

COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2007 MEETING

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
Lee Baca, Vice Chair
Mark Arnold
Karl Henry
Anthony Hernandez
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Gabriella Holt
Michael Judge
Jeanne Kennedy
Dave Lambertson
Loretta Martin
Jeffrey Prang
Richard Propster
Robert Taylor
Michael Tynan
Steven Van Sicken

ALTERNATES

Tony Beliz for Marvin Southard
Kenneth Brazile for Larry Waldie
Ed Brekke for John Clarke
Marcus Castro for Dennis Tafoya
Ellen Conley for Gary Dominguez
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Trish Ploehn
Briane Grey for Ralph Partridge
Pamela Hamanaka for Edmund Brown
Steve Lieberman for Margaret York
David Lindsay for William Bratton*
Patrick Ogawa for Jonathan Fielding
Steven Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa
Robert Philibosian for Ronald Ikejiri
Wilson Poon for William Fujioka*
Wendell Roberts for John Torres*
Devallis Ruthledge for Steve Cooley
Greg Savelli for Rodney Uyeda
Buren Simmons for David Brewer
Gordon Trask for Ray Fortner
Martin Vranicar for Rockard Delgadillo
Roy Wallen for Janice Fukai
*Not a designated alternate

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

Cynthia Banks, County Community & Senior Services
George Cardona, U.S. Attorney
J. Stephen Czuleger, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Peter Espinoza, Judge, Superior Court
Jon Fullinwider, Internal Services Department
Michael Hoff, Judge, Superior Court
Jay Imperial, League of California Cities
David Janssen, County CAO
Roger Johnson, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs' Association
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender
Michael Nash, Judge, Superior Court
Don Pedersen, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association
Darline Robles, County Office of Education
Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11th District
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, County Coroner

J. Stephen Tidwell, Federal Bureau of Investigations
Robert Todd, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association
Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission
Adam Torres, United States Marshall
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

Clayton Anderson, Quality and Productivity Commission
Joseph Charney, Justice Deputy, Third District Board of Supervisors
Dardy Chen, Superior Court
Mark Delgado, District Attorney's Office
Rone Ellis, Private Citizen
Mike Ford, Sheriff's Department, Safe Streets Bureau
Michael Grimaldi, Sheriff's Department/DEA
Anthony Rivera, Sheriff's Department/LARGIN
Peter Shutan, L.A. City Attorney's Office/L.A. County Probation Commission
Jack Sims, Probation Department
Shanna Spagnuolo, California Department of Justice/LARGIN
Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission

I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS – Zev Yaroslavsky

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Chair of this Committee.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following opening remarks:

This is the Supervisor's first Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) meeting of the year, and he thanked the members for their collaborative efforts in addressing the County's criminal justice issues.

He noted that Peggy Shuttleworth, the Executive Director of CCJCC, will be retiring at the end of March 2007. He complimented her for her work as Executive Director and thanked her for her years of service.

The Supervisor next introduced Mark Delgado as the new Executive Director of CCJCC. Mr. Delgado is a 1996 graduate of Princeton University, where he received a B.A. in Political Science. He has worked for the past ten years in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and he is currently the Assistant Chief Deputy in the District Attorney's Office Community Outreach Unit, which is under the Bureau of Crime Prevention and Youth Services.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky thanked the selection committee for their work in selecting the new Executive Director. The selection committee consisted of Judge Ana Maria Luna, District Attorney Steve Cooley, Public Defender Michael Judge, and Probation Director Robert Taylor.

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Zev Yaroslavsky

There were no requests for revisions to the Minutes of the meeting on January 17, 2007. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes.

ACTION: The Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. LOS ANGELES REGIONAL GANG INFORMATION NETWORK (LARGIN) – Captain Mike Ford

Captain Mike Ford is the head of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Operation Safe Streets Bureau (LASD/OSS). He introduced Sergeant Anthony Rivera of the Sheriff's Department to make a presentation of the Los Angeles Regional Gang Information Network (LARGIN).

Sergeant Rivera has been the Director at LARGIN for the past two and a half years. Currently, in addition to Sergeant Rivera, the unit is staffed by four crime analysts from the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ), one crime analyst from the Sheriff's Department, one Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Intelligence Analyst, and one California Highway Patrol (CHP) Investigator. There is currently one unfilled position for a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) detective, and two unfilled positions for CA DOJ crime analysts.

LARGIN is centered on the CalGang system, which is a statewide database used to track intelligence and case information on identified street gangs and gang members. The mission of LARGIN is to provide a centralized intelligence center available to law enforcement to enhance officer safety and increase the efficiency of gang enforcement strategies through the sharing of operational and tactical gang intelligence.

LASD/OSS presented the concept to the County Police Chiefs' Association in 2003, and in 2004 LARGIN became an operational street gang information clearinghouse within the LA CLEAR task force configuration.

A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by all of the local law enforcement agencies within Los Angeles County, as well as the Southern Division of the CHP, the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, and all local San Bernardino Police Departments. Riverside County, Kern County, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Police Department, and the CHP in San Bernardino County have also expressed an interest in joining with LARGIN.

The agreement with San Bernardino County has created the Inland Empire Gang Information Network (IEGIN), and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is paying for a CA DOJ analyst that is assigned to LARGIN to assist that County's law enforcement with their gang investigations.

Prior to the advent of LARGIN, there had been little or no countywide coordination to document gang crimes, and gang investigators had minimal support staff and equipment. Now law enforcement agencies are able to track and observe gang crime trends without regard to jurisdiction, obtain daily updated intelligence data and statistical information on gangs countywide, and obtain wire tap support and telephone toll analysis.

The staff of LARGIN are also responsible for investigating rumors concerning gang violence and potential threats to law enforcement, determining their validity, and subsequently communicating their findings to all law enforcement agencies.

LARGIN has assisted in law enforcement operations against various gangs, and has been used as a management tool in determining the most efficient allocation of law enforcement personnel.

In the future, it is hoped that LARGIN will have funding to gather gang intelligence from Internet chatrooms and websites. In addition, staff personnel are working toward the implementation of an automated gang registration system, pursuant to Proposition 21.

The hours of operation for LARGIN are Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. or 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. With greater funding, it is hoped that this can be extended to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information on LARGIN, law enforcement agencies and personnel should contact Sergeant Anthony Rivera at (323) 890-0614.

ACTION: For information only.

NOTE: Shortly before the end of this presentation, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky had to leave. Sheriff Lee Baca, Vice Chair of CCJCC, served as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

IV. GRANT WORK GROUP – Michael Judge

Los Angeles County Public Defender Michael Judge observed that numerous criminal justice agencies in the County of Los Angeles often apply for grant funding to address the same or similar issues. As a result, duplication of effort can occur, and the involved agencies may not learn of this until very late in the application process.

In order to improve coordination among criminal justice agencies that are applying for grants, Mr. Judge suggested the creation of a working group that will explore the possibility of forming a CCJCC subcommittee on grant applications. This would ensure that agencies will be aware if others are already working on obtaining funding to address a particular problem, and a process will be in place for determining which agency will serve as the lead agency for the grant.

Sheriff Baca suggested that, rather than a subcommittee, perhaps what may be needed is a countywide policy requiring that any agency that engages in a grant process must communicate this intention at the outset to all other agencies that may be affected.

It was noted that often there are multiple agencies involved in the grant application, and sometimes from different levels of government. A coordination methodology is therefore needed to guarantee that all potential organizations (federal, state, and local) are identified.

It was agreed that a working group should meet to discuss methods of communication and collaboration among agencies that are applying for the same grants or are applying for funding to address the same issue.

A suggestion was made to include the Auditor-Controller's Office in the discussions, since that office is working with other County Departments to develop a countywide grant management system.

ACTION: It was agreed that CCJCC staff will facilitate a meeting of criminal justice agency representatives to discuss methods for improved communication and collaboration in grant applications. The results will be reported back at a future CCJCC meeting.

V. DEVELOPING INCREASED SAFETY THROUGH ARMS RECOVERY MANAGEMENT (DISARM) – Jack Sims

Jack Sims is the Director of the Probation Department's Special Enforcement Operations (SEO) under the Juvenile Special Services Bureau. One of the programs under SEO is Developing Increased Safety Through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM). Mr. Sims appeared before this Committee to provide a background and status report on DISARM.

DISARM is a multi-agency task force, with the Probation Department serving as the lead agency. The Deputy Probation Officers (DPO's) of DISARM provide an intensive level of probation supervision on probationers with a proven history of violence and weapons use. There is a particular focus on high-risk probationers who have Court-ordered conditions that prohibit the possession of a weapon and allow the officers to conduct person, residence, and vehicle searches, in addition to seizing illegal property.

Since the inception of the program, 27,100 probation searches have been conducted, 2,852 weapons have been confiscated, and \$32,938,083 worth of illegal drugs have been seized along with \$4,102,495 in cash. In addition, 6,732 arrests have been made (4,983 adults and 1,749 juveniles) and 1,701 individuals have been apprehended on warrants.

For January 2007, there have been 1,012 probation searches conducted, 39 weapons confiscated, and \$12,746,430 worth of illegal drugs seized along with \$14,263 in cash. 188 arrests were made that month (138 adults and 50 juveniles) and 37 individuals were apprehended on warrants. The amount of illegal drugs seized in January was particularly high due to participation in an operation that led to a large seizure of marijuana.

In addition to identifying high-risk probationers, DISARM officers will also respond to communities that are experiencing an increase in violence. By working with local law enforcement and local agency representatives, probationers in that area are targeted for strict enforcement.

ACTION: For information only.

VI. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronnie Ellis, a private citizen, raised a question regarding the filing of a "Doing Business As" (DBA) statement with the County Registrar-Recorder's Office. Sheriff Baca advised her to send him an e-mail and he would ensure that her inquiry is delivered to the proper authority.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Sheriff Baca adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**