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Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative

Global Strategic Solutions Working Group (GSSWG)

Status Update to the Global Advisory Committee

About the GSSWG

The GSSWG brings critical justice issues to the table and recommends the development of appropriate solutions. The work to develop these policy and technical solutions is accomplished via ad hoc task teams that operate under the GSSWG's guidance and leadership. These teams are composed of subject-matter experts (SMEs), practitioners from the field, and one or more GSSWG members. To reduce travel costs, the task teams leverage online collaboration tools (e.g., Global Workspace), virtual meeting rooms (e.g., HSIN Connect), and conference calls to accomplish the majority of their work, with minimal face-to-face meetings scheduled, if needed.

The GSSWG hosts a standing monthly virtual meeting, via HSIN Connect, the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. ET.

Chair: Sheriff Michael Milstead, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota

Vice Chair: Phil Stevenson, Ph.D., Director, Statistical Analysis Center, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

GSSWG Mission

The group's mission is to identify high-priority information sharing business problems that have an impact on justice practitioners and to develop effective solutions that increase public safety and advance the administration of justice. Through input from the field, GSSWG identifies priority business problems and uses a systematic process to fully consider evolving technology and the dynamic demands on the justice and public safety enterprise. Determination of solutions includes a focus on evidence-based practices, as well as rigorous attention to privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections.

On May 29–30, 2013, GSSWG held its inaugural face-to-face meeting in Washington, DC. The Honorable Denise O'Donnell, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), attended and assisted in the group's discussions to scope priorities for

GSSWG's initial focus. Ms. Ruby Qazilbash, Associate Deputy Director for Justice Systems, BJA, also attended to participate in an offender management and reentry discussion. Director O'Donnell and Ms. Qazilbash have been actively supportive and involved in GSSWG planning, identification of priorities, and recommendation of task team members. In cooperation with BJA, the following five priorities have been identified:

Prescription Drug Monitoring

- Addressed by a **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Task Team**
- Chaired by GSSWG Vice Chair Phil Stevenson, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Identity Federations Adoption and Scalability

- Addressed by an **Identity Federations Task Team**
- Also chaired by Mr. Stevenson

Video National Standards in Support of Criminal Investigations

- Addressed by a **Guidance for Video Sharing for Investigations Task Team**
- Chaired by Sheriff Milstead

Corrections Management and Reentry

- Addressed by a **Corrections Management and Reentry Task Team**
- Chaired by Judge Tony Capizzi, Montgomery County Ohio Juvenile Court

Justice to Health Exchanges

- Addressed by a **virtual group** (not a task team)
- Chaired by Mr. Steve Ambrosini, Director, IJIS Institute

GSSWG Task Team Status Updates

During the course of the summer, each task team leader spent significant time populating the membership of his or her specific team with best-in-their-fields SMEs. By August and September, task teams became fully populated, and inaugural conference calls began to be scheduled. The following are activity updates for each of the GSSWG task teams.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Task Team

An inaugural conference call was held on September 16, 2013. Members were provided with a Global overview. The team discussed a solution to connect the 47 states with operational prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), with an emphasis on connecting three hubs: PMP Interconnect, RXSentry, and RXCheck. While the majority of members agreed that the associated technical issues have now been resolved, several expressed concerns that as the broadscale implementation rolls out, unresolved and/or problematic governance issues will likely emerge. At this point, the group is recommending a monitoring approach only, citing a key advantage of Global's new task team structure: the ability to flexibly respond to new challenges (such as emerging PDMP governance issues) and refine work plans when necessary. Members discussed additional challenges to PDMP exchanges, including access, authentication, and secondary dissemination rules. The importance of properly, surgically tasking this group's effort was underscored: to maintain fidelity to Global's operational tenets of "efficiency" and "avoiding duplicative efforts," the task team plans to leverage existing efforts, fill the gaps of projects under way, and allocate resources to in-scope PDMP issues that are not currently being addressed. One of the top priorities for team consideration is supporting the capability for PDMP data to interface with electronic health records (EHRs), providing approved users with a complete set of information, accessible in real time.

The second conference call was held on October 16, 2013. Because of the government shutdown and in recognition of the critical role BJA's leadership and input plays in this effort, discussions were limited to review of the previous meeting's minutes and introduction of new members.

Next Steps: The team is still seeking a representative from the Health Information Exchange vendor community. Given the disruption in work flow during October, it is hoped that the next conference call will take place in early November to reenergize substantive advancements.

Identify Federations Task Team

The first conference call of the Identity Federation Task Team (ID Fed TT) was held on September 16, 2013. Mr. John Ruegg, Chair of the Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management Delivery Team (GFIPM DT) and member of this task team, provided an overview of the GFIPM DT project plan and schedule. The GFIPM DT will lead the creation of several actions/deliverables (e.g., a terminology document), followed by a review by the ID Fed TT. Although there will be some opportunity for joint collaboration during the drafting of these deliverables, in general, it was agreed that having the GFIPM DT lead the first-draft creation was the most efficient use of time, thereby giving this ID Fed task team a starting point for discussion at the appropriate time.

Next Steps: In the interim, it was agreed that some additional education for this ID Fed TT would be useful to further level-set the understanding of this entire issue and the associated complexities. Therefore, on the next ID Fed TT call, the intent is to have additional presentations by existing information sharing and identity-based federations to further the understanding of task team members on the needs and interrelationships of both types of federations—information sharing federations and identity federations.





Guidance for Video Sharing for Investigations Task Team

Four conference calls have been held—June 4, August 29, September 19, and September 25, 2013.

The team has settled on its first product, a Video Resources Roadmap, which will be structured into logical categories (or steps in the video collection, storage, and analysis process) for ease of use. Recommended resources will be featured at each stage of the process, as well as include training resources. Currently, the group is reviewing the list of resources gathered, determining which resources need to be added, and identifying those that are the best to recommend to the field.

Next Steps: The team will group the resources into logical categories or roadmap steps and develop introductory and instructional language for how to use the roadmap.

Corrections Management and Reentry Task Team

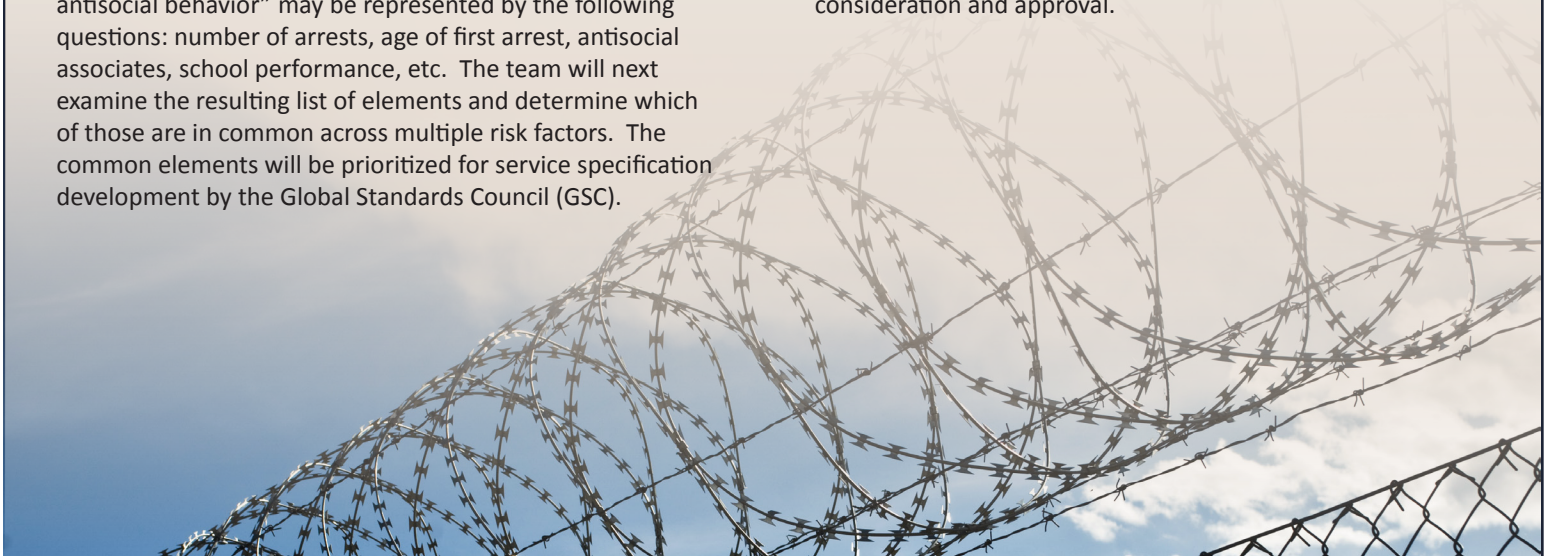
Four conference calls have been held—July 31, September 4, and October 9, 2013, as well as a separate call with Tom Clarke, Ph.D., National Center for State Courts, on September 26, 2013. The team has determined to use eight commonly accepted risk factors which are consistent across most risk assessment tools: history of antisocial behavior; antisocial personality pattern; antisocial cognition; antisocial associates; family and/or marital; school and/or work; leisure and/or recreation; and substance abuse.

Next Steps: Using a template to record uniform responses, the team will analyze each of the risk assessment tools used in their daily work and determine how each of the eight risk factors is represented by the questions asked in the tools (e.g., data elements). This will result in a list of data elements. For example, the risk factor “history of antisocial behavior” may be represented by the following questions: number of arrests, age of first arrest, antisocial associates, school performance, etc. The team will next examine the resulting list of elements and determine which of those are in common across multiple risk factors. The common elements will be prioritized for service specification development by the Global Standards Council (GSC).

Prioritizing Justice/Health Information Exchanges Virtual Group

This virtual group was tasked with recommending a prioritized list of justice/health exchanges for development by the Global Standards Council (GSC) based on their potential for greatest benefit to the criminal justice community. The group determined to use a matrix of 34 justice-to-health exchanges, developed by Steve Ambrosini and Kathy Gattin at the IJIS Institute. Categories were established by the group for prioritizing these exchanges. These included legal regulatory, technical complexity, inherent complexity, and greatest value to the justice community. The group first identified those exchanges that were not readily achievable or viable short-term, thus narrowing the scope to an ordered list of viable exchanges.

Next Steps: The final prioritized list of exchanges to be recommended to the GSC for development is being submitted to the Global Advisory Committee at the October 2013 meeting for consideration and approval.



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About the Global Advisory Committee

The Global Advisory Committee (GAC) serves as a Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Attorney General. Through recommendations to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the GAC supports standards-based electronic information exchanges that provide justice and public safety communities with timely, accurate, complete, and accessible information, appropriately shared in a secure and trusted environment. GAC recommendations support the mission of the U.S. Department of Justice, initiatives sponsored by BJA, and related activities sponsored by BJA's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global). BJA engages GAC-member organizations and the constituents they serve through collaborative efforts, such as Global working groups, to help address critical justice information sharing issues for the benefit of practitioners in the field.

For More Information

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