) that noted many problems with the current system. A collaborative approach is needed to address the concerns that were raised in the report, and to develop a comprehensive course of action.

Another challenge that criminal justice agencies in this County face is that of reducing violence and criminal activity among street gangs. Marty Vranicar was acknowledged for his efforts in this area, both as the head of the Gang Unit of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and as Chair of the Interagency Gang Task Force (IGTF).

Finally, collective action by the criminal justice community is needed to reduce the incidents of Identity Theft. Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley was acknowledged for his efforts and the efforts of his Department. A subcommittee of CCJCC will be formed that will seek to educate the public and devise strategies to combat this type of crime.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca stated that the State Sheriffs' Association has formed a committee that will work with the Governor and the Department of Corrections on a number of issues concerning criminal justice agencies.

**ACTION: For information only.**

#### **IV. ISAB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT – John Ruegg**

John Ruegg, Executive Director of the Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB), appeared before this committee to present ISAB's Semi-Annual Report.

During the last six months, ISAB accomplished the following key actions:

The ISAB Marketing program has collected \$32,000 for the first six months of fiscal year 2006-2007. This number is much lower than usual due to some vendors that are behind in their payments. Revenues are derived from the marketing of the Probation Department's PC-based Pretrial+ system and electronic distribution of Superior Court civil data to private vendors.

A \$3 million amendment to the ISAB outsource imaging contract was approved for providing on-site electronic imaging of medical records at the LAC-USC Medical Center.

ISAB, the Sheriff's Department, and the Superior Court are testing an interface with the Superior Court TCIS system to transmit enforceable Adult Conditions of Probation to the Countywide Warrant System (CWS), which in turn will provide this information to law enforcement officers.

TCIS will send court orders to register as a gang member with local law enforcement as a Condition of Probation. The Sheriff's Department will develop a Livescan gang registration module for the Gang Affiliation Registration Database System (GARDS) to record gang member registration compliance. The gang member registration process will transmit current registration status to CWS to advise local law enforcement of gang member registration status. Project funding to develop the Livescan gang registration module for GARDS has not yet been secured.

The Los Angeles Documents and Objects Exchange (LADOX) program employs the ISAB criminal justice enterprise Electronic Document Management Software (EDMS) functions to develop electronic capture, storage, and exchange of criminal justice documents and multi-media objects within and between criminal justice agencies.

Current LADOX projects include:

Phase I of the Public Defender Electronic Document Management System (PDEDMS) was implemented in December 2006. This includes a barcode based digital archiving tracking system for storing and retrieving closed cases. An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 boxes will be moved from County offices to a new records center.

Phase II will image all new closed cases utilizing outsourced imaging services.

The DNA Order Tracking System (DOTS) will provide multi-agency notification to collect DNA based on Proposition 69 qualifying arrestees and defendants. DOTS serves as a means for tracking the collection of DNA samples from individuals, avoiding duplicate sampling, determining compliance with Court orders, and reimbursing law enforcement agencies through the DNA Reimbursement Fund. Additionally, DOTS automates many of the time-consuming procedures involved in checking the status of a person and collecting the sample.

DOTS system management and statistics modules are being updated and are required before production release, which may be within the next few months.

An electronic Filing project between the Probation Department and the Superior Court for delivery of adult/juvenile probation reports will be initiated during the First Quarter of 2007 utilizing ISAB integration services and XML standards.

ISAB is working with the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) effort to develop common standards and protocols to enable effective justice information sharing between Los Angeles County justice agencies and authorized State and Federal agencies. A request for \$450,000 in federal funding to implement cross-jurisdictional secure information exchanges was submitted to the Federal DOJ.

Further information on Federal, State, and local justice information sharing initiatives can be found at <http://www.it.ojp.gov/global>.

A Motion was made to approve the ISAB Semi-Annual Report for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

**ACTION: The Motion to approve the ISAB Semi-Annual Report for submission to the Board of Supervisors was seconded and approved without objection.**

**V. FOOD STAMP TRAFFICKING – Bryce Yokomizo**

Bryce Yokomizo, Director of the County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), appeared before this Committee to provide a report on efforts to address the crime of Food Stamp trafficking. This involves the recipients of Food Stamps selling their allotments for cash at a reduced price.

Last month, the Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a Motion for a comprehensive program to be developed in order to identify, prosecute, and prevent Food Stamp trafficking in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Yokomizo explained that Food Stamp coupons were phased out several years ago, and now Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards are used instead. This change helped to cut down substantially on trafficking. The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) estimates that over 800 million dollars in Food Stamps were trafficked about ten years ago, and that number fell to 241 million dollars in 2005.

Despite the improvements, Food Stamp trafficking is still occurring. In order to use an EBT card, an individual must scan it at a store with an electronic point of service device. It has been found that, where a store manager or owner is involved in trafficking, it typically occurs at small “mom and pop” grocery stores rather than at major supermarkets.

Neither the District Attorney’s Office nor DPSS have oversight or investigative overview of the Food Stamp trafficking problem because the authority rests with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Therefore, their participation is essential to any plan for addressing the problem in this County.

In response to last month’s Board’s Motion, DPSS, in collaboration with the District Attorney’s Office, developed the following plan:

- Meet with the District Attorney and Investigators from USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)/Office of Inspector General (OIG) to discuss how local and federal agencies can assist each other to identify, investigate, and prosecute both merchants and participants;

- Explore the feasibility of using automated Electronic Benefit Transfer system reports to identify both Food Stamp recipients and merchants who may be involved in Food Stamp trafficking;
- Develop a Public Awareness Campaign, including advising Food Stamp applicants and recipients of the penalties for selling their food stamp benefits, and providing information on how to report suspected food stamp trafficking by both vendors and participants;
- Request that WeTip include information on Food Stamp trafficking in its public service announcements and brochures; and
- Work with the District Attorney and USDA Inspector General to target the stores that are most likely to traffic.

Mr. Yokomizo invited CCJCC members to provide him with any input and suggestions that they may have on this matter.

**ACTION: For information only.**

#### **VI. PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND – Jaclyn Tilley Hill**

The Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) of the County Quality and Productivity Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1984 as a means to help start new projects that show creativity and a reasonable chance of success.

PIF provides both loan and grant awards, and more than 300 department proposals have received funding for more than \$57 million over the past 20 years. The General Fund contribution has been \$18.6 million, and total loan repayments, including loan interest earnings, equals \$41.4 million.

It was noted that 83 criminal justice agency projects have been funded, with loans totaling \$10.4 million and grants totaling \$4.6 million.

Several examples of successful projects that have been funded by PIF were cited, including projects with the Department of Coroner, District Attorney’s Office, Probation Department, Sheriff’s Department, Ombudsman, and Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Proposals that have been awarded funding include the following features:

- Pilot projects that enhance service delivery, result in cost savings, or generate revenue;
- Proposals that are coordinated with the department head, productivity manager, and the project manager;
- Proposals that identify key milestones and an implementation plan;

- A line item budget detail;
- A cover letter; and
- Outcomes or performance measures.

PIF proposals are solicited quarterly. Guidelines and forms can be found online at <http://qpc.co.la.ca.us>, and Quality and Productivity Commission staff are available to assist. The three step approval process includes a peer review, approval by the Productivity Investment Board, and approval by the Quality and Productivity Commission.

**ACTION: For information only.**

## **VII. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Baca stated that the passage of Proposition 1A in 2004 has helped to stabilize funding for local governments and law enforcement.

A proposal by the Mayor of Fresno would appropriate 2% of existing state income tax revenue to local criminal justice needs. Sheriff Baca will be meeting with him and others to further discuss this.

Trial Court funding for Court security needs has become a concern. Sheriff Baca has spoken with California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George on this matter, and further discussions will be held between State and local officials to find a resolution.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Sheriff Baca adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**