Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information

Task Force Meeting

February 12, 2016
Introductory Items

- Introductions
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

(Deb Kerschner)
eCourtMN Project Update

CriMNet Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force
February, 2016
Agenda

- Brief History
- Project Updates
Brief History of eCourtMN
October 2011 Judicial Council committed to eCourtMN
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RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST COMPLEX INITIATIVE EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE BRANCH
VISION

Minnesota courts will operate in an electronic information environment and will ensure convenient, timely & appropriate access to court information.
GOALS

1. Increase productivity and reduce operational costs
2. Provide easy-to-use electronic court services
3. Build a secure and reliable business & technical infrastructure
4. Promote and facilitate culture change
5. Create a fiscally sensible, cost neutral process
Public Expectations
Increased Efficiency
New Ways of Doing Business
JANUARY 2012  Judicial Council approved multiyear implementation plan

TO COMPLETELY
TRANSFORM THE COURTS
FROM PAPER TO
ELECTRONIC FILES
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Part 1: Hennepin Ramsey Pilot
- 11% 10 counties

Part 2: Statewide Pilot
- 34% +20 counties

Part 3: Statewide Expansion
- 69% +30 counties

Part 4: Statewide Accelerated Rollout
- 100% +27 counties
eCourtMN Governance Structure

Judicial Council

State Court Administrator

Portfolio Management

Appellate/District Steering Committees
- Appellate Court
- District 1 through District 10

Project Teams (Sponsor/Leader)
- Constituent Engagement
- Process Reengineering (2)
- Rules, Statutes and Policy
- Statewide Rollout
- Tool Expansion
- Financial
- Infrastructure
- Pro Se
- Others . . .

eCourt Steering Committee
- Judge – Metro
- Judge – Suburban
- Judge - Greater Minnesota
- Judge -At-Large (3)
- Judge - Appellate
- JDA - Metro
- JDA – Greater MN
- JDA – At-Large
- Court Administrator - Metro
- Court Administrator - Greater Minnesota
- Court Administrator - At-Large (2)
- IT Director
- Court Services Director
- Deputy State Court Administrator
PART 1 - PILOTS

• Learning period
• Listened to our pilots
• Determined revised strategy forward
FEBRUARY 2013

eCourtMN Steering Committee adopted a revised implementation plan based upon the “lessons learned” in eCourtMN pilots
Revised Implementation Plan

Part 1: eCourtMN Pilot
- Imaging
- eFiling Pilot
- CAPS - Court Administration Procedures
- eAppeals
- Pilot Orders: all lines of business
- Financial strategy
- Policy 800 Access to Court Records

Part 2: Court Administration Foundation
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- Document Security
- Documents to Public in Courthouse
- Electronic Appeals
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- Policy 800 Access Part 2

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- eCourtMN Business Contingency Plans

Part 4: eFile & eServe
- Statewide eFile and eService
- Attorney / Agency Training
- Judge Portal (cont.)
- Statewide Electronic Workflow
- Policy 800 Access Part 4
- Statewide Electronic Standards

Jul 2012
Apr 2013
May 2014
Aug 2015

eCourtMN
Minnesota Judicial Branch
Project Roadmaps

Decisions
eCourtMN Statewide Rollout

Roadmap
eCourtMN Part 3

Part 4 Roadmap
the final stretch
eCourtMN Project Updates
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February 2016
Part 2 Accomplishments

- Access to public images/documents at courthouse terminals statewide
- Centralized appeals processing
- eFile Support Center
- Imaging in all counties statewide
- Mandatory eFiling & eService (eFS) for Civil and Family case types in 11 pilots
- Public Wi-Fi statewide
Part 2 Lessons Learned

- Document security and classification competency takes time to develop
- Judicial tools did not meet needs of judges
- Without an eSignature tool judges and processes were limited as to how much they could be paperless
Part 3 Accomplishments

- 2015 Court Rule Changes and mandatory eFiling & eService for all case types in 11 eCourtMN Pilot Counties
- Appellate eFiling Solution
- Judge Tools Development & Rollout
- Business Continuity Template Developed
- eFS Standard Configuration
- eSignature Implementations
- New Minnesota Government Access (MGA) available to all agencies in eCourtMN Pilot and Imaging Counties
- Self Represented Litigant (SRL) Pilot in 4th Judicial District
Part 3 Lessons Learned

 ✓ Attorneys, partners and pilot counties were generally ready for mandatory eFiling
 ✓ eSignature is not perfect, but Task Manager will improve it
 ✓ eService is not perfect, and we have submitted business cases to the vendor
 ✓ Task Manager was not where it needed to be in Part 3, so redesigned and extended to Part 4
 ✓ Utilizing judges for design, development and testing was key to making sure tools work for them
 ✓ BenchWorks was a great idea and success
Part 4 Updates

- TIFF to PDF functionality went live on November 24th, 2015.
- eFiling & eService implemented statewide on December 14th, 2016.
- Business Continuity plans will be completed for all districts by end of February 2016.
- Corrections document integration pilots live and set to go-live statewide in April, 2016.
- Revised Task Manager workflows being rolled out to pilots.
- Preparing for mandatory eFiling & eService starting July 1, 2016.
Part 4 Updates

✔ Minnesota Government Access (MGA) being implemented by role to all agencies statewide by spring 2016

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Outreach

✓ eFS and New MGA Information Sessions for Attorneys and Court Partners in all Districts


✓ Regional press releases and editorial board meetings

✓ Measuring Success Interim Survey
When finished our court system will be more accessible and convenient to those involved in cases and to the public. It will also be more efficient and adaptable which all translates into better service for all residents of Minnesota.
Questions
Order for Protection
Project Overview

Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Task Force Meeting

February 12, 2016
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Project Funding and Partners

- Funded by U.S. Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

- Grant awarded to MN Dept. of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs

- Project Partners:
  - MN Judicial Branch – State Court Administrator’s Office (SCAO)
  - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)
  - MN Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW)
  - MN Sheriff’s Association
  - MN Chiefs of Police Association
  - Indian Affairs Council
Project Timeline

- **Grant Awarded**: 2011
- **Requirements gathering and design**: 2012
- **Product delivered, tested, fine-tuned**: 2013
- **Statewide Rollout**: 2014
- **Pilot phase**: Ramsey, Aitkin, Anoka, Olmsted Counties
- **Statewide Rollout**: 2015
- **Statewide Rollout**: 2016

2/25/2016
Main Goal:

Improve the transmission of OFP data from the courts to the BCA so law enforcement officers have timely access to accurate and complete OFP information with the goal of improved enforcement of OFPs and increased safety.
Transmission of OFP data

Court → BCA Hot Files → FBI NCIC
OFP Project Key Improvements

- Real time transmission of data.

- MNCIS development transfers words not codes.
1. Replace out of date technology – single data entry point

2. Petitioner notification of service via automated email

3. Service messages integrated into MNCIS
Questions?
ELECTRONIC SEARCH WARRANT PROJECT

UPDATE FOR CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION TASK FORCE

FEBRUARY 12, 2016
Introduction

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DWI eCharging Deployment Coordinator – 3 years

Law enforcement career:
MN State Patrol -- 35 years
Operations Major

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Acknowledgements

- Representing Kent Therkelsen
  - BCA Products Manager

- Expertise within this group
  - Olds news to some
  - Elementary to many
Electronic search warrants to be added to eCharging platform:

- Criminal Complaints
- DWI arrest process
- Criminal Vehicular Operation/Homicide Probable Cause Statement
- Incident Referrals
- Citations
- **Search warrants (in progress)**
A search warrant

- ...is a search warrant
- ...is a search warrant

- Urgency driven by increased need for DWI search warrants
  - Court of Appeals
    - State vs. Trahan
    - State vs. Thompson

- Warrant application will be used to obtain search warrant approval in a variety of criminal investigations -- not just DWI.
Once upon a time...

- **California vs. Schmerber (1966)**
  - Alcohol dissipation was considered “exigent circumstances”
  - Used the Schmerber case for serious injury and fatal crashes
“Routine” DWI’s:

- Used the power of the Implied Consent Law for all other DWI arrests
- Test refusal became a gross misdemeanor crime:
  - Repeat offenders – 1989
  - All refusals - 1992
Missouri vs. McNeely

- 2013 – U.S. Supreme Court
  - Nonconsensual blood case
  - Not implied consent case
- Increased the demand for search warrants in MN:
  - Criminal Vehicular Injury
  - Criminal Vehicular Homicide
- Long term request by law enforcement that BCA build an on-line search warrant program
  - Planned but not top priority
Then came...

- **State vs. Bernard (MN Supreme Court)**
  - Breath case
  - Now at U.S. Supreme Court

- **State vs. Trahan (MN Court of Appeals)**
  - Blood case
  - Now at MN Supreme Court

- **State vs. Thompson (MN Court of Appeals)**
  - Urine case
  - Now at MN Supreme Court
Today (snapshot from field):

- Search warrants are being obtained for nearly all blood and urine DWI arrests
  - Alcohol – breath
    - Consider geography
  - Controlled substance testing
- Most during non-court hours
- Warrants sought by LEO’s not previously used to preparing and presenting search warrants
  - Overtime by some agencies
  - Multiple officers assigned to routine DWI arrest
  - DWI offenders being taken to judges’ homes
Electronic search warrant project

- Top priority at BCA
- Department of Public Safety
  - Office of Traffic Safety
    - $272,000 grant funding
  - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
    - Internal resources, developers, project and product managers
    - Contract business analyst has been hired
    - Contract quality assurance analyst to be hired soon
Elements of project

- Multi-phased project
- Phase I
  - Pilot
    - 6-8 months out
    - DWI’s only
    - State Patrol (metro)
    - Fully test 3 to 4 months
  - Statewide deployment
  - Juvenile search warrants out of scope
  - No ability to add attachments to search warrants in this phase
Phase I elements:

- Create search warrant applications and supporting affidavits
  - Application will use a mutually agreed-upon search warrant template approved by the State Courts.
  - No service will be available for vendor adapters
- Sign application electronically
  - April 2015
    - Electronic search warrants approved by courts (Rules)
Elements, cont.:

- Submit to judge for review/approval
  - Option for prosecutor review not included in Phase I

- Judge will have ability to:
  - Receive the search warrant application
  - Review it on-line
  - Approve and sign, or
  - Reject with comments
  - Return to requesting officer
  - Judge will not be allowed to edit warrant
    - Reject or approve only
Access by judges

- Judge’s CJDN access will be provided by Courts.
  - If access fails, officer will need to revert to paper
- Officer must still:
  - Locate and alert judge
  - Wait for judge to log in to eCharging
Notifications

- As with other eCharging applications, notifications sent by email when:
  - Assigned
  - Signed by Judge
  - Rejected
After warrant is executed:

- Receipt, inventory and return filed with original warrant with court
  - Sam as today
  - Will not be done via eCharging in Phase I

- Court have expressed interest in creating online process to submit documents after warrant service as part of Phase II
Questions?
Task Force Subcommittee Updates

1. Collaborative Relationships & Funding
   Amy Schmidt and Paul Beaumaster

2. Data Practices
   Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske

3. Data & Identification Standards
   Oded Galili
Delivery Team Updates

1. Public Civil Commitment
   Rick Smith

2. Electronic Exchange
   Kathy Holye
Wrap Up/Adjourn

Next Meeting:

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*MN Judicial Center, Room 230*