

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

September 27, 2013

Honorable Tom Dart
Cook County Sheriff
50 W. Washington Street
7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Sheriff Dart:

I am in receipt of your September 19, 2013 letter. I know that you are under a lot of pressure having released three prisoners in error this year (Steven Robbins, sentenced to 60 years for murder; Steven Derkits, charged with attempted murder, aggravated domestic battery, and aggravated battery against a peace officer, among other things; and Jeremiah Harris, sentenced to 12 years for being an armed habitual criminal), and having improperly released another because your staff gave the bond paperwork for the wrong prisoner to the surety, causing the surety to pay to bail-out the wrong person (Corey Poe, instead of Omar Arellano Nunez). In addition, you have the federal oversight of the Cook County Jail that emerged from the Duran consent decree concerning civil rights abuses in the Cook County Jail. I do sympathize with your situation.

~~As you know, I have been trying to get the Sheriff's Office—both you and your predecessor—and~~
the other public justice agencies to work with me on an integrated criminal justice system that would have eliminated all paper and carbon paper, for almost 13 years, with little or no cooperation. So I was disheartened to receive your letter urging me to cooperate with something that I have been spearheading and asking for you or your predecessor's time and commitment to for nearly 13 years.

I was even more disheartened to read the comments made by your Lieutenant Luna in Skokie, when he talked about the paper he had to deal with, and the jab the reporter made at the technology of the Clerk's Office, as compared to the technology of the Sheriff's Office, when I know that with a little cooperation and funding all of your issues could have been avoided a long time ago.

Please go back through your files to find the various Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Committee meeting invitation letters that you or your predecessor received from me but failed to attend. (See e.g. attached letters of invitation.) Instead, you would send your staff, who were not authorized to make decisions on your behalf. I was always the only elected official attending the meetings.

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In 2001 and 2002, I ushered in the formation of a Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Initiative. President Stroger wholeheartedly agreed with my recommendation for the formation of the Committee and sponsored a Resolution which passed the County Board on April 23, 2002. As a result, the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Committee (CCICJIS) was formed and is comprised of the Sheriff, the Chief Judge, the Chicago Police Department Superintendent, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, the Probation Department, and other criminal justice agencies. (See the attached summary document, which includes a photo of you representing the then-Sheriff Sheahan). The Strategic Plan was completed on May 1, 2003; and on December 31, 2006, the Detailed Plan of Action was completed.

After the Detailed Plan of Action was issued, I proposed that each of our offices dedicate funding together to hire a project manager to lead us in implementing an integrated criminal justice system, yet only the Chief Judge and my Office identified funding for this endeavor. Therefore, we were not able to hire the project manager and the system did not progress.

As you have been made aware over the years, the CCICJIS Committee, led by me, has created over thirty (30) direct data exchange integration points among the justice agencies, in which efficiencies have been obtained. One such efficiency included the integration between the Clerk of the Court and Sheriff's summons. Currently, we are working towards the implementation of an immediate data exchange between the Clerk's Office and the Sheriff's Office of the mittimus produced within the Courts.

As you are also aware, a few years' back when you attempted to implement a new jail management system and lost all of the data of the Sheriff's Office in the process, the Clerk's Office worked with your staff to recreate your system data, from our data, so that you could know exactly who was being held in the Jail.

I know that this is a challenging time for you and your staff, but know that the Clerk's Office has gone above and beyond to implement an integrated criminal justice system that would both eliminate paper and carbon paper and interface to upload the information to your system. We have had little to NO cooperation from your office in prior years.

Thank you for finally hiring a CIO last fall, Robert McInerney, who is very interested in an integrated criminal justice system and has been working with the CCICJIS group.

Attached is a copy of the Strategic Plan and the Detailed Plan of Action created by the CCICJIS Committee. We already have the road map -- we just need cooperation and funding. As you can see, we have already done more than just submit a resolution to the County Board.

As an update to you, the CCICJIS Project Management Group continues to move forward with the selection of a complete integrated solution for public safety. The following highlights activities currently in process:

1. The engagement of the Chicago Civic Alliance to work with CCICJIS.

2. Re-Identified all of the data exchanges across the criminal justice system
3. Development of the governance and policies which will be used amongst the agencies for integration; ensuring each office can maintain their individual statutory obligations.
4. Determine and pilot the chosen technology to be used for integration utilizing the industry standards of Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
5. Lydia Murray, CIO for Cook County's Bureau of Technology has requested \$1.5M in 2014 capital investment dollars.

Once appropriate funding has been allocated by the County, the CCICJIS Committee is anticipating that the test environment will be implemented by the 1st Quarter of 2014; with significant integrations developed by the end of 2014.

I recognize that this is an aggressive schedule, but I urge you and each of the public safety officials to work with me, as Chair of CCICJIS, to ensure that this project and our offices receive the resources and funding to ensure that integrated criminal justice becomes a reality within Cook County.

To that end, with your assistance, I would like to schedule a meeting with the Executive Committee in October 2013 to ensure the collaboration of our offices and obtain a detailed status from the CCICJIS Project Management Team. I look forward to you attending the meeting so that we can work together toward the goal of integrated criminal justice.

Please note that finger-pointing in the newspaper will not get this system done. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (312) 603-5071.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

April 18, 2002

Sheriff Michael F. Sheehan
Cook County Sheriff's Department
50 W. Washington, Room 704
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Sheriff Sheehan:

I have met with President Stroger, and he agrees that we should create a Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee. He has decided to do a resolution establishing the Committee. I have just learned that he plans to present the Resolution at the April 23, 2002 Board of Commissioner's Meeting. Enclosed is a draft copy of the Resolution.

President Stroger would like for each of us to attend the April 23, 2002 meeting for the reading of the Resolution. The Board Meeting will start immediately following the Forest Preserve Board Meeting, which begins at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the Board Room on the 5th Floor of the County Building, 118 N. Clark Street in Chicago.

Also enclosed is a copy of the proposed Mission Statement previously discussed and agreed to by the heads of all of the represented criminal justice agencies.

A meeting will be called for all of the elected and appointed officials from the various represented agencies to kick-off the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee after the Board approves the Resolution.

If you have any question please feel free to contact me at 312-603-5071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Brown".

Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

Enclosures

cc: President John Stroger

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

June 18, 2003

Honorable Michael Sheahan
Cook County Sheriff Office
704 Richard J. Daley Center
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Honorable Sheriff Sheahan:

The Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems (CCICJIS) Committee is slated to present the CCICJIS Strategic Plan at the regularly scheduled Cook County Board meeting on July 1, 2003, County Building, 118 North Clark, Room 569 at 10:00am. It is important that each member of the CCICJIS Steering/Oversight Committee be present at this meeting as an indication of the importance of the need for a concerted integrated criminal justice effort in Cook County.

We will have approximately 10 to 15 minutes to present the Strategic Plan to the Cook County Board. Each of the Co-Chairs and I will be seated or standing near or behind President Stroger. After the Strategic Plan is presented, I would like for each of the Co-Chairs to give brief remarks on the importance of the Plan. Any other suggestions you may have on the presentation are greatly appreciated and can be forwarded to me via fax (312) 603-4557. A copy of the presentation will be forwarded to you in advance of the July 1st County Board meeting.

To confirm your attendance, please have your staff contact Nicole Sims at (312) 603-5240. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (312) 603-5071. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Brown".

Dorothy Brown
Chair, CCICJIS Committee
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

November 5, 2007

Honorable Thomas Dart
Cook County Sheriff
Richard J. Daley Center, Suite 704
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Sheriff Dart:

The Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems (CCICJIS) Committee made great strides in the last year in issuing the CCICJIS Detailed Plan of Action to the Cook County Board of Commissioners on December 29, 2006. In an effort to keep up our momentum and discuss plans to move towards Phase IV, I cordially invite you to a meeting of the Executive Committee Members of the CCICJIS Committee planned for **Thursday, November 29, 2007, 10:00am at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington, Suite 1001 Conference Room**. The agenda and meeting materials will be forwarded in advance of the meeting. The elected and appointed officials of the various agencies are the members of the Executive Committee (*see attached*). We really need to meet as elected and appointed officials to chart the course for the Committee.

Please confirm your attendance with Pinal Gheewala at (312) 603-0453 or pzgheewala@cookcountycourt.com by Friday, November 16, 2007. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support for the CCICJIS effort and look forward to working with you in the next phase of activities.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Chair, Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee

Cc: Mike Carroll, Cook County State's Attorney Office
Bridget Dancy, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk's Office
Paul Fields, Cook County Public Defender
Brian Goggin, Cook County Bureau of Technology
James Hickey, Chicago Police Department
Herbert Johnson, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Andy Krok, Office of the Cook County Sheriff
Karen Landon, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk's Office
Mike McGowan, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Nicole Sims, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk's Office



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

August 24, 2011

Ms. Marjorie O'Dea
Cook County Sheriff's Office

Dear Ms. O'Dea :

As Committee Chair of the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems [CCICJIS] Committee, I would like to extend an invitation to you or your designee to attend our next status session of the CCICJIS Committee. As you know, our committee is dedicated to improving the administration of justice in Cook County by facilitating the electronic sharing of justice information throughout the State of Illinois. As an integral stakeholder within our justice arena, your agency's input remains critical to the Committee's success.

Since the last meeting, many of the agencies have made great strides within the public safety arena, therefore, we are asking that each agency/ representative provide a written synopsis of any advancements made since our last status and to be prepared to give a brief update at our next meeting. In addition, we will include a discussion regarding the Justice Reinvestment Program being spearheaded by the Judicial Advisory Council and the Council's role with CCICJIS moving forward.

Four dates, six possible timeframes have been set aside for our next meeting. The dates provided are as follows:

September 19, 2011; 10 a.m. – 12 noon

September 26, 2011; 10 a.m.-12 noon

October 4, 2011; 10 a.m.–12 noon **OR** 2: 00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 6, 2011; 10 a.m. 12 noon **OR** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

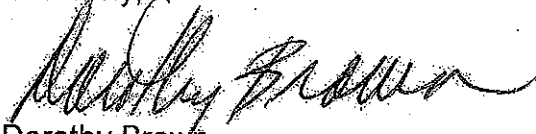
Please select the date and time that would best suit your agency and email your selection to Karen Landon at klandon@cookcountycourt.com. You will be notified of the date that is best for the majority of the Committee members. The location of the meeting will be at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 50 West Washington, Suite 1001 Conference Room.

Attached for your purview are three documents, the CCICJIS Resolution, Organizational Chart and Detailed Plan of Action. Also, enclosed is the Strategic Planning Committee Representatives list. Please review your agency's designation and confirm if the delegate listed will remain as your organization's representative. If not, please provide the contact information of your agency's replacement on the Committee.

I thank you in advance for your organization's continued participation in this crucial endeavor.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 603-5071.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

Enclosure (4)

CCICJIS Resolution

CCICJIS Organizational Chart

CCICJIS Detailed Action Plan

CCICJIS Planning Committee List

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

March 1, 2013

Honorable Tom Dart
Sheriff Of Cook County
Cook County Sheriff
50 W. Washington, Room 704
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Sheriff Dart:

I am reaching out to you to obtain your continued support for the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems (CCICJIS) Executive Committee. As you are aware, the CCICJIS Committee is dedicated to improving the administration of Criminal Justice in Cook County through integrated information sharing. **I am requesting your attendance at the next CCICJIS Meeting on March 13, 2013 to review our mission as members, reinforce the guiding principles, redefine our strategic issues and set the current direction of this much needed endeavor.**

As you are aware, it is more imperative now than ever before that all systems are integrated and operating with 21st century technology, so that decisions can be made more efficiently, with timely, accurate and consistent information for all agencies. **In this regard, it is essential that we all meet to discuss how we can bring a thoroughly Integrated Justice Enterprise to Cook County. Due to the significance of this project, it is critical that insight be obtained from you, as the elected official. An effective information sharing strategy that meets the needs of all justice stakeholders will lead to the electronic sharing of critical data – data required by police officers, prosecutors, and judges – in order to improve decision making, enhance the quality of justice in Cook County, and with the proper safeguards, ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the information for all.**

The CCICJIS Strategic Planning [PMO] Committee is working to develop both a short term and long term strategy to ensure that there is continued communication between all agencies and how this effort can be properly funded and implemented. The CCICJIS PMO Committee will present the recommended strategies to the Executive Committee on **March 13, 2013, at 2:00 pm., Richard J. Daley Center, 10th floor, Room 1001 Conference Room.**

My office will be in contact with you to confirm your attendance. Please have your staff RSVP your attendance to Ms. Bridget Danov, my Chief Information Officer, at (312) 603-5477. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly at (312) 603-5071.

I thank you in advance for you and your agency's participation in this important endeavor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Brown".

Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
CCICJIS Committee Chair



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

March 22, 2013

Honorable Tom Dart
Sheriff Of Cook County
50 W. Washington, Room 704
Chicago, IL, 60602

Dear Sheriff Dart:

This letter is to update you on the results of the most recent Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee (CCICJIS) meeting. As you are aware, it is urgent that all of the Public Safety agencies involved with Cook County's criminal justice system collaborate so that we are providing and receiving the most accurate, complete, and timely information in the most efficient manner.

The following is a brief synopsis of the meeting:

The Strategic Planning Committee which is comprised of each agency's Chief Information Officers and Information Technology Directors re-engaged its subcommittees as defined within the CCICJIS Strategic Plan and CCICJIS Detailed Plan of Action. The goals of those meetings were to begin discussions for the implementation of short term and long term solutions for integrated justice. The sub-committees are: 1) Operations, Planning and Policy; 2) Technical and Data Architecture; and 3) Funding Strategy. Each subcommittee reported their status, as follows:

- The *Operations, Planning and Policy Sub-Committee* reported that they are working towards the continued strategy and approach that we will use for integrated justice. The sub-committee is also working towards documenting our system integration governance as it relates to both our current and future data exchanges. Discussions included the creation of Memorandums of Understandings (MOU) between each of our agencies. Additionally, the sub-committee has researched solutions that have been implemented in other jurisdictions, noting best practices which were used during implementation.
- The *Technical and Data Architecture Sub-Committee* created workflows for each agency's existing case management system. The workflows have allowed us to identify several short term data exchange projects. These short term data exchanges will have an immediate impact within our offices; additionally, the sub-committee will work on the specific requirements that would be needed for a full implementation of integrated justice. A couple of the short term projects discussed were the Clerk of Court's Electronic Mittimus Data Exchange to the Sherriff's Office; and the Final Calculated Incarceration Time from the Sherriff's Office to the Offices of the State's Attorney, Public Defender and Clerk of the Circuit Court.

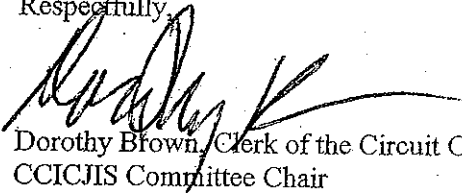
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- The *Funding Strategy Sub-Committee* determined that a business case analysis will be developed in order to ensure that proper funding is secured; and there is possibly a need for both capital and operational funding. The sub-committee will also research grant funding from the United States Department of Justice, the Bureau of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security. Lastly, the sub-committee noted that when grant dollars have been identified, the CCICJIS Committee would apply for the grant, working with the Cook County Justice Advisory Committee.

In addition, the Strategic Planning Committee presented a draft of a Cook County Resolution relating to the collaboration and implementation of an integrated criminal justice system. We would like the Cook County Board to consider this resolution at its first Board meeting in April. Please review the resolution and let me know by Friday, March 29, 2013, if you recommend any changes.

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that the Cook County criminal justice system operates effectively. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly at (312) 603-5071.

Respectfully,



Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
CCICJIS Committee Chair

Attachment: Cook County Board Draft Resolution