

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, February 19, 2004

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair, Jr.; Lt. Col. Carl Yates (Designee for Col. John Aubrey); Sheriall Cunningham; Nick Parrino (Designee for Kelly Downard); Reverend Charles Duncan; Leo Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Steve Jenkins; Richard Lewis; Walker Cunningham (Designee for Irv Maze); Rob Powers (Designee for Debora McGill); Debbie Linnig Michals (Designee for Tony Miller); Lt. Col. Barry Green (Designee for Col. Joe Payne); Robert Schmitt; Judge James Shake; Dave Stengel; Laura Volk (Designee for Karl Stankovic); Tim Vize; Lt. Col. Terri Winstead (Designee for Chief White); Clarence Williams; and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Deborah McGill; Chief Judge Stephen George; and Kim Allen.

Guests Present: Richard Boone (Appriss); Cindy Venable (Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee); Dan Fox (Children Who Witness Domestic Violence); Julie Hayes (Court Administrator's Office); Trish Berry (Youth Enhancement Services); Betsy Helm (Corrections); Sharon Brite (LMPD); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); and Chris Lewis (Office of Congresswoman Anne Northup).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Toya Waters; Bruce McMichael; Faith Hartlage; Barbara West; and Jeremy McGill (intern).

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 20, 2003 MEETING

The meeting summary of the November 20, 2003 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Dave Huber, United States Attorney, and referenced the *Courier-Journal* article in the agenda packets regarding his appointment. It was indicated that Candice Hill would be replacing McKay Chauvin as the designee for Mr. Huber.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Richard Boone, Account Executive - Appriss-JusticeXchange gave a brief background of the VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) program which was started in Jefferson County in 1995 by Appriss and has served as the model for victim notification nationwide. Appriss interfaces with local booking systems to pull data every 15 minutes for updates. The system can be networked to track state and county inmates.

The JusticeXchange program uses the established Appriss data network to collect offender information, in near real time, from 1200 jails in 36 states, processing information on 900,000 inmates every day. Through a secured web site, the program provides law enforcement officials instant access to information about offenders held in jails across the country. Mr. Boone provided a

demonstration of the web-based program and fielded questions. In answer to a question regarding the availability of the program for local agencies, David Nicholson advised that Appriss is in negotiations with the Metro administration. He also noted that there might be Homeland Security funding available to establish JusticeXchange on a regional basis.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Warrant Process - David Nicholson reported that the committee is meeting quarterly, with the next meeting to be held in mid-to-late March or early April. There is currently a warrant sweep being conducted with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Warrant data is being received on a monthly basis. Mr. Nicholson referred to the handouts in the agenda packets detailing the 2003 Warrant Status and the January figures for 2004.

B. Computerization - Tim Vize, Chair reported that the committee met on Tuesday, February 10th. The Louisville Metro Police Department has agreed to use the Kentucky State Police (KSP) E-Citation software. The final testing elements are in place for testing the links between Corrections and the Administrative Office of the Courts. The testing is scheduled to take place in early March. The next scheduled meeting of the Computerization Committee is March 16th.

C. Children Who Witness Domestic Violence - Dan Fox, Chair stated that this is a subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Coordinating Council focusing on the needs of children in domestic violence situations. The subcommittee has been in existence for approximately 1½ years. One of its current projects is the creation of an informational piece on the effects of domestic violence on children. Another area of focus will be a needs assessment of children in situations where a death occurs. There were approximately ten such incidents this past year.

D. Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee - Cindy Venable, Member - reported that Jefferson County was one of 15 grantees in the country for training funds from the U.S. Department of Justice. The award was \$248,00 for two years. The committee focuses on training with law enforcement, courts system, prosecution, service providers, etc. There have been two trainings conducted for law enforcement in the past two years. The committee meets every other month and has representation from approximately 40 organizations. A legislative subcommittee worked with legislators on HB105 to propose changes to KRS Chapter 29 as it relates to the protection of adults. The bill has passed out of the House and is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. One of the current projects of the committee is a cell phone distribution of pre-programmed phones with the 911 emergency number. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is taking the lead role in this effort. Sgt. Nikki Henderson, LMPD, is providing training to law enforcement personnel in other jurisdictions. The Jefferson County Coordinating Committee has been the model for other councils dealing with this issue.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson reported on the following:

2003 Annual Report - with the increased workload that staff has undertaken (19 committees/10 initiatives), the report will be delayed until May.

Legislative Report - a copy of the current Criminal Justice Legislative Summary was included in agenda packets. Criminal justice-related bills make up approximately 25% of the Senate bills and 20% of the House bills. To date, the only bill that has passed is the Fetal Homicide Bill. Mr. Nicholson mentioned HB476 requiring the creation of an adult misdemeanor probation and work

release agency in counties containing a consolidated government. He also announced that he is serving as one of three legislative agents for Metro Government for the current Session.

Grant Activity - Metro Government has been awarded funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to make improvements to its critical infrastructure to be better prepared in the event of a major attack/disaster. Metro Louisville is one of 50 cities nationally to receive an award.

Funding has been awarded for the services of a professional consultant to assist with the start-up of the MetroSafe initiative. The consultants will be in town March 1st to work with the public safety entities and other public service agencies on the unified communications center.

Citizens Commission on Police Accountability - recommendations were made on the Taylor case and sent to the Mayor and Chief White for review. The commission is currently reviewing the Wright case which involves the shooting of an individual in the foot as the officer was attempting to stop a charging dog. At this time, there are three additional cases waiting for commission review.

Drug Court Committee - Judge Armstrong is chairing this committee which is looking at on-going funding sources for this program.

Drug Field Testing Committee - Ann Schiavone is serving as chair. The committee is looking at Lexington's program and the KSP lab's case backlog. KSP anticipates having the backlog manageable by June 1st.

Crime and Justice Show - Lt. Governor Steve Pence has expressed a desire to appear on the show to educate the public on their statewide drug initiative. The Lt. Governor plans to open an office on the first floor of Metro Hall.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Sheriall Cunningham, Mental Health Association of Kentucky, referenced the second article of the handout in the agenda packets entitled "NMHA Executive Update." A recent survey indicates that the U.S. should do more to address the country's mental health needs as they relate to terrorism's psychological effects.

VIII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.