

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Members Present: Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Mike Allen (designee for Richard Badaracco); Tom Campbell; Judge Sheila Collins; Patricia Combs; Walker "Critt" Cunningham; Dan Goyette; Roger Henderson; Thomas Dyke (designee for David Huber); Bishop Walter Jones, Jr.; Richard Lewis; Wanda Baker (designee for David Nicholson); Dave Stengel; Jim Birmingham (designee for Tim Vize); Lt. Jenny Assef (Designee for Chief White); and Carla Kirby (designee for Clarence Williams).

Excused Members: Sheriall Cunningham; Elisa Freeman-Carr

Guests Present: Major Carl Burgin (LMPD); Maurice Risner (JCPS); Sergeant Stanley Salyards (LMPD); Sandy Sundberg (LMPD); Major Joe Williams (KSP); .

Staff Present: Kim Allen; Faith Augustine; and Tracey Neathery.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bartholomew called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and introduced guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF MAY 15, 2008 MEETING

The summary of the May 15, 2008 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Bartholomew reported that the 40th Anniversary celebration was a huge success with a number of past and present members, board chairs and staff in attendance. Copies of the video are still available for those who were unable to attend. Staff recently received a request from a national consultant to use the video as part of a technical assistance workshop on local criminal justice coordinating councils sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). Additionally, a copy of the video was sent to the NIC Information Center for use as a resource nationally on the positive impact of local councils.

Judge Bartholomew reminded attendees that there will be no commission meetings in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th.

The Legislative Committee will reconvene in August in preparation for the 2009 legislative session. Please notify Kim Allen or Stephanie Stidham of any legislative ideas or proposals for the committee to research and consider.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Overview of Illegal Drug Activities

Presenters: Major Joe Williams, Kentucky State Police

Sergeant Stanley Salyards, Louisville Metro Police Department

Major Williams reported that the Kentucky State Police focuses on rural drug enforcement. The three most common types of illegal drugs are: 1) Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs (Clan Labs); 2) Marijuana and 3) Prescription drugs.

According to Major Williams, the number of Clan Labs has dropped since 2006. Increasing the difficulty of obtaining pseudoephedrine by moving it behind the counter is credited with this reduction. Prior to 2000, the traditional response to clean up a clan lab took 12 hours, 400 man hours and \$16-50,000. Officers have been trained and equipped to work with Hazardous Materials. The new response time is 45 minutes to 2 hours at a cost of \$500-1,000.

Marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug in Kentucky, according to Major Williams. The Governor's Marijuana Task Force is a partnership between Kentucky State Police, National Guard, Drug Enforcement Administration, Marshall Service and Forest Service to identify and eliminate cultivation of marijuana in Kentucky.

Illegal use of prescription drugs is becoming more prevalent reports Major Williams. Preferred prescriptions are for OxyContin, Hydrocodone, Xanax and Methadone (now prescribed as a cheap pain reliever). Major Williams describes once method of obtaining the prescriptions as "Doctor Shopping." Groups travel out of state to obtain prescriptions from pain clinics and bring the drugs back to sell on the street. One 80mg OxyContin will sell for \$80-100. Internet shopping for drugs (Special Delivery) has slowed since Kentucky required all pharmacies to register sales of certain drugs. Dealers now have shipments sent to locations near state lines.

Sergeant Salyards reported on illicit drug activity in the Louisville Metro area. The most common drug is marijuana, followed by prescription drugs. Seizures of cocaine, methamphetamine and crack usage together do not equal the illegal prescription drugs in our community. Sergeant Salyards also addressed new drugs and emerging trends in illicit drug sales/use in Louisville Metro. He reported that deaths from prescription drugs are higher than those caused by illegal drugs. In 2006, the drug that caused the highest of deaths by overdose was Methadone. Methadone is being prescribed more often for pain relief because it is low cost.

However, it can remain active in the body even after the pain relief wears off and introduction of any other pain reliever can be lethal.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

The Criminal Justice Commission Board serves as the public review body for the JAG program. In addition to Commission Board members, a member of the Jefferson County Public Schools and a member of a substance abuse treatment program also review and vote on the proposals. Maurice Risner, Jefferson County Public Schools and Tina Messer, Jefferson County Drug Court, serve as these respective representatives. Major Ed Burgin, LMPD, briefed members on the JAG equipment proposal totaling \$267,627. The proposal covers the purchase of mobile data terminals and in-car video camera systems. Judge Bartholomew called for a formal vote. A motion was made by David Stengel, seconded by Richard Lewis, and unanimously approved to accept the grant proposal as presented. Ms. Messer was unable to attend the meeting but indicated her approval of the proposal by email. A copy is attached.

VI. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.