

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CRIME VICTIM AND WITNESS NOTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(AVN ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Minutes of Teleconference held on August 7, 2013

Mike Bastien called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked that participants in the teleconference please state their name and agency.

Participants in the teleconference:

Greg Sullivan, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, Chairman of AVN Advisory Committee

Maureen Josh, DeKalb County Circuit Clerk

Cherri Gass-Price, Victim Services, Department of Corrections

Ronnie Reichgelt, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Mike O'Leary, Jackson County Sheriff's Department

Cindy Hora, Division Chief, Crime Victim Services

Kathy Carroll, Director of AVN and VCVA, Office of the Attorney General

Mike Bastien, AVN Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General

Review and Approval of May 8, 2013 meeting minutes:

Maureen Josh made a motion to approve the May 8, 2013 meeting minutes and was seconded by Kathy Carroll. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Statistical update:

Mike Bastien gave the statistical update on the AVN system for the time period of January 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013. There were 492,652 site searches for offender custody status and court case information; 1,352,335 inbound and outbound calls; 167,536 email notification; and a total of 71,343 registrations.

There are a total of 322,742 active registrations for offenders (314,954 are in DOC) and 11,634 active registrations for court case information. Mike also indicated that the Vine Mobile App went live in February and there have been 2,677 registrations via Mobile App.

AVN clean-up project and VINE Conference:

Cindy Hora indicated the OAG is in the process of an AVN Clean Up project. She indicated that most of the calls were from people getting recycled phone numbers and did not register for notification. Cindy asked that everyone refer to the Robo phone script the Mike had sent out with the meeting notice. She said that the Vendor is sending out Robo calls to the oldest 100 registrations asking them to verify if they are not the correct person. If the person indicates they did not register or if they do not want to be registered, then action will be taken to modify the registration accordingly. If they are the correct person and want their registration updated, they are to call Mike and he will update the registration.

Cindy Hora said the first batch of robo calls went out and the Chicago office toll-free crime victim assistance number has not received any calls. Mike Bastien indicated that he had received three calls and they were legitimate registrations. Persons calling did not request an update they wanted to know if the stats of the inmate had changed.

Cheri Gass-Price said there were no extra calls at IDOC.

Kathy Carroll said Appriss is holding a VINE Users Conference in September. She said they have the conference yearly to give updates on the future of what they are doing and information sharing. She indicated that she would be attending the conference.

AVN Enhancement Project:

Cindy Hora indicated that the upgrade on interfaces in 29 counties is ongoing. She said 12 interfaces have been completed and there are 17 remaining. Cindy Hora said that the OAG is in the process of extending the federal contract.

Cindy Hora said the OAG is amending the DHS scope of work in the SAVIN grant agreement. She indicated that three of the facilities have shut down. The grant agreement will be modified to include court notification for the SVP detainees.

Greg Sullivan asked how many SVP were housed in Rushville? Kathy Carroll said around 500. Greg Sullivan asked if anyone knew how many SVP were out on release and Cindy Hora indicated around 20.

Greg Sullivan asked when SVP are released do they have to Register or does Rushville register them? Cindy Hora said it's her understanding that they register themselves. Kathy Carroll said she knows they have to register.

Greg Sullivan asked if there was a requirement that DHS notify law enforcement. Cindy said that she would check with Joella Marasco in our Criminal Bureau and let him know. Kathy Carroll said they have to have an address to be released. Greg Sullivan asked who verifies the

address and who checks on the address? Cindy Hora said she would find out and get back to him.

Open Meeting Act and Training and Requirement:

Cindy Hora said AVN committee members are subject to the Illinois Open Meeting Act Training. She said the OAG is required to post all meetings and minutes of the committee meetings. She asked the members who have not taken the OMA training to do so within the next two weeks.

Legislative Issues:

SB 2235 – Greg Sullivan said the bill passed 1 year ago in the House but failed in the Senate. He said it is back in the house and is currently stalled. He indicated there are some concerns and it is now in Subcommittee. Greg said he thinks they need to drop community service hours but he is the only one supporting it.

Greg Sullivan asked if the Attorney General Sex Offender Awareness, Training, and Education Fund had increased and what happens with funds. Cindy Hora indicated that the funds have to be appropriated. She said the funds have increased some and if they continue we can look at paying Offender Watch. Cindy Hora asked Greg Sullivan if Offender Watch is willing to take partial payments and Greg said “yes”.

The committee recommended that Attorney General Madigan support SB2235. Greg Sullivan said the bill will remain the same with the exception of removing the community service from the bill. He feels the bill will move with support from the Attorney General.

Greg Sullivan made a motion that the committee asks Attorney General Madigan to support the bill. The motion was seconded by Cherri Gass-Price. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Bastien asked if the next AVN meeting scheduled for November 6, 2013 was ok with everyone and the committee agreed.

Maureen Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ronnie Reichgelt. Meeting Adjourned.