

A Word from Our Director

A brief CISS Update from CJIS Executive Director Humayun Beg

[Connecticut Information Sharing System]

We are well into a new year with a new Governor, new agency heads, and new members of the Connecticut Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board (CJIS).

addition to Office of **Policy** and Management (OPM) Under Secretary Marc Pelka who will serve as our new CIIS Co-Chairman, we commissioners have new the Department at Administrative **Services** (DAS), Department **Corrections** (DOC), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Welcome to commissioners Josh Geballe (DAS), Rollin Cook (DOC), James Rovella (DESPP), and Sibongile Magubane (DMV). You come to CJIS as we prepare to fully deploy the Criminal Information Sharing System (CISS) that will create better communications and efficiencies in Connecticut's criminal justice system.

I am pleased to say that the development of CISS is in line



Figure 1: CJIS Executive Director Humayun Beg

with Governor Lamont's vision for increased e-Government. CISS also fits into the Governor's objectives that state agencies provide efficient, modern business process, transparency, timely and accurate data, and secure and economical technology solutions. I greatly look forward to working with our new commissioners and the administration to accomplish these goals.

Since our last newsletter, Release 11 was gated into production enabling CISS Workflows and allowing rollout of Early Arrest

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CJIS Quarterly Governing Board Meeting

April 25, 2019 at 1:30 pm Superior Court Operations Unit 225 Spring Street in Wethersfield

CISS Quarterly Status Meeting

May 1, 2019 1:00 - 3:00 pm To Be Determined Check the CJIS website for updates

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Notification at all NextGen police departments. Already, the DMV receives early arrest information about drivers arrested for DUI that are licensed to carry public passengers. Similarly, the DOC receives early arrest information if the individual is under supervised release.

In order to make the most of this new rollout, CJIS is making a concerted effort to provide local police departments with CISS User Authorization Requests training so they can access the system. Additionally, we are providing training to help users understand the capabilities of this dynamic system and how best to use it. We also will be purchasing new routers to enable better connectivity with police departments throughout the state.

These are exciting times at CJIS as we near the completion of Phase I at the end of June 2019. We expect that as more users gain access and discover the time- and money-saving benefits of this technology, demand for training will grow exponentially. Staff is exploring ways to improve the training process.

As always, our stakeholders and their ability to benefit from this collaborative effort are the lifeblood of the project. I am enthusiastic about working with all of you to complete a product that will revolutionize criminal justice in the State of Connecticut.

Regards,

Humayun Beg

Getting to Know new CJIS Co-Chairman Marc Pelka



Figure 2: OPM Under Secretary Marc Pelka

CJIS recently welcomed a new face as Co-Chairman of its Governing Board. Marc Pelka was appointed Under Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) by OPM Secretary Melissa McCaw in January and will serve as the board's new co-chair.

Pelka, a Connecticut native, spent the last decade at the nonprofit, nonpartisan Council of State Governments Justice Center. There he rose from senior policy analyst to Deputy Director of State Relations. At the Center, Pelka worked with policymakers across the country to implement Justice Reinvestment approaches to reduce corrections spending while reinvesting in public safety strategies.

Justice Reinvestment involves a data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice costs, and reinvest those savings into strategies to reduce recidivism and decrease crime. Pelka helped states develop and enact bipartisan legislation that reduced criminal justice and corrections cost and then funnel some of the savings into community substance abuse and mental health treatment, victim services, and stronger probation and parole supervision. This included helping victims recover financially from crime.

Now that he is bringing this experience to the CJIS Governing Board, Pelka looks forward to helping CJIS complete its mission.

He elaborated on this in his answers to questions from Roadmap staff.

Update on RMS Vendor Progress

The CJIS Group continues its work with Records Management System Vendors (RMS) in Connecticut to complete computer programming and integration to connect all of the state's police departments to the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS). This will become part of the RMS software package that is running in each police department.

Police RMS products are a collection of information, product listings, and resources for researching Records Management Systems. They cover a variety of RMS options, from mapping and computer aided dispatch products to handheld solutions. Now, vendors are creating the integration ability of the RMS to send arrest information to CISS.

Each RMS Vendor is completing the integration in two (2) steps. The first step (Level 1) includes sending booking information to CISS in real-time while a person is being booked at a police department. This is the Early Arrest Notification.



Figure 3: Graphic of records management as data

The second step (Level 2) for the RMS Vendors includes the ability to send the whole arrest packet and all of the arrest paperwork as electronic file to CISS. CISS then send the electronic documents to the other Criminal Justice Agencies automatically, as well as the courts so the police officers and troopers no longer need to hand deliver all of the paper documents each morning.

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RMS Vendor	Level 1 Contract Initiated	Level 1 Development In-Progress	Level 1 Certification Complete	Level 2 Contract Initiated	Level 2 Development In-Progress	Step 2 Certification Complete
Accucom	X	X	X	In Process		
NexGen	X	X	X	X	In Process	
Telepartner	X	X	X			
IMC (Central Square)	In Process					
Sunguard (Central Square)						
Inform (Central Square)						

Figure 4: Table of RMS vendors and their progress on Level 1 and Level 2 connecting police departments to CISS.

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Figure 5: Image of a keyboard with a key label "Record Management."

Level 2 is truly the beginning of the Connecticut Criminal Justice Community moving in the direction of e-government and the future. It will allow us to say good-bye to the paper-based processes of the past.

In the budget released to the General Assembly, Governor Lamont put an emphasis on streamlining agency processes by converting to more e-government solutions. It is listed as one of his priorities while in office

CJIS is in various stages of contract and development with several RMS Vendors. (See Figure 4 on Page 4)

Bringing Police Departments Online with CISS

As progress is being made by the RMS Vendors, CJIS is working with each Police Department to get connected to the CJIS Router that was installed in their facility. (This Phase 1 contains an initial 93 law enforcement agencies.) As part of this, police departments need changes to their internal networks so they can connect to the secured channel Public Safety Data Network (PSDN) to gain access to the State of Connecticut resources.

This secure connection to CISS allows the Staff to use CISS Search and it also enables the RMS Vendor to send the arrest information to CISS. These two aspects are referred to as CISS Search and CISS Workflow.

To make it easier and faster for departments to connect to the PSDN and CISS, CJIS developed an alternative option using a small-sized low-cost firewall with a pre-configuration that was designed and provided by the SonicWall vendor. The pre-configuration was designed and built by Sonicwall's CJIS Certified Network Engineering Group. The design adheres to strict CJIS security principles and best practices.



Figure 6: Image of secure computers

Police departments are provided a step-by-step guide to plug in the device and perform minimal configuration directly out of the box. This enables the PD to be up and running in less than one hour and for less than \$500. The CJIS Deployment Team believes this option addresses a significant deficiency and provides a "game changer" in accelerating onboarding Police Departments over the coming year.

(See Figure 7 on Page 6 - 8 for a Phase 1CISS Deployment Update. Phase 2 is expeted to include remaining law enforcement in Connecticut.)

CISS Police Department Deployment Update

Police	RMS Vendor	Connectivity	CISS Search	RMS Early Arrest
Department				Submissions
Ansonia	NexGen	-	-	-
Avon	NexGen	-	-	-
Berlin	NexGen	-	-	-
Bethel	Computer Info Systems	-	-	-
Bloomfield	NexGen	-	-	-
Branford	NexGen	-	-	-
Bridgeport	NexGen	-	-	-
Bristol	NexGen		-	-
Brookfield	Central Square IMC		-	
Burlington	?	-	-	-
Canton	NexGen	-	-	-
Cheshire	NexGen	-	-	-
Clinton	NexGen	-	-	-
Connecticut State Police	NexGen			
Coventry	Accucom		-	
Cromwell	NexGen			-
Danbury	NexGen		-	-
Darien	TriTech	-	-	-
Derby	Accucom	-	-	-
East Hampton	NexGen	-	-	-
East Hartford	NexGen		-	
East Haven	NexGen	-	-	-
East Windsor	NexGen		-	-
Easton	Accucom	-	-	
Enfield	Telepartner		-	
Fairfield	NexGen			-
Farmington	NexGen			-
Glastonbury	NexGen		-	-
Granby	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Greenwich	NexGen	-	-	-
Groton City	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Groton Long Point	TriTech or IMC	-	-	-
Groton Town	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Guilford	NexGen		-	-
Hamden	NexGen	-	-	-
Hartford	Local	-	-	-
Ledyard	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Madison	NexGen	-	-	-
Manchester	NexGen	-	-	-

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Police	RMS Vendor	Connectivity	CISS Search	RMS Early Arrest
Department	Trivio veridor	Connectivity	Oldo ocarcii	Submissions
Meriden	Sungard	-	-	-
Middlebury	NexGen	-	-	-
Middletown	NexGen	-	-	-
Milford	Sungard	-	_	-
Monroe	NexGen	-	-	-
Naugatuck	NexGen	-	-	-
New Britain	Telepartner		-	
New Canaan	NexGen	-	-	-
New Haven	NexGen		-	-
New London	Sungard			
New Milford	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Newington	NexGen	-	-	-
Newtown	NexGen		-	-
North Branford	NexGen	-	-	-
North Haven	NexGen		-	-
Norwalk	NexGen	-	-	-
Norwich	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Old Saybrook	Pamet	-	-	-
Orange	Accucom			
Plainfield	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Plainville	Accucom			
Plymouth	Accucom			
Portland	NexGen	-	-	-
Putnam	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Redding	Accucom			
Ridgefield	NexGen	-	-	-
Rocky Hill	NexGen			=
Seymour	Accucom	-	-	-
Shelton	NexGen	-	-	-
Simsbury	NexGen	-	-	-
South Windsor	NexGen			-
Southington	NexGen		-	-
Stamford	TriTech	-	-	-
Stonington	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Stratford	NexGen	-	-	-
Suffield	Central Square IMC	-	-	-
Thomaston	Accucom			
Torrington	Accucom	-	-	
Trumbull	NexGen		-	
Vernon	NexGen	-	-	-
Wallingford	NexGen			-
Waterbury	NexGen	-	-	-

Ccontinued Police Department Deployment Update

Police Department	RMS Vendor	Connectivity	CISS Search	RMS Early Arrest Submissions
Waterford	TriTech			-
Watertown	NexGen	-		-
West Hartford	NexGen	-	-	-
West Haven	NexGen	-	-	-
Weston	Accucom	-	-	
Westport	Tritech			-
Wethersfield	TBD		-	-
Willimantic	NexGen	-	-	-
Wilton	NexGen		-	-
Winchester	Accucom	-	-	-
Windsor	NexGen	-	-	-
Windsor Locks	Accucom		-	-
Wolcott	Accucom	-	-	-
Woodbridge	NexGen	-	-	-

CJIS Connectivity and Training: All Aboard!

The CJIS Onboarding team is actively working on a multitude of Agency Onboarding process improvements.

CJIS now has two dedicated Public Safety Liaisons to work with the police departments and agencies on network connectivity to the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), training and setting plans to onboard the users. When completed, about 13,000 users will have access to CISS.

CJIS is offering both Computer-Based Training and Instructor-Led Training to provide flexibility to each agency. However, the block of several hours of time needed to complete the training to access and use the system has been problematic. Many police departments, particularly larger ones, have difficulty making staff available to be trained, which takes personnel away from other duties.

While training locations, such as the Judicial Training Center, CJIS Headquarters, regional

based locations, and training at the local police departments has provided some flexibility, the amount of time required for the training remains an issue.

One change that is helping get more users access to CISS is ensuring that at the end of training, users are credentialed and have access to the system before they leave the Instructor Led Training (ILT) classes. The benefit of this

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Figure 7: Speeding train. Image from Pixbay

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Figure 8: Training puzzle piece. Image from Pixbay

is avoiding the somewhat complex process and multitude of paperwork steps, previously employed. Additionally, it has been a strong incentive for training and usage. To further improve and simplify the access process, CJIS is developing a web-based online AutoCUAR portal, to replace the paper CISS User Authorization Request (CUAR) manual process.

Additionally, the CJIS Deployment Team is developing a shortened training program that will get users access into the system in 30 minutes and then embed CJIS trainers at police departments to show users how to fully access and utilize CISS in an on the job setting. The revamped training approach is more appropriate for the larger departments but will be offered as an option for any police department where it fits and saves time and effort to get the officers into and actively using this great new crime fighting tool CISS.

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What got you interested in criminal justice?

I had always been interested in criminal justice policy, recognizing at an early age that everyone in society counts on the criminal justice system for indispensable values, including safety, justice, and fairness. As a legislative staffer in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 2003 to 2006, I participated in state policymaking and developed a conviction about what sound criminal justice policy and budget were predicated on. High-quality data analysis, meaningful engagement of criminal justice system stakeholders, and the convening of thoughtful, reasonable people to work toward solutions. Recognizing that formula for success made me want to contribute to effective policymaking.

Can you describe a success that was achieved through the Council of State Governments Justice Center's Justice Reinvestment Initiative?

Approximately 40 states have used a data-driven Justice Reinvestment (JR) approach with assistance from one of the national organizations, including The Council of State Governments Justice Center, providing assistance with a private-public partnership



Figure 9: Judge using a computer notebook to access criminal justice information. Image from Adobe Stock

involving the US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and The Pew Charitable Trusts. Working intensively onsite in states, each with unique criminal justice systems facing similar and disparate challenges, helped me appreciate the importance of understanding each state's nuances vis-à-vis policy, politics, history, and culture wherever I worked.

I'm proud to have been part of what Pennsylvania—where officials, policymakers, staff, and stakeholders have worked consistently on criminal justice reform over many years—is achieving. After its prison population

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grew by one of the fastest rates in the country, the commonwealth used a JR approach to reduce recidivism, bend the curve on the prison population, and avoid significant cost. Calculated savings were reinvested into priorities, such as victim services, law enforcement, and probation. More broadly, helping state policymakers—in jurisdictions ranging from North Dakota, which reinvested in increasing access community behavioral health treatment for people on probation and parole, to Hawaii, which shifted cost savings to helping victims recover financially from crime—was infinitely rewarding be part of.

What brought you back to Connecticut?

As a native of the state, I was always confident that I would return. I didn't know I'd be getting married and adopting a second rescue dog in the first year after returning. Those surprises reflect the unexpected blessings that life presents.



I valued the way Governor Lamont shaped a vision for criminal justice policy during the campaign, and felt excited to help advance criminal justice policy in a single state, my home state. Joining Governor Lamont in a visit to Cheshire Correctional Institution's TRUE Unit in the first month of our respective positions validated my decision to take this position. Meeting with the young adults in the specialized program for 18- to 24-year-olds, I saw the heart that Governor Lamont brings to this subject. What makes criminal justice policy in Connecticut special among the states is the relatively collegiality and trust that people operate with. Perhaps this is a benefit of working in a unified corrections system. Regardless, these benefits are on display in the monthly Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission, whose meetings I encourage readers to follow.

What do you envision for CJIS going forward?

As co-chair of the CJIS Governing Board with Judge Patrick L. Carroll III, I am standing on the shoulders of the people before me who have worked tirelessly to develop the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS). I'm looking forward to supporting the roll-out of CISS in police departments, courts, state's attorneys' offices, state agencies, and other offices around the state. The work to establish the CISS technological capabilities has been the focus over many years, and the focus now is on rolling out this tool to credential criminal justice professionals. I'm looking forward to helping incorporate CISS technology into daily operations to help ease the workloads of criminal justice professionals so that they can focus more on the core functions on their positions. A successful CISS rollout has hugely positive statewide ramifications. From police officers investigating criminal cases and



Figure 10: Hand holding magnifying glass over words problem, analysis, solution. Image from Pixabay

spending less time transporting paper files to courthouses; to prosecutors shifting from review of paper files in buckets wheeled around courtrooms on dollies to seamlessly pulling digital criminal justice information on their cases; to the Board of Pardons and Paroles reviewing pardons requests more efficiently and accurately, with digital information at members' fingertips—the technological opportunities CISS provides for public safety are endless.

January 24th CJIS Governing Board Quarterly Meeting

The Governing **CIIS** Board conducted its first quarterly meeting under Governor Lamont's administration on January 24, 2019. Board members, designees, and guests attended representing the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, Office of Policy and Management, Division of Criminal Justice, Department of

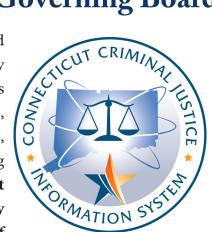
Administrative Services (Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology), Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Department of Corrections, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Public Defender Services, and Board of Pardons and Paroles. Also in attendance were representatives of CISS development vendor Conduent, and Analysts International Corporation (AIC).

CJIS Co-Chairman Judge Patrick L. Carroll, III, called the meeting to order.

Judge Carroll welcomed the new members of the committee. He then introduced new Office of Policy and Management Under Secretary Marc Pelka as the new CJIS Co-Chairman.

Judge Carroll noted that Co-Chair Pelka is a Connecticut native returning to the state after working at the Council of State Governments on criminal justice issues.

Co-Chairman Pelka said he is excited to join the CJIS Governing Board. He noted that he has already met with some members of the CJIS community and was shown a demonstration of the Criminal Information Sharing System (CISS). Co-Chairman Pelka said he believes CISS will be a vital tool for the state's criminal



justice agencies and stakeholders.

CJIS Executive Director Humayun Beg reported that CJIS mission aligns with many of Governor Lamont's initiatives including e-Government and providing g fairness and transparency in the state's criminal justice system. As the rollout of CISS functions continues, it and CJIS could play a major role

in the Governor's plans.

Director Beg noted that CJIS is close to meeting the Technology Vision set by Governor Malloy in 2012. He stated that CISS Workflows were put into production with Release 11. This enables the flow of arrest information, which Director Beg said, moves the project closer to providing the Google-like search capabilities that will benefit all stakeholders.

Judge Carroll said the Governor expressed excitement when told about the CJIS project. He recommended that Co-Chair Pelka and Director Beg arrange a meeting with the Governor.

CISS Project Update

CJIS Project Manager Christopher Lovell said the CISS project moved closer to completion with the rollout of Release 11. The release brings

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Early Arrest Notifications into CISS for police departments with RMS vendor NextGen, which is about 60% of police departments. Lovell also said he met with the Board of Pardons and Paroles to prepare for the board's interface with CISS. Department of Criminal Justice (DCJ) also is working toward CISS interface.

Lovell said regression testing is underway for Release 5 and Release 9.

CISS Search Rollout and Training

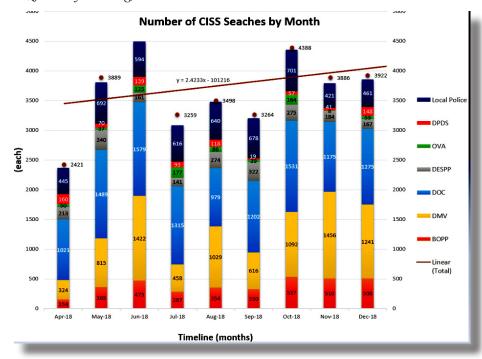


Figure 11: Chart of CISS searches by agency and volume.

Lovell said CJIS is engaged with 20 police departments to get users access to the system.

CJIS Project Manager Sean Bucher said CJIS is reviewing its onboarding process to better meet the needs of time, staffing, and other constraints at local police departments. The CJIS Onboarding Team is actively working on a multitude of Agency Onboarding process improvements.

Bucher said major CISS users are BOPP, DMV, DOC, and the Local Police Departments. They are part of a year over year increase in CISS use. Usage data statistics are now being collected on a monthly basis and will help CJIS evaluate which aspects of CISS are most impactful to the Agencies and the Police Departments to drive continued development. The focus of the benefits analysis includes: cost savings from the move to electronic submission of paperwork to the Judicial Courts, Officer Safety, and Public Safety.

CISS Scope Completion and Deployment

CJIS Program Manager Mark Tezaris said that as Phase I comes to an end, a top focus for 2019 is to complete deployment of CISS. Focus also will be on CJIS working with state agencies and local police departments to integrate CISS into their daily workflows and business processes.

Funding remains an issue for the project, Tezaris said, especially as CJIS moves into operational mode. Funding is scheduled to run out in August 2019, but a formal request for \$8.9 million in bond funding has been submitted.

Tezaris said CJIS will create a scorecard to keep track of CISS tangible and intangible benefits.

Judge Carroll called for the meeting to adjourn.

The next board meeting is April 25, 2019 at the Superior Court Operations Unit at 225 Spring Street in Wethersfield.

CIJS Project Management Update



Figure 12: Construction figure carrying cable. Image from Adobe Stock

Release 11 (R11) was put into production at the end of January. This has allowed CJIS to begin the rollout of Early Arrest Notification to all NextGen police departments. NextGen is the vendor for records management systems for about 60% of Connecticut police departments.

With the Early Arrest Notification now available, a DUI arrest of an offender who holds a Public Passenger Endorsement goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Likewise, the Early Arrest Notification of any offender under supervised release is sent to the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Additionally, R11 brings the ability to submit full arrest data and documents once Level 2 Records Management Systems programming is completed. RMS vendors are currently building that functionality

into their systems and should be complete later this year. This change to a digital arrest workflow is expected to save the state money by reducing the existing paper process.

CJIS is currently preparing for search Release 9 (R9) and Release 5 (R5) on April 24th. This will give credentialed stakeholders access to DMV records, the Court Support Services Division Case Management Information System, Sex Offender Registry, and WANTED File data. Regression testing for these source systems is currently in progress. Approximately four weeks after the launch of R9 and R5, MultiVue Indexes will be released, which will make the full potential of the system available.

CJIS is working with the Board of Pardons and Parole (BOP), which will receive Case Disposition and Case Update information exchanges. With access to CISS, BOP will publish a Granted Pardon decision to CISS for distribution.

CJIS is also working with the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) as it prepares to interface with CISS with its new case management system. DCJ is expected to be connected to CISS by June.

Plans for the rollout to Court Operations, the State Prosecutors, and the Division of Public Defender Services await the determination of a court location. The possible closure of some state courts due to budget constraints remains an issue.

Purchase of New Routers Getting Closer

CJIS, BEST, DESPP, CPCA, and OPM are moving toward the purchase of new routers for about 93 law enforcement locations.

The router MOU is being completed and a purchase order is expected to be issued before June. Funding distributed through the federal

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant will be used to buy the routers

BEST has narrowed selection down to two routers, both from Cisco. Testing will be done to determine which one best meets law enforcements' needs. This will require the configuration of both routers. One will be installed



Figure 13: Computer router. Image from Pixabay

at Windsor Police Department, which currently has access to CISS. The other will be installed at a resident trooper barracks. The testing process is expected to take about four weeks.

The police department router will be configured to handle both access to CISS and access to Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement (COLLECT). This will involve the configuration of two virtual routers to be housed in a single

unit. Resident state troopers only need a single connection point.

Once the routers are connected to the Public Safety Data Network (PSDN), multi-layer tests will begin. One feature to be tested in particular is bandwidth.

Presently, police departments are limited to 20MB of data and CISS is limited to 100MB of data. CISS is not

using 100MB at this time, but will be using this bandwidth when fully implemented.

As more users come on line and more data is exchanged through the system, CISS is expected to become part of stakeholders' daily business process. The routers need the capacity

to support multiple users and large files. In the future, CJIS believes that police departments will include audio and video files as part of arrest paperwork that will be transmitted to CISS.

To simulate potential data amounts that could be transmitted, BEST will

use a traffic simulator to test the routers' capabilities. While the recommended routers have a maximum capacity of 275MB, BEST expects the routers' to meet police department needs and CISS usage for the next five to seven years.

Once testing is completed, decisions on which router to purchase and a distribution plan will be made.

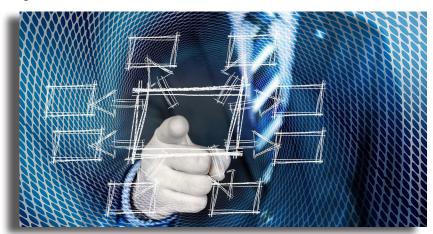


Figure 14: Man pointing finger to connect to several sources. Image from Pixbay

Senate Bill 880:An Act Concerning Fairness and Transparency in the Criminal Justice System

In February, Governor Ned Lamont proposed Senate Bill 880: An Act Increasing Fairness and Transparency in the Criminal Justice System. The bill would require the collection and reporting of criminal justice data. This includes some information that is being collected now, as well as information that will be more widely available in the future.

The Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) features prominently in the legislation and is expected to play a major role in the collection and sharing of the requested data.

Once analyzed, the data is expected to improve policymakers' understanding of what happens at various stages of the criminal justice system. It also is expected to inform the Criminal Justice Commission decisions when appointing the state's prosecutors.

On March 14, CJIS Executive Director Humayun Beg and CJIS Governing Board Co-Chairman Marc Pelka testified in favor of SB 880. This included advocating for the bonding of funds to complete CISS rollout, maintenance, and training.

SB 880 was proposed to address critical gaps in policy makers' ability to make informed



Figure 15: Scales of justice on a computer keyboard.

Image from Adobe Stock

decisions that could reduce recidivism, lower costs, and increase public safety.

In addition to using CISS to share information between stakeholders, the legislation calls for providing the Office of Policy and Management with data on various aspects of criminal justice. Some of these are:

- 1. Defendant demographics
- 2. Process as defendants move through the court system
- 3. Results of diversionary programs and non-judicial sanctions
- 4. Parole revocations and reinstatements

An analysis of the data will be provided annually to the Criminal Justice Commission and the General Assembly for use in forming policy.



SB 880 is similar to justice reforms taking place in other states that have shown success reducing costs and recidivism. It also mirrors aspects of the Justice

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Reinvestment Initiative by the Council of State Governments' Justice Center (CSGJC), which represents a change in criminal justice strategy taking place across the country.

This change in strategy includes the First Step Act, which was recently approved by

the U.S. Congress and signed by the President. The law requires the federal Department of Justice to develop and apply a risk and needs assessment system to identify a prisoner's risk and assign them to appropriate evidencebased recidivism reduction programs. These could include vocational training, educational support, substance abuse treatment, mental health care, angermanagement courses, other and resources lower proven to an inmate's chance of reoffending.

The approach has worked in other states, which reported reductions in prison populations and recidivism.

In November 2018, the National Reentry Resource Center and CSGJC released the results of an analysis of 11 states participating in recidivism reduction strategies. Each of the states reported varying degrees of success in reducing the three-year reincarceration rate.

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health expanded its program for individuals with cooccurring mental illness and substance abuse. Addressing these problems while helping

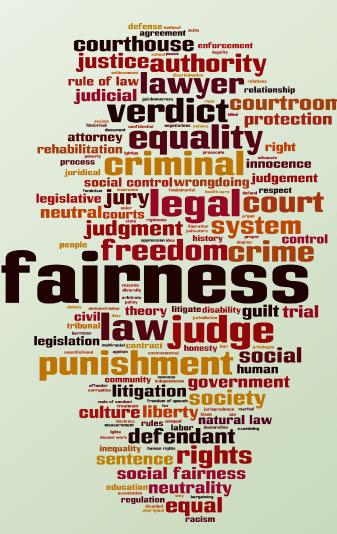
> reintegrate into society resulted in a 28% reduction in three-

individuals year reincarceration.

Following the March 14 public hearing on SB 880, the legislature's Revenue Finance, Bonding Committee forwarded it to the Joint Committee on Judiciary. At Judiciary's March 25 public hearing on the bill, Office of Policy and Management Under Secretary Marc Pelka submitted proposed substitute language to be included in the legislation. He said the changes were developed through work with Criminal Justice System

stakeholders after the initial bill was submitted.

All bills must be voted out of the Judiciary Committee by April 12 in order to be voted on by the full membership of the Connecticut State Senate and House of Representatives. The regular session of the General Assembly adjourns at midnight on June 5, 2019.



CJIS Training Academy

CISS Search User

2018-2019 Instructor Led Training Schedule

*Live Classroom Instructor Led CISS Search Training is for P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standards & Training) Certification Credit Hours Only.

Online Computer Based Training is available for all other CISS Search Users. More dates and locations for CISS Search Training to be announced.

Check the CJIS Training Academy Page on the CJIS website for schedule updates:

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Date	Rotation	Time	Address	Classroom
4/10/2018	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
4/17/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
5/8/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
5/15/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
6/12/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
6/19/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
7/10/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
7/17/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
8/14/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
8/21/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
9/10/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702

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10/9/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
10/16/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
11/13/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
11/20/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005
12/11/2019	2nd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	99 East River Dr. East Hartford, CT 06108	Conference Room #702
12/18/2019	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	1st Floor Conference Room #1005

CISS SEARCH TRAINING OPTIONS

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