Progress Report: CJLEADS Federal Criminal Information Progress Report

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Legislative Request:

Session Law 2015-241, Section 7.21.(d) requires the Department of Public Safety and the State CIO to ensure CJLEADS obtains access to federal criminal information deemed to be essential in managing CJLEADS to support criminal justice professionals in accordance with G.S. 143B-1344(d)(1)a. The Department of Public Safety and the State CIO shall provide a progress report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on or before February 1, 2016, and quarterly thereafter, until the necessary federal criminal information access has been obtained.

Summary:

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and the State CIO have partnered in the submission of this report, but more importantly, have partnered to achieve a common goal of inclusion of federal criminal information within CJLEADS. The objective of integrating federal criminal information with CJLEADS is to protect citizens, law enforcement officers and efficiently provide a single view of an offender with the most critical information needed to make real-time decisions.

This report briefly outlines actions performed to date towards implementation of this legislative mandate.

- A Management Control Agreement (MCA) was signed by NCDPS Secretary Frank Perry, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI) Director (Interim) Janie Pinkston-Sutton and State CIO Keith Werner on April 25, 2015. This newly signed MCA incorporates language required by FBI stipulating that the SBI will allow and be responsible for local law enforcement using CJLEADS as a conduit to federal data. This is a requirement to leverage NCSBI’s existing Originating Agency Identifier (ORI).

- Project planning meetings with GDAC and SBI staff members continue to address timeline considerations, FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliance and security policies, key project assumptions, multi-factor authentication and other design considerations.

- SBI provided Division of Criminal Information Network (DCIN) training for CJLEADS team members and vendor partner team. Two training sessions have been completed providing training to twenty-eight (28) key CJLEADS team members comprised of both DIT and vendor partner technical resources.

- All twenty-eight DCIN trained CJLEADS team members received Module 1 certification after completely testing requirements. Fifteen (15) of these team members also successfully completed Module 2.
- Vendor has procured necessary equipment to establish a secure connection between the hosting environment and the DCI network.

- Workgroup sessions conducted to prepare for implementation of multi factor authentication.

- DCIN Security Awareness Training (IAW: CJIS Security Policy v5.4 paragraph 5.2) in progress.

Next steps will include including the following milestones:

- Completion of detailed design document. (2QCY16)
- Establish secure connection between the hosting environment and the DCI network. (2QCY16)
- Identify current and future funding implications to integrate federal information. (3QCY16)
- Integrate with a multi factor authentication service as required by CJIS to integrate federal criminal information data. (3QCY16)
- User acceptance testing of the new service and potential pilot user group. (3QCY16)
- Complete support plan for implementation. (4QCY16)
- Target delivery of service by (4QCY16).

As required by Session Law 2015-241, Section 7.21.(d), the Department of Public Safety and the State CIO will report quarterly on progress of the integration of federal criminal information in CJLEADS. The next quarterly report will be delivered to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and Fiscal Research Division on or before August 1, 2016.