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The Advisory Group continues to hear updates on BCA information systems and products to learn about and discuss gaps in the systems used by the state of Minnesota entities, and where/how information is or isn't being shared. Advisory Group Chair Diane Bartell opened the meeting with introductions of several new members—an encouraging prospect, given the number of vacant positions over the past year.

### Overview of possible BCA policy legislative initiatives

Superintendent Evans presented several legislative initiative proposals to the Advisory Group for discussion and feedback on topics that are important and may require policy changes. These initiatives include the collection of lawfully owned DNA samples; license plate reader (LPR) authorized data sharing; Comprehensive Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) expanded data sharing; increasing time for officer-involved shooting cases to be made public; the prohibition of possession, sales and purchasing of child-like sex dolls; the prohibition of artificial intelligence (AI) to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM); and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) authorized use for pursuits.

### MN Judicial Branch System/Data overview

Members from the Minnesota Judicial Branch gave an update on the integration systems utilized by the court system, specifically the uniqueness that Minnesota has with a centralized statewide court system as well as the availability of the BCA's centralized law enforcement system to share data.

Court staff described the types of integrations that are available and the type of information that is shared.

### Violent Crimes subcommittee update

Prof. James Densley provided an update on the Changing Nature of Homicide study he is currently working on. More statistical analysis has been uncovered, including direct correlations between violent crimes, so a more in-depth update will be provided at the next meeting. The VC subcommittee has pinpointed specific cases/issues they'd like to look deeper at, but on initial glance, data that is consistently missing is the lack of mental health information. Last, the VC subcommittee has been asked to collaborate with the BCA regarding injuries/deaths of law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

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## **Public Defense System Data overview**

Kathy Hoyle provided the Advisory Group with an update on the records management systems and products currently being used within the public defense system, and emphasized several roadblocks, including a lack of data-storage space in the cloud and the fact that county and city attorneys throughout the state all use vastly different management systems, creating difficult communication. Hoyle continued with updates on some changes/improvements the public defense system has started to incorporate, including converting to a cloud-based, unlimited storage option as well as integrating third-party products that have significantly increased efficiency, namely DocuSign and Twilio. Hoyle concluded by listing several “wish-list” integration systems to increase efficiency, some of which have been on a wish list for several years.

## **BCA accreditation update**

Kobie Hudson, BCA staff attorney and the appointed manager for the BCA’s accreditation process through CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), gave an informational presentation and update on the BCA’s ongoing accreditation process, which is expected to take 36 months and requires the BCA to meet 183 law enforcement standards. The accreditation process reviews all policies and procedures to identify gaps and areas requiring changes or process improvements, to ensure the BCA is consistent, transparent and accountable in the services it provides.

## **Extreme Risk Protection Orders update**

Eric Knutson, former MNJIS Product Manager, spoke about Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), a law that went into effect Jan. 1, 2024, also referred to as the Red Flag Law, which allows certain people to request an order from the court to prohibit someone from purchasing or possessing a firearm. Knutson highlighted the criteria for filing a petition for an ERPO, who can/can’t file, the court process and a petitioner’s rights, and there was a short discussion about its effectiveness since its implementation.

**November meeting date:** November 13, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**November agenda:**

- Updating the Advisory Group by-laws
- Second Vice-Chair election

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