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Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2024
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
BCA

Attendees

| Advisory Group Members: | Organization |
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| Bartell, Diane | BCA |
| Beaumaster, Paul | Minnesota County Attorneys Association |
| Bigham, Karla | Minnesota Association of Counties |
| Bodie, Marv | Minnesota Association of Counties |
| Carson, Barbara | Public Member |
| Charles, Kellie | Minnesota Supreme Court 2 nd Judicial District |
| Densley, James | Public Member |
| Evjen, Jesse | Minnesota Sheriff's Association |
| Fralich, Jessica | League of MN Cities |
| Gustafson, Heather | Minnesota Senate |
| Henderson, Pancho | MNIT |
| Hoyle, Kathy | Board of Public Defense |
| Jaszewski, Karen Kampa | Minnesota Supreme Court |
| Knaak, Fritz | League of MN Cities |
| Mastin, Mike | Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association |
| Pavlov-Shapiro, Anya | Minnesota Attorney General |
| Reitz, Nate | MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission |
| Siolka, Lindsay | Board of Public Defense |
| Tran, Maria | League of Minnesota Cities |
| Westcott, Evonn | Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers |
| Williamson, Aaron | Courts |
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| Gotz, Dana | BCA |
| Evans, Drew | BCA |
| Hudson, Kobie | BCA |
| Knutson, Eric | BCA |
| Sanchez, Angie | BCA |
| Iverson, LeAnn | Courts |
| Hoheisel, Grant | Courts |

Welcome and Introductory Items

Advisory Group Chair Diane Bartell called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. Diane introduced Senator Heather Gustafson, Anya Pavolov-Shapiro (Attorney General's Office), Chief Mike Mastin (Bemidji Police Department), Sheriff Troy Heck (Benton County Sheriff's Office), Lt. Jesse Evjen (St Louis County Sheriff's Office) and Alex Abraha (public member) as the newest members to the Advisory Group. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2024 Advisory Group meeting minutes. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

Overview of Possible BCA Policy Legislative Initiatives – Superintendent Drew Evans

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans presented several BCA draft legislative proposals to the Advisory Group for discussion and feedback. Proposals include: Collection of Lawfully-Owned DNA samples (Superintendent Evans mentioned that this initiative will not move forward this year; however, he wanted the Advisory Group to be aware of its consideration); License Plate Reader (LPR) authorized data sharing; Comprehensive Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) expanded data sharing; Scope of Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) public data posting; Prohibition of Possession, Sale and Purchase of Child-Like Sex Dolls; Prohibition of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Create Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM); and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Authorized Use for Pursuits.

MN Judicial Branch System/Data Overview – Grant Hoheisel, Lee Ann Iverson, Karen Jaszewski and Aaron Williamson

Members from the Minnesota Judicial Branch provided an overview of the systems that are utilized in the court system. The emphasis was on the uniqueness that Minnesota has with a centralized statewide court systems and as well as the availability of the BCA's centralized Criminal History System, eCharging system, and other shared law enforcement systems. Court data is shared with county and city attorneys, public defenders, state and local law enforcement (BCA, DNR, Sheriff and City Police), Dept. of Public Safety, Driver & Vehicle Services, Dept. of Corrections, and probation.

Court staff described the types of integrations that are available and the type of information is shared.

Violent Crimes Subcommittee Update – James Densley

Professor Densley provided an update to the group on the Changing Nature of Homicide study that he is currently working on. More statistics have been uncovered including direct links between violent crimes. A more in-depth update will be provided at the November meeting.

Public Defense System Data Overview – Kathy Hoyle

Kathy provided an update of the records management systems and products currently being utilized within the public defense system and mentioned several roadblocks including a lack of data storage space in the cloud and that city and county attorneys throughout the state use different management systems creating difficult communication. Kathy provided updates on some changes/improvements the public defense system has started to incorporate, including converting to a cloud-based, unlimited storage option as well as integrating third-party products that have significantly increased efficiency.

Kathy concluded her presentation by sharing a “wish-list” to increase efficiency; she mentioned some have been on this list for years.

BCA Accreditation Update – Kobie Hudson

Kobie Hudson, BCA Staff Attorney and the manager for the BCA’s accreditation process through CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), provided an informative presentation and update on the BCA’s ongoing accreditation process, which is expected to take 36 months, and requires the BCA to meet 183 national law enforcement standards. The accreditation process is a review of all policies and procedures to identify gaps and areas that need changes or process improvements. This will allow BCA to be more consistent, transparent, and accountable in the services it provides.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders Update – Eric Knutson

Eric Knutson, former MNJIS Product Manager, spoke about Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), a law that went into effect January 1, 2024, also referred to as the “Red Flag Law”, that allows certain people to request an order from the Court to prohibit someone from purchasing or possessing a firearm. Eric highlighted the criteria for filing a petition for an ERPO, who can/can’t file, the court process and a petitioner’s rights. There was a short discussion about its effectiveness since its implementation.

November Agenda Items:

- Updating the Advisory Group By-Laws
- 2nd Vice Chair Election

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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The meeting adjourned