

# **COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 MEETING**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street, Room 739

Los Angeles, California 90012

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair: Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor for the Third District and  
Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors

Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney  
Janice Fukai, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender  
Michael Judge, Los Angeles County Public Defender  
Jeanne Kennedy, County Quality & Productivity Commission  
Loretta Martin, U.S. Probation Department  
Don Pedersen, County Police Chiefs' Association  
Richard Propster, Peace Officers' Association of Los Angeles County  
Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Los Angeles County Coroner  
Greg Savelli, South Bay Police Chiefs' Association  
Dennis Tafoya, County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Michael Tynan, Judge, Superior Court

### **ALTERNATES**

Michael Brady for Adam Torres, U.S. Marshall  
Ed Brekke for John Clarke, Superior Court Executive Officer  
Marv Cavanaugh for Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff  
Dave Davies for Robert Taylor, Los Angeles County Chief Probation Officer  
Peter Espinoza for J. Stephen Czuleger, Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
Peter Espinoza for Steven Van Sicklen, Supervising Judge of Criminal, Superior Court  
Xiomara Flores-Holguin for Trish Ploehn, Department of Children and Family Services  
Briane Grey for Tim Landrum, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration  
Pamela Hamanaka for Edmund Brown, California Attorney General  
Steve Lieberman for Margaret York, County Office of Public Safety  
James McDonnell for William Bratton, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department  
Sally Meloch for George Cardona, U.S. Attorney's Office  
William Montgomery for Dave Lambertson, County Internal Services Department  
Patrick Ogawa for Jonathan Fielding, County Department of Public Health  
Steven Olivas for Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Gina Osborn for J. Stephen Tidwell, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Earl Perkins for David Brewer, Los Angeles Unified School District  
Wilson Poon for Karen Sisson, Los Angeles City Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeffrey Prang for Sally Flowers, California Contract Cities Association  
Susan Raichel\* for John Torres, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms  
Gordon Trask for Ray Fortner, County Counsel

\*Not a designated alternate

## **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT OR REPRESENTED**

Mark Arnold, Judge, Superior Court  
Cynthia Banks, Department of Community & Senior Services  
Rockard Delgadillo, Los Angeles City Attorney  
Gary Dominguez, California Highway Patrol  
William Fujioka, County Chief Executive Officer  
Jon Fullinwider, Los Angeles County Chief Information Officer  
Karl Henry, Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program  
Anthony Hernandez, County Department of Coroner  
Gabriella Holt, County Probation Commission  
Ronald Ikejiri, Economy and Efficiency Commission  
Roger Johnson, San Gabriel Valley Police Chiefs' Association  
Sean Kennedy, Federal Public Defender  
Richard Kirschner, Judge, Superior Court  
Michael Nash, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Court  
Darline Robles, County Office of Education  
Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Stephanie Sautner, Judge, Superior Court  
Patricia Schnegg, Judge, Superior Court  
Marvin Southard, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Robert Todd, Southeast Police Chiefs' Association  
Robin Toma, County Human Relations Commission  
Frank Venti, Independent Cities' Association  
Larry Waldie, Undersheriff  
Mike Webb, County Prosecutors' Association

## **CCJCC STAFF**

Mark Delgado, Executive Director  
Kenna Ackley  
Vincent Holmes  
Cynthia Machen  
Craig Marin

## **GUESTS/OTHERS**

Damon Alexander, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms  
Barry Alshtule, Sheriff's Department  
Mary Lou Aranguren, California Federation of Interpreters  
Joseph Charney, Justice Deputy, County Board of Supervisors, Third District  
Steve Kawamura, County Chief Executive Office  
Gladys Nagy, Probation Department  
Detta Roberts, Sheriff's Department  
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office  
Gregory Scott, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Victoria Simon, Special Services For Groups

**I. CONVENE / INTRODUCTIONS**

Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor, Third District

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair of CCJCC.

Self-introductions followed.

**II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor, Third District

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the meeting on July 18, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2007 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.**

**III. PROJECT DIRECT – MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

Commander Detta Roberts and Barry Alshtule, Sheriff's Department  
Victoria Simon, Ph.D., Special Services for Groups  
Gladys Nagy, Probation Department

Commander Detta Roberts of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department appeared before CCJCC to provide a report on Project DIRECT (Direct Intervention for Re-entry through Employment, Counseling, and Treatment). Project DIRECT is funded by a Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grant from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Corrections Standards Authority.

In January of this year, nearly \$1.5 million in MIOCR grant funding was awarded to Project DIRECT. The program treats incarcerated men that have been diagnosed with mental illness (major Axis I disorders), have anger related issues, and are either awaiting trial or are on felony probation.

Project DIRECT is a collaborative between the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Mental Health, the Probation Department, and community-based organizations. The following three-pronged approach is used to assist participants in learning positive life skills:

1. An intensive in-jail therapeutic community that anchors the services;
2. Transition from jail to community with individualized planning; and
3. An in-depth community-based service plan with follow-up and tracking for results.

Commander Roberts introduced Barry Alshtule of the Sheriff's Department, who oversees the in-jail therapeutic program. While in jail, participants are housed in a program-designated therapeutic community jail pod. Participants work individually and in small groups with the project's treatment team. The team provides participants with

education, health, therapy, and benefits re-establishment services. Participants also receive services to help with post-incarceration employment and housing.

Dr. Victoria Simon was introduced as the manager for the transition and community-based aspects of the program. Selected participants continue with the project in the community and receive individualized continuity of care. They are also tracked for outcome evaluation.

Gladys Nagy was introduced as a Deputy Probation Officer assigned to Project DIRECT.

From March 7<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, 129 inmates have participated. Of these, 48 inmates have been referred to Jail Mental Health Transitional Services, and 15 inmates have become enrolled members in the community phase.

No inmates have been removed from the program pod due to violence against other inmates. This differs from all other pods in jail mental health housing. The only removals from Project DIRECT have resulted from lack of participation in program activities.

**ACTION: For information only.**

#### **IV. SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) TASK FORCE**

Gina Osborn, ASAC, FBI  
Greg Scott, SSA, FBI

Gina Osborn, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Los Angeles Division, appeared before CCJCC to provide the annual report on the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force.

Ms. Osborn introduced Greg Scott, Senior Special Agent with the FBI Los Angeles Division, to provide an overview of the task force's activities.

SAFE is a federal task force begun in 1993 by the FBI. The task force consists of representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

SAFE is responsible for investigating crimes against children, such as the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet, child abductions, interstate travel for the purpose of committing crimes against children, travel to foreign countries for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity with minors, distribution of child pornography, and juvenile prostitution.

Representatives from SAFE also make presentations to the community to educate people, particularly parents, on ways to safeguard children and prevent their exploitation.

Several federal initiatives exist to combat crimes against children. One such initiative is Project Safe Childhood, which began last year. This is a coordinated effort to investigate and prosecute crimes against children that are facilitated through the Internet or other electronic media or communications devices.

Project Safe Childhood also includes an education component to raise awareness about the threat of online sexual predators and to provide the tools and information to those seeking to report possible violations.

Another federal initiative is Innocent Images, which began in 1993 and has since expanded nationwide. This focuses on crimes involving the use of computers. It provides substantial funding to SAFE.

An example was given of an operation in the San Fernando Valley in which 13 arrests were made on individuals that were attempting to arrange meetings for the purpose of having sexual relations with a minor.

A third initiative is the Innocence Lost Task Force, which began in 2003 and focuses on child prostitution. Los Angeles is one of 13 areas in the country that have been identified as having problems with this issue.

It was emphasized that all parents and communities can help to protect children by educating them about the dangers on the Internet and supervising their activities while on the computer.

**ACTION: For information only.**

**V. NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN)**  
Special Agent Damon Alexander, ATF

Special Agent Damon Alexander with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) appeared before CCJCC to provide an update on the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN).

NIBIN is a database of ballistic images that allows investigators to compare images from fired bullets and cartridge casings. The NIBIN program provides Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies for their use in imaging and comparing crime evidence involving guns.

A Data Acquisition Station/Remote (DAS/R) inputs information on cartridge casings, bullets, firing pin impressions, and any other relevant information regarding a firearm. With digital images of the markings made by a firearm on bullets and cartridge casings, the equipment can determine if a firearm in its database matches the evidence from a crime.

An example of a recent case was cited in which casings from an armed robbery were logged into the system and led to arrests when a seized firearm from a separate case was matched to the casings.

The Southern California Regional Crime Gun Center (SCRCGC) has direct access to numerous databases and intelligence resources, including NIBIN. Services that SCRCGC provides to local law enforcement include the following:

- Record and transfer daily firearms trace data to the ATF National Tracing Center;
- Disseminate investigative leads;
- Coordinate with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area-Regional Intelligence Center to identify armed drug traffickers and their sources of crime guns;
- Answer questions about firearms and provide expert testimony;
- Respond to crime scenes as needed;
- Determine trends and identify sources for crime guns; and
- NIBIN firearms analysts are available to assist with immediate entries.

Law enforcement agencies interested in additional information about NIBIN may call (202) 927-5660, or visit [www.nibin.gov](http://www.nibin.gov). Law enforcement representatives were also invited to take a tour of SCRCGC.

**ACTION: For information only.**

**VI. FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGY A SCIENTIFIC TEXTBOOK PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTY**

Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran

Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner – Coroner, appeared before CCJCC to provide information on the County’s recently published book, Forensic Neuropathology.

The Los Angeles County Department of Coroner handles 20,000 cases and performs about 6,000 autopsies each year. During the past several years, the Department has worked on Forensic Neuropathology, a textbook that can be used by lawyers, law enforcement agencies, and other government departments. The book is owned by the County of Los Angeles, and all proceeds from its sale go to the County.

Dr. Sathyavagiswaran also noted that the Department of Coroner sponsors a forensic seminar every year. For 2007, the seminar will be held from October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood. The theme of the conference is “Global Forensics Crossing Boundaries”. More information can be obtained online at [www.coroner.co.la.ca.us](http://www.coroner.co.la.ca.us).

**ACTION: For information only.**

**VII. OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Lou Aranguren of the California Federation of Interpreters spoke on behalf of the Court interpreters’ union. Court interpreters have been on strike since September 5, 2007, and she expressed concern that this is having a detrimental impact on the criminal justice system and on non-English speaking people that interact with the Court.

She stated that the Los Angeles Superior Court needs about 400 interpreters each day, and that Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse areas in the country in terms of the number of languages and dialects that are spoken.

Ms. Aranguren noted that the labor dispute centers around the desire by interpreters to be included in the "step" system that other Court and County employees are on.

Judge Peter Espinoza, Assistant Supervising Judge of Criminal, responded to the concerns by assuring the Committee that the interpreters' strike has neither created a public safety crisis nor impeded the Court's ability to administer justice.

The Productivity and Quality Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Reservations can be made through the Quality and Productivity Office by October 6, 2007.

#### **VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Supervisor Yaroslavsky adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next CCJCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**