

**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**March 22, 2012**

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 22, 2012 at the 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present:

Daniel G. Sharp, Chairperson, Chief, Oro Valley Police Department  
Bill Montgomery, Vice Chairperson, Maricopa County Attorney  
John Armer, Gila County Sheriff  
Joseph Arpaio, Maricopa County Sheriff, Ray Churay representing  
David Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Sheriff, Warren Alter representing  
Robert Halliday, Director, Department of Public Safety  
Tom Horne, Attorney General, Andrew Pacheco representing  
Robert Huddleston, Chief, Casa Grande Police Department  
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney by conference call  
Ralph Ogden, Yuma County Sheriff  
Charles Ryan, Director, Department of Corrections  
Linda Scott, Former Judge  
Carl Taylor, Coconino County Supervisor, by conference call

Members Absent:

Duane Belcher, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency  
David Sanders, Pima County Chief Probation Officer  
George Silva, Santa Cruz County Attorney

Staff Participating:

John A. Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director  
George Diaz, Public Information Officer  
Tony Vidale, Program Manager  
Phil Stevenson, Director, Statistical Analysis Center  
Matt Bileski, Research Analyst  
Wendy Boyle, Executive Secretary

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Sharp at 1:35 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Minutes of the January 19, 2012 Meeting**

Chairperson Sharp called for a motion on the minutes. Commissioner Bill Montgomery entered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Halliday and was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**III. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Blackburn acknowledged and thanked Commission Ralph Ogden for his leadership as Chairperson for the Commission as well as his guidance.

**A. Staff/Program Update**

Executive Director Blackburn introduced George Diaz, the new Public Information Officer for ACJC and Ravenn Moore, a Fellow working with the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). Executive Director Blackburn also reported that Janice Simpson, Grants Coordinator for the Criminal Justice System Improvement and Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Programs has accepted a position with the City of Avondale. Amanda Zibell will replace Ms. Simpson as the Grants Coordinator serving these program areas. ACJC will be recruiting for the following vacant positions; Information Technology Manager, Accountant III, and a Research Analyst I.

Executive Director Blackburn also informed the Commission that ACJC received a Progress Award from Drug Free Arizona in recognition of the work and partnership of the Statistical Analysis Center.

**B. Budget Update**

Executive Director Blackburn summarized how the Governor's proposed budget removes most of the sweeps to ACJC state fund accounts. The proposed budget is very similar to last year; however, revenues sources remain lower than normal. Executive Director Blackburn indicated that one sweep that will likely be targeted again is the Indigent Defense Funds at \$970,000 in FY13.

### **C. Legislative Update**

Executive Director Blackburn gave an update on federal issues. Byrne/JAG is up for reauthorization this year with the expectation that funding will remain at the same level as last year. A request for additional funding will be made during the reauthorization process next year.

George Diaz, Public Information Officer reported that 247 bills were being tracked through the state legislature, 103 bills have moved in the legislature, and 17 were signed into law.

Mr. Diaz spoke of two pieces of legislation that are of interest to ACJC. The first is House Bill 2388; this bill was passed in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The legislation would permit the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to define the chemical composition of prescribed controlled substances and address abuses in the use of incense and bath salts. The second bill is Senate Bill 1072 that pertains to felony offenses for failing to report a death of a child or vulnerable adult.

### **D. Commission Member Appointments**

Executive Director Blackburn informed the Commission that sixteen commission appointments have expired with the exception of Commissioner Bill Montgomery who recently was appointed. By statute, Commissioners can serve unless replaced or they no longer occupy the position, which makes them eligible for membership on the Commission. Executive Director Blackburn stated the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions has been contacted about reappointments to the Commission. Staff has requested the Commissioners who wish to continue to serve on the Commission to contact Executive Director Blackburn.

The Executive Director's report was presented for information purposes and did not require Commission action.

## **IV. Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Program Cycle 26 Grant Fund Reductions**

Tony Vidale, Program Manager summarized the current program size for the Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Program during FY12 and the projected program size during FY13 and FY14. In FY12, the grant program size was set at \$11.7 million; however, it is estimated that the reduction in funds for FY13 will be approximately \$3.8 million leaving a \$7.9 million program. Additionally, staff has projected that in FY14 there may be a further decrease caused by a reduction in the Byrne/JAG grant totaling \$700,000. Mr. Vidale referred the Committee to the chart on page 14 of the agenda that outlines the program funding sources for FY10 through FY14.

Mr. Vidale discussed in detail various funding reduction strategies to the Committee; they consist of: 1) Program reductions with no match; 2) Instituting a 25 percent match; 3) Utilizing program income on the project and requiring non-budgeted program income be spent before grant funds; and 4) Coordinating outside funding sources. Mr. Vidale stressed that the program reduction options he outlined may not have an impact on the grant program size this fiscal year but could present challenges in the long term. He further stated that no matter what options or combination of options that are agreed upon, some level of reduction must occur.

Mr. Vidale then recapped the recommended four funding reduction options discussed during the Drug Committee meeting. The first is a requirement for a match up to twenty-five percent in which an agency would provide funding equal to a set percentage based on the amount of the grant allocation. The second is to evaluate the program's performance and effectiveness in each tier. The third would be to coordinate efforts with other federally funded programs prior to making funding allocation recommendations. The fourth is to encourage agencies to expend any additional discretionary income before requesting additional grant monies.

Commissioner Bill Montgomery entered a motion to approve the four funding directives for the Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Cycle 26 grant funds to eligible criminal justice agencies for the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Designee Warren Alter and was unanimously approved by the Commission.

## **V. Arizona Records Improvement and Information Sharing Strategic Plan**

Pat Nelson, Program Manager presented historical and updated information on the Arizona Records Improvement and Information Sharing Strategic Plan. Ms. Nelson also gave a review on the four goals that were approved in November 2006 and the results of the objectives.

The first goal was to expand capability of the Arizona Disposition Reporting System (ADRS) and the Arrest Capture/Data Collection System (AC/DC). Ms. Nelson explained the rewrite was completed in October 2011 allowing the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to support and maintain the system internally. The Commission approved the use of ARRA funds in the amount of \$932,000 to finance the rewrite project. DPS reports that thirteen agencies are utilizing ADRS and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has incorporated ADRS within the new case management system being rolled out by the courts. The AC/DC project was initially a partnership between Phoenix Police Department and Maricopa County Sheriff's Department. The pre-booking process has provided benefits for reducing officer's time and eliminating redundant data entry.

The second goal was to deliver a common tracking capability from "first point of contact" through final disposition. Ms. Nelson reported that local initiatives are taking place utilizing the rapid identification capability and may provide further opportunities to test tracking through the criminal justice process. Discussion will continue with the Policy, Technical committees and stakeholders.

The third goal was to deliver an information query capability across justice systems. Ms. Nelson described how the Justice Web Interface (JWI) developed by Maricopa County ICJIS allows users to obtain information through one query pulling data from multiple sources such as federal, state and local criminal justice databases. Discussions regarding broad

base use and leveraging of the JWI tool to benefit Arizona will be take place with the Policy and Technical committees and stakeholders next week.

Ms. Nelson spoke of another initiative called AZLink, which was created as a non-vendor specific program that represents law enforcement agencies utilizing the CopLink application with the ability to expand to other information sharing and investigative applications. Four regional nodes provide law enforcement agencies the capability to search, investigate and analyze data across jurisdictional boundaries.

Lastly, the fourth goal was to integrate with federal initiatives. Ms. Nelson addressed two tactical projects that reached that objective. The first is the FBI National Data Exchange (NDex) which is currently being implemented through individual local, county and state projects with the potential to be implemented as a statewide program. The second is the Tucson Police Department who received funds from the US Department of Homeland Security to expand the utility of the CopLink software by connecting border agencies in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and federal entities such as US Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, US Immigration and Customs, and US Federal Bureau of Prisons. This project served as the foundation for the CopLink cost model that evolved into the statewide AZLink initiative.

Ms. Nelson directed the Commission to the recommendations of the Information, Technology and Systems Improvement Committee for the updated vision, goals and objectives to the Arizona Records Improvement and Information Sharing Strategy on page 20 and 21 of the agenda.

After review, Commissioner David Byers entered a motion to approve the updated vision, goals and objectives of the Arizona Records Improvement and Information Sharing Strategic Plan (2012-2017). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Halliday and was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**VI. Arizona Identity Theft and Domestic Violence Criminal History Records Information**

Phil Stevenson, Director, Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Director and Matt Bileski, Research Analyst presented analysis of criminal history records related to identity theft and domestic violence. The study was supported by a grant in the amount of \$65,593 from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Mr. Stevenson explained that a 10 year extract of data was used in this study. The data was provided by the Department of Public Safety from the Arizona Computerized Criminal History Record System, which included arrest information from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2010 and subsequent case activity entered into ACCH.

Commissioners discussed the findings of the research. Mr. Stevenson stated that staff solicited feedback from stakeholders and once their comments and those of the Commission were incorporated, the report will be submitted to the Bureau Justice of Statistics and will be published by ACJC.

This agenda item presented for informational purposes and did not require Commission action.

**VII. Call to the Public**

Chairperson Sharp made a call to the public.

**VIII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Arizona Criminal Justice Commission meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Blackburn, Jr.  
Executive Director