

**TIJIS Steering Committee Meeting  
Friday, September 16, 2005  
Texas Association of Counties  
Austin, TX**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Les Smith. Roll call confirmed presence of a quorum.
- B. Members and guests were introduced.
- C. Motion was made by Al Garcia and seconded by Yolanda Aleman, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2005 meeting.

**II. REPORTS AND BUSINESS** (Note: In the interest of accommodating participants' schedules, reports were not necessarily taken in the order listed on the agenda, but are included in agenda order in these minutes)

**A. Texas Conference of Urban Counties (CUC)**

Charles Gray reported on the Texas Common Integrated Justice System (TCIJS). A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is attached as part of these minutes. (Attachment A) CUC is planning to attend the October County Judges and Commissioners Conference to encourage participation in the project in FY06. Charles reported that CUC was issuing an RFQ for support services to implement the court systems.

Discussion followed with regard to the complementary nature of the CIJS project to allow other organizations to tie into either the Data Sharing or Court Administration solutions. Les Smith emphasized the importance of both urban and rural counties' participation. Stan Reid suggested that the history of TIJIS should be written and that an article in County Magazine might be an option to get information out about TIJIS.

**B. County Information Resources Agency (CIRA)**

Gayle Latham reported that the OCA/CIRA Court Connectivity Project is in the finishing stages. Over the span of the project, 181 courts in 51 counties have been assisted with funding for high-speed Internet connectivity. Total amount of funding to the counties was just under \$250,000.

CIRA held six regional meetings around the state from May – August to discuss technology issues, and has initiated discussions with TARC on possible collaborative efforts. TAC/CIRA continues to participate in the CUC-CIJS project. CIRA issued an RFP for a hosted data integration solution and is in contract negotiations to finalize award of the contract. This service will provide a data integration solution, primarily for the smaller counties who do not have local networks. Integration will focus initially on criminal justice information,

but the program will also have the ability to facilitate data sharing among all county offices, or with entities outside the county government.

Discussion followed regarding the importance of broadening the membership of TIJIS to include the State CIO, TARC, TML, City Managers Association and the Youth Commission as potential participants who should be invited to join TIJIS.

### **C. State of Texas Department of Public Safety**

Roland Silva and Mike Lesko of DPS presented the DPS report in the absence of David Gavin.

1. Update on Texas Justice Data Dictionary and related XML Strategies:  
The Department of Public Safety is working with a vendor on the conclusion of the CCH Redesign Project, which includes two segments of interest to the committee:
  - a. XML mapping of specific CCH database fields to the CJXDM and JTF's Rapsheet standard. This facet is in the acceptance testing phase which includes a review of mapping undertaken by two teams; XML Review and Data Specifications Review.
  - b. Development of a CJIS web interface which DPS anticipates using as an access mechanism for developers to view their data model. Additional DPS is studying the feasibility of using this application to facilitate sharing SAJICC member agencies' XML data modeling as well.
  
2. XML Developments  
GJXDM version 3.03 was released on September 8, 2005, containing approximately 31 changes, 60 % additions to the model and 40% modifications such as updating or deleting existing tags. Links to websites pertaining to GJXDM are attached as part of these minutes (Attachment B).  
  
Global released their BJXDM Knowledgebase and Virtual Help Desk on August 1, 2005. This site provides users with a vehicle to develop a dialogue for help with the GJCDM.  
  
In Texas, DPS is planning to solicit participation in an XML subcommittee for CCH-Rapsheet Review. Expectation is that those who have expressed an interest in participating in XML development in Texas will be contacted in early October.
  
3. T-Dex Update  
Mix Lesko reported that T-Dex is not a DPS issue and a project manager for that program will be invited to the next TIJIS meeting.

4. N-Dex Update

Mike Lesko reported that N-Dex had started as an enhancement to UCR, but has evolved into it's own and was bid out with specific funds. FY06 funding is \$22,000,000 for development. N-Dex is moving forward, in spite of the set-back in implementation. With regrouping and better organization, it is not set to go forward.

General discussion questioned the need for both T-Dex and N-Dex. T-Dex was explained as a regional, interim solution which is person-based (similar to the VINE program).

**D. Users Advisory Group and Sub-Committee Updates**

1. Tarrant County Urban Area Security Initiative UASI-IJIS Project  
Steve Moore, Hurst Police Department, reported on the project. A copy of the Project Implementation Plan Charter is attached as part of these minutes (Attachment C).

During the June 2005 meeting Fort Worth, Arlington, Hurst and the Sheriff's Office agreed to develop a sharing database and to each assign a technology representative for determination of the technology that all will feel comfortable using. The choice was a peer-to-peer allowing hits in, but no data leaving the system. This affordable, low-risk solution will provide a common gateway for passing queries. An RFO/RFP will be issued to vendors. This solution is seen as a possible short-term solution until the N-Dex project is functional.

General discussion questioned the difference between this project and the UNT/NCTCOG project. It was pointed out that this project keeps the data 'at home' as opposed to the UNT/NCTCOG project to do crime analysis.

**E. State and Regionally Based IJIS Concepts**

1. Update: North Central Texas Council of Governments

Randy Hunt of the University of North Texas reported on LEAP, the NCTCOG criminal analysis project that will be hosted in the UNT Data Center. This project will serve as a tool for sworn officers, with a Google-like approach to ranking suspects by analysis of data across multiple jurisdictions. As compared to the UTD fusion center project, LEAP is intended as a crime analysis program while the UTD project is intelligence analysis.

Margaret Rabbitt, SITCA, explained that the UTD and NCTCOG/UNT projects had previously been running parallel, but that were not working together as fully complementary programs. A PowerPoint presentation regarding the UNT Fusion Center is made a part of these minutes as Attachment D.

2. Update: Geographical Information Systems

Mike Ouimet of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) reported that cooperative efforts with other states are in progress to share non-classified data useful for such as 911, crime or mapping issues. The USGS is consolidating from three mapping centers to one center.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Following discussion regarding a TIJIS GIS Subcommittee, motion was made by Stan Reid and seconded by Charles Gray to establish the committee, with Robert Neff as chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Margaret Rabbitt and Larry Barclay were added to the membership of the TIJIS Steering Committee.
- B. The need for involvement of other entities in the TIJIS meetings was discussed, with particular emphasis on the need to involve local government structures .
- C. It was agreed that a website for TIJIS would be developed by TAC/CIRA and hosted on the CIRA network.

**V. COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Yolanda Aleman, Office of Court Administration, reported that anyone interested in participating in participating in a taskforce to address the issue of uncollected fines and fees and the creation of a centralized database of for that information contact her.
- B. The next regular meeting of TIJIS will be at the TCJIUG Conference in April or May 2006. Motion was made by Stan Reid and seconded by Steve Moore to allow the TIJIS Chair to call interim meetings if needed. Motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Discussion emphasized the need for involvement on the State CIO level for a greater level of integration of local, state and federal entities, with 'top-down' direction. Suggestion was made to revisit the Texas Justice Information Integration Initiative Plan.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.**