



## Justice System Reform Governing Board

Minutes from March 25, 2009  
9:00 am

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### 1) Call to Order

Commissioner Hagan, welcomed the members and introduced the presentation of the Justice System Reform (JSR) DVD.

### 2) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the JSR Governing Board meeting held on December 9, 2008 were approved.

### 3) Discussion of Agenda Items

- **Community Council**
  - JSR DVD Presentation.
- **JSR Initiative**
  - Prosecutor Bill Mason noted that with the hope of completing all current Pilots the Initiative will continue to make progress toward our goals.
- **CBCF**
  - Judge Nancy Mc Donnell (Common Pleas Court) reported that after some minor changes Phase 1 is under way. Visits to neighborhood Businesses including the Ward Club to explain what CBCF is are going well and the Ground Breaking is scheduled for May.
- **Drug Court Expansion**
  - Judge Nancy Mc Donnell (Common Pleas Court) reported that due to some certain changes Judge David Matia (Common Pleas Court) in a joint effort with the City of Cleveland will head up the new Drug Court, with the hopes of their first class starting in may.
- **Stimulus Funds**
  - Chief Mike McGrath (City of Cleveland) presented how the funds of the Recovery Act Funding of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) were to be allocated. Cuyahoga County is to be allocated \$750,000.00 and after some discussion it was agreed that the City would contribute some of their funds bringing the County's total to \$920,000.00. All Allocations were approved. The City will be the Fiscal Agent to administer the Grant Funds. Jim McCafferty suggested a possible executive meeting to allocate the funds.
- **Grants / Resolutions**
  - Gary Holland (Justice Affairs) requested authorization for two FY2008 JAG Funding Recommendations. The first resolution is requesting that funds be allocated for providing Evidence Based Practices (EBP) training for the County Common Pleas Court, Cleveland Municipal Court and the suburban Municipal Courts. The estimated funding available is not - to - exceed \$19,000.00 passed through from the US Department of Justice / Bureau of Justice Affairs. The second resolution is requesting funds to be allocated to the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board for the "Expedited Pretrial Screening Project". The estimated funding available is not - to - exceed \$30,598.12 passed through from the US Department of Justice / Bureau of Justice Affairs. Both Resolutions were passed.



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- **Technology Council**
  - Linda Lingler (ISC) reported that a board for GIS is being setup to govern GIS and anyone interested should contact her. She also reported that the ISC has been working with the CBCF Architects on setting up an IT Infrastructure. Linda also introduced John Schick and Greg Wilson of the ISC's Web / Multimedia Department as the creator's of the JSR DVD.
  - Ursula Kaunas (ISC) reported that Video Conferencing is working 100% with point to point connections and is still working out some issues with multi point connections. She also reported that the inJail project was in the beginning stages of development.
- **Case Processing Workgroup**
  - Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) reported that the workgroup's meeting dates have been posted and the group is working on gathering data.
- **Central Booking Workgroup**
  - Ken Kochevar (Sheriff's Office) reported that there were 90 days left of housing prisoners in Geauga County and all 60 day sentences should be kept in the County. By the year end there are hopes that there will be no need for housing outside Cuyahoga County.
- **Standards Workgroup**
  - Michael O'Malley (Prosecutor's office) reported the progress continues with the new Records Management System and he met with Janet Burnside to look at changing Local Rules.
- **Early Disposition Workgroup**
  - Jerome Dowling (Prosecutor's Office) reported that there seems to be trouble with dueling systems (old & new). Tim Hagan suggested meeting with all the Judges and the Defense Bar to relay the message of the JSR.
- **Statistical Workgroup**
  - Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) presented and explained the recent Statistics.
- **Reentry (Common Pleas)**
  - Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) reported that there are currently 23 defendants in the program and funding by the State has been approved.
- **Reentry (Leadership Coalition)**
  - Dr. Russell Kaye (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Board) reported that the Leadership Coalition meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and all are welcome to attend. The Coalition serves as an Advisory to the County Reentry. The newest Initiative is the possibility of expanding Reentry to 18 year olds.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be June 9, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Sheriff's training room of the Justice Center.