

MoDEX Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars, Captain Tim McGrail (MSHP CJIS Division), Captain Mike Corwin (KCPD designee), Chief Jim Person, Sheriff Richard Anderson

Ex Officio Members Present:

MSA Executive Director Mick Covington, Shane Ziebarth (DOC designee), Connie Farrow (MIAC designee)

Other Attendees Present:

Laurie Crawford (DPS), Theresa Huhn (MSHP CJIS Division), Adan Potyondy (Software AG)

Status Review:

Andrea Spillars called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. She called for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting which took place on July 25, 2012. It was noted that a word correction in the minutes needed to be made, but with that change, the minutes could be accepted. Captain McGrail made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Theresa Huhn seconded the motion. Andrea Spillars called for any further discussion. There was none. Ms. Spillars then called for a vote on the motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Crawford provided the board members with an update on system status.

Ms. Crawford explained that Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) local funds dedicated for MoDEX could no longer be spent on Coplink support following a recent vote by that committee due to the availability of N-DEX, a free federal system that is now capable of providing the same functionality. The LETPA had recently experienced major cuts to available funding, and as such has placed limitations on what will be funding for MoDEX.

Ms. Crawford presented the board with a plan and options for saving the MoDEX core and network architecture, by removing the Coplink software, hardware and interfaces that present over 50% of the annual support costs for the system, and transitioning to N-DEX as our primary search client utilizing existing funding already allocated for MoDEX. Ms. Crawford reported that the Coplink software licenses were paid up through June 30, 2013. Ms. Crawford also reported that KCC/i2/IBM still had not delivered the N-DEX and MIBRS interfaces, which were part of the original RFP and still had not been delivered after five years. Discussion of this issue was postponed until Ms. Crawford could complete the system update.

Ms. Crawford reminded the board that MoDEX system audits were not scheduled to begin until 2013. She reported that an update on the specific number of current system users and training data was not available at the time of the board meeting due to the MoDEX trainer, Matt Owens, being absent due to a family emergency. Also, Ms. Theresa Huhn was not available due to being on the road to Clay County Sheriff's Office on the date of the board meeting. Chief James Person had a question about system audits and whether they would be combined with other audits to limit the time and effort on an agency's part. Ms. Crawford requested an update from Captain Tim McGrail regarding the status of the audits. Captain McGrail reported that the audits would be comprehensive and would be classified as "CJIS Audits" made up of MULES, UCR/MIBRS, IT Security and MoDEX/N-DEX audits combined.

Ms. Crawford asked for discussion on the suggested changes she had proposed and whether they should proceed. This was based on the need to make some quick changes to how funding is being directed to ensure there would be enough remaining in the budget to support the changes, and made suggestions regarding how to maintain connectivity and continue sharing data with KC ETAC. The suggestions included an option for licensing the N-DEX LEX-SR or licensing the Coplink API. Mike Corwin asked if this was something we needed to decide today. Ms. Crawford said that the connection to KC ETAC could be delayed. Andrea Spillars directed Ms. Crawford to give written notice to IBM to deliver the N-DEX and MIBRS interfaces by no later than November 30, 2012. Ms. Crawford was directed to extend the contract from November 7, 2012 to November 30, 2012 to accommodate this request, and to send written notice within the week to IBM that failure to deliver the interfaces would result in the contract not being renewed.

The group moved on to new business. The first item on the list was a need to find a replacement for Sheriff Richard Anderson from Platte County on the Board due to his recent retirement. The group agreed that Mick Covington could find a willing replacement by the time we had the next board meeting.

Next, Ms. Crawford addressed the topic of Law Enforcement ORIs, and recent changes to how NCIC deals with ORI requests. Captain McGrail explained that the FBI recently began to expand on the requirements to obtain a law enforcement ORI, such as having arrest powers, a portion of the budget set aside specifically for law enforcement purposes, and the purpose of the unit or bureau. This issue had come to light due to recent requests by the new DOR investigative unit not being allowed access to MoDEx as they have a Criminal Justice ORI, and NCIC refused to change them to a law enforcement ORI as had been done in the past with units of this kind once they had obtained arrest powers. Mike Corwin reported that this was not a change at NCIC, they were just being more careful now to enforce controls of use more strictly. Ms. Crawford reported that she had declined the repeated requests for MoDEx access due to this policy item, but had been asked by DOR to bring the issue to the board for discussion and resolution. Andrea Spillars asked if it was worth looking into, such as forming a working group. Mick Covington suggested we let the APB and FBI sort it out and that we keep doing what we are doing for now, limiting system access to those agencies/units with a law enforcement ORI issued by NCIC only. Board members agreed that we currently have a policy in place and unless this is changed federally, we should continue to enforce those same policies.

Finally, with no new business to discuss, Mick Covington made a motion to adjourn. Mike Corwin seconded the motion. No discussion ensued, and the motion carried.

Summary of Action Items:

- Next board meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the Harry S Truman Building.