

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission
Commission Meeting Minutes
Nat'uh Non-Profit Service Center
Anchorage, Alaska
January 6, 2006

Present: Tim Burgess, Dave Marquez, Bruce Botelho, Ethan Schutt, Gail Schubert, Wilson Justin, Bill Tandeske and Loretta Bullard

Absent: Jim Torgerson

ANJC Staff Present: Julia Meier

Approval of Agenda

Agenda is approved with the modification that an Executive Session will be held around noon and approval of the December 9, 2005 meeting minutes is deferred until that time.

Announcements

Tim announced that this would be his last meeting as Commissioner. Commissioners spoke of their appreciation for Tim's work as Commissioner.

Review Draft Report

Myron Naneng called into the meeting and the Commission had a brief discussion noting that the public comment period has closed.

The Commission went page-by-page through the Draft Report, accepting and rejecting edits.

Executive Session Held

Executive Session was held from approximately 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

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Motion for Adjournment Approved

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission
February 3, 2006 Teleconference
Minutes

Present: Deb Smith, Dave Marquez, Loretta Bullard, Jim Torgerson, Wilson Justin, Bruce Botelho, Ethan Schutt, Denise Morris, Julia Meier, Rob Corbisier

Absent: Gail Schubert and Bill Tandeske

Special Assistant Position:

K Employee vs. ANJC Employee

The downsides of a K employee, including the difficulty for the co-chairs to provide day-to-day supervision and the lack of benefits, outweigh the benefits of a K employee.

It is necessary to ensure the separation and independence of the employee from ANJC to ensure the continued credibility of the Commission. It must be clear that the employee will be directed by the Commission.

Supervision

There was a discussion about who will supervise the Special Assistant. The co-chairs will provide the supervision. The role of ANJC's Executive Director relates primarily to benefits and paychecks.

Evaluation

There is a need to determine how the Special Assistant will be evaluated and who will do the evaluating.

Lobbying

Denise noted that the employee will not be able to lobby because paid with federal monies and ANJC is a 501(c)(3). Dave said that it will be the Commission that deals with Congress and that he envisions the Special Assistant more in a liaison role. Deb said that it must be clear that the employee's interactions with Congress are "under the direction of the Commission."

Jim raised the issue of the Commission itself lobbying. The distinction was raised between testifying before Congress and lobbying.

Dave will look into the lobbying restriction.

MOU

There can be an MOU between ANJC and ARJLEC and the employee. The MOU can include the means of evaluation. The position can be fine tuned as the MOU is developed. Denise will draft a MOU and forward it to the Commission.

Posting of Job

The job advertisement will run in this Sunday's and Monday's Anchorage Daily News. The received resumes will be sent to Alaska's People rather than Dave Marquez. Alaska's People can create a scoring matrix. The advertisement states that the position is open until February 16, 2006 or until filled.

ANJC will look into posting the description with the bar association, AFN and the municipal league. If there is anywhere the Commission may want the job posted, please let ANJC know.

Budget:

Denise will send to Loretta prior expenses for October through December. Loretta will revise the budget and send it out.

Report:Cover

Loretta voiced a preference for Denali rather than a generic mountain range. ANJC will look into this.

Title

The Commission agreed to call the report “Initial Findings and Recommendations.”

Back Page

The back page will list all people who have been Commissioners.

Finalization

The Commission gave its permission for someone to proofread the report without its subsequent approval.

Kela will need approximately six weeks from the time she gets the report until it is printed. If it is not too expensive, this may be put on the fast track. Before the report is printed, the Commission may want to put the report on the website. The suggestion was made to set aside some covers of the report for framing and gifts.

Tim’s Resignation:

ANJC will ensure that the website clearly reflects Tim’s January 23rd resignation. The Report will also reflect this date.

SB 210:

SB 210 is a pre-filed bill that proposes amending AS 04-21-080(b) by adding a new paragraph that defines “manufacture.” The proposed definition mirrors the Commission’s suggestion in Appendix G, Attachment 1 of the Report.

Dave will look into the bill. Maybe we can give it a little push.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 am. The meeting will be at NAT’UH, 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, 4th floor conference room.

The agenda will include finalizing the report and approving the budget. The Commission can take a look at the resumes received so far.

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2006
Heller Ehrman
510 L. Street, Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Present: Dave Marquez, Bruce Botelho (telephonic), Wilson Justin, Bill Tandeske, Deborah Smith and Loretta Bullard, Jim Torgerson

Absent: Gail Schubert, Ethan Schutt

ANJC Staff Present: Denise Morris and Lola Tobuk

Guests: Cynthia Alwinoa, Liz Connell, Amy Erickson, Sharon Clark, Anne Copeland, Karen Bitzer

Roll Call/Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM. Agenda approved as presented. On behalf of the Commission, Dave Marquez thanked Jim for the use of the office for the meeting.

Announcements

Dave announced and welcomed several guests. Guests included: Liz Connell, Senior Legislative Assistant for Native Issues, U. S. Senator Ted Steven's Office; Cynthia Ahwinona, Legislative Assistant for Native Affairs, U.S. Congressman Don Young's Office; Greg Kaplan, Special Assistant, U.S. Congressman Don Young's Office; Amy Erickson, Administrative Assistant, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's Office; Sharon Clark, Chief of Staff, Alaska Senator Ralph Seekins' Office; and Ann Copeland, Senate Appropriations Committee

Wilson mentioned that contract negotiations are currently underway for BIA 638 compactors.

Presentation of Initial Report and Recommendations

Dave presented the Initial Report and Recommendations of the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission. After giving a brief history of the formation of the Commission and the appointment of the Commissioners, Dave invited comments prior to giving an overview of the Report.

Wilson commented that he was very pleased with the process used to hear testimony and the composition of the work groups established to develop options for Commission review. The all-Alaska approach was very effective.

Loretta supported Wilson's comments.

Dave commented that the Commission received excellent support from the Alaska Native Justice Center during the entire process.

Dave gave an overview of the formation of the Commission, the composition of the Commission and the four broad areas related to rural Alaska: law enforcement, judicial services, alcohol importation and interdiction and domestic violence child abuse. He also discussed the process used in reviewing the options developed by the work groups and how they were organized into nine general recommendations. Meetings and public meetings were held from early October 2004 through June 2005 and 50 Alaskan professions, experts and officials working in fields related to the four areas met weekly from January 2005 through April 2005. The work groups presented over 100 options.

Public testimony was heard across Alaska to include rural locations. All testimony was recorded and transcribed.

Dave then gave a brief overview of the nine recommendations and invited comments. He also reiterated the need for continued State and Congressional support to continue the Commission's presence to monitor and track the Commission's recommendations, as they will have a fiscal impact all across the State. There is a need for Congress to review the Commission's recommendations and appropriate funding for programs.

Denise Morris commended the Commission for allowing people across the State to have the opportunity to give public testimony at the local level.

Jim expressed that hearing all the testimony was humbling and that individuals giving testimony were courageous to talk about very difficult subjects. He also said that the first step toward positive outcomes would be Federal, State and Tribal collaboration and one way to foster progress would be an ICWA/State Agreement.

Wilson stated that the Initial Report was a consensus document and that there is much unfinished business to include providing an opportunity for IRA's to assume responsibility for alcohol and substance abuse programs. He said that many villages share a mixture of trauma versus optimism and communities really don't have safety nets.

Deborah Smith stated that there are two other areas becoming epidemic in rural areas: 1) meth-amphetamine abuse and 2) child pornography/child enticement via Internet.

Liz Connell, on behalf of Senator Ted Stevens, expressed gratitude and appreciation for the Commission's work. She stated that the Commission's efforts were watched closely and Senator Stevens is enormously impressed. She said Senator Stevens's supports continued funding and has prepared language for Justice Department appropriations. Senator Stevens supports the Commission's continuance as a visible presence, committed to resolving problems. Liz stated that it is hoped that the State will make a commitment for funding programs and that the Federal government will do its part.

Cynthia Ahwinona, on behalf of Congressman Don Young's office, stated that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Tribal Courts be included in the Commission's recommendations. Behavioral programs in rural Alaska are lacking, and there are no "safety nets" in place to address mental health and substance abuse issues. Don Young's office is committed to working with the Commission.

Amy Erickson, on behalf of Senator Lisa Murkowski, stated that the Senator is supportive of the Commission's work.

Liz Connell commented that the cities and municipalities within the State control distribution of alcohol and cultural and traditional workers in the villages are needed.

Loretta commented that home brew in rural communities is a real problem. She also stated that the Alaska State Troopers are getting better at policing this concern.

Wilson stated that when a person suffers from alcohol addiction, they can't help themselves—they need outside help.

On behalf of Senator Ralph Seekin's office, Sharon Clark spoke of traveling to rural communities with Senator Seekins to find out what some of the social problems are within those communities. Visibility, especially in rural areas, is very effective and Alaska Native people become comfortable with individuals who see first hand how they live.

Denise Morris stated that the Commission's budget was \$250,000, passed through ANJC and that the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded \$75,000 for the Listening Summit.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held from approximately 11:20 a.m. until 12:50 p.m.

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The Co-Chairs announced that they have contracted with Karen Bitzer to serve as Special Assistant to the Commission for a salary of \$75,000.00 a year for two years, the details to be finalized by written agreement. She will be working from her home office as well as have an office presence at the Alaska Native Justice Center. ANJC will be providing administrative support for the Special Assistant.

The Commission thanked Denise Morris, President/CEOP of the Alaska Native Justice Center for her patience and support during this search process. The Commission is hopeful that the comfort level she has with the successful candidate will allow for a smooth transition.

Motion for Adjournment Approved

The meeting adjourned at 1:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lola Tobuk

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

August 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes

U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Building
222 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Deb Smith, Bill Tandeske, Loretta Bullard, Charlotte Brower, Bruce Botelho and Gail Schubert

Commissioners Absent: Dave Marquez, Wilson Justin and Pat Norman

Staff Present: Karen Bitzer, Julia Meier, Vanessa Lamantia and Rob Corbisier

Guests: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM.

Introductions

Commissioner Charlotte Brower introduced herself to the Commission. Guest Karleen Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, introduced herself to the Commission.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The May 26, 2006 minutes were approved with the addition of Rob Corbisier's presence at the meeting. The June 19, 2006 and July 17, 2006 meeting minutes will be resubmitted to the Commission for approval at the September 8, 2006 meeting.

Travel Reimbursement Forms and Guidelines

The Commission approved the travel policy and travel reimbursement request form. The travel policy reflects federal guidelines and includes a provision for mileage.

Commission Protocols

The Commission approved the amended Section 5(d) of the Commission protocols to read “Members of the Commission not employed by a state or federal entity shall be reimbursed for their reasonable travel costs and expenses related to their work on behalf of the Commission as outlined in the Travel Reimbursement Guidelines. Requests for reimbursement shall be directed to the Special Assistant to the Commission.”

Commission/ANJC Protocols

The Commission approved the Commission/ANJC protocols with amendments. The protocols will be presented as a draft with a letter to ANJC’s Board of Directors. The accompanying letter will include an invitation for the Board to meet with the Commission at the September 8, 2006 Commission meeting. If the Board suggests any changes to the protocols, then the protocols should come back to the whole Commission. The final protocols will need to be signed by both co-chairs.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Tandeske

The first sub-hub pilot project is in place in Selawik. It is well received by the community. The trooper there has housing and is there for three to five days at a time. Commissioner Tandeske has begun talking with the Denali Commission to find appropriate locations and housing in regions around the State.

The Department of Public Safety continues to work on VPSOs and VSAs.

Commissioners Bullard and Schubert

The FBI held a meeting in Nome to discuss their findings into the disappearances in Nome. The FBI concluded that there was no evidence of a serial killer, but it did emphasize that its conclusion was based only on the files it received. Nome Chief of Police Moates intends on talking further with the family members and the FBI did leave the door open.

The Department of Public Safety’s cold case unit is available to assist local law enforcement. If it is a trooper case, then the DPS is already there. If it is a Nome Police Department case, then the DPS would prefer to be invited to assist. The family members should decide if they want DPS to open a cold case.

Special Assistant Report

Report’s Status

A blue line version will be available Monday, August 28, 2006 for proofreading. The printed version should be available prior to the September Commission meeting.

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault approached the Commission to endorse the continuation of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, presently set to sunset June 30, 2007. The Commission decided to send the domestic violence related recommendations from its Report to the Network with a letter supportive of the Council's continuation.

Appropriation

The appropriation language was distributed. The language includes membership expansion, including the possibility of a non-voting federal judge. The Commission will wait to extend invitations for recommendations of new members until after the language is approved. The appropriation will come from an Edward Byrne discretionary grant. The language should move before the October recess.

The mandate is that ANJC will fund the work of the Commission. Denise Morris of ANJC said that the Commission was to be budgeted approximately \$300,000 with no carry over from this year's funds. It has been difficult to get an account of Commission expenditures up to this point. However, Karen has spoken with CITC accounting (which provides shared accounting services to ANJC) so that accounting will separate track ANJC and Commission funds.

Senator Stevens' office expects to see an appropriation request from the Commission next year. The Commission needs a conduit for its funds. The goal is not to create a separate entity that is seeking funds. The Commission suggested the possibility of enhancing the funding that goes through ANJC.

Budget

The draft needs-based budget beginning October 1, 2006 and extending for one year was distributed. A large portion of the budget is travel expenses. The budget does not include public testimony. The budget includes an inflationary adjustment for personnel. The printing costs for an addendum report may be used to pay a writing consultant. The Commission can reduce expenses by using the free conference rooms at Nat'uh Non-profit Services Center.

Karen stated that the Commission can shift expenses within budget categories. If the Commission wants to shift expenses between categories, then according to federal guidelines it can shift up to 10%. If the Commission wants to shift more than 10% between categories, then it needs to write a budget revision and submit it to the grants administrator. Karen will inquire as to the above and the discretionary grants process.

Commission staff will work with ANJC on the budget.

The Commission approved the budget with the change from "COLA" to "inflationary adjustment."

Commission Constituent Discussion

The discussion is tabled until the September Commission meeting.

Anti-Gang Summit

Anti-gang summits will be held in every Attorney General district. They are looking at south central Alaska right now. Deb explained the Commission's work model to the group as a possible way to address the issue. The Department of Justice has pulled together best practices that work groups could look at. CIRI may provide some funding. Some suggested workgroups include prevention, intervention, law enforcement, probation – reentry, community involvement and youth involvement. The feds are also reaching out to representatives of minority communities and faith based organizations. The Commission discussed changing the word gang to youth on youth violence or community violence.

Karen will attend Anchorage meetings and report to the Commission. The role of the Commission will generally be as an observer. The Commission's Report can be forwarded to the group.

Weed and Seed Program

Communities can apply for Weed and Seed monies of approximately \$175,000 per year and reapply for five years for approximately \$1M. The money is available through the Department of Justice. Half of the money has to go to law enforcement and it can be used for community patrols. If a community is designated as a Weed and Seed area then that community supposedly receives a preference for certain other federal monies. The program welcomes rural and Native involvement.

Workgroups

The first meeting of the workgroups will be Tuesday and Wednesday, September 19 and 20, 2006. The Commission revised the charges to the workgroup and decided on individuals or entities to invite to participate on the workgroups. Karen will send out invitations to proposed work group members.

The co-location workgroup was removed because the Department of Public Safety is succeeding in addressing the issues. The cross-designation workgroup will become part of the police standards workgroup. The two technology workgroups were combined.

It will be left to the workgroup members as to how they want to organize themselves. Commissioners will serve as workgroup chairs and there will be facilitators. Myra Munson was suggested to chair the alcohol jurisdiction workgroup. Gail and Bruce will chair alcohol. Loretta will chair police standards. Deb will chair technology. Charlotte will serve on ICWA.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Commission meeting is face to face Friday, September 8, 2006. The Commission is keeping to the second Friday of every month.

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Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

September 8, 2006 Draft Meeting Minutes

Heller Ehrman
510 L Street, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Nelson Cohen, David Marquez, Bruce Botelho, Charlotte Brower, Wilson Justin, Jim Torgerson, Gail Schubert, Loretta Bullard and Bill Tandeske

Commissioners Absent: Pat Norman

Guests: Deb Smith

Staff Present: Karen Bitzer, Julia Meier, Rob Corbisier and Randy Ruaro

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established.

Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves to the new federal co-chair Nelson Cohen.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

June 19, 2006 Minutes

Bruce moved to approve the June 19, 2006 meeting minutes with the simplification of the legislative language section on page 3; Loretta seconded. The June 19, 2006 meeting minutes were approved with the correction.

July 17, 2006 Minutes

Bruce Botelho moved to approve the July 17, 2006 meeting minutes with the following edits: HIS to IHS on page 1 and does to done on page 2; Loretta seconded. The July 17, 2006 meeting minutes were approved with the corrections.

August 18, 2006 Minutes

Bruce Botelho moved to approve the August 18, 2006 meeting minutes with the following edit: Attorney General to US Attorney on page 4; Loretta seconded. The August 18, 2006 meeting minutes were approved with the correction.

Work Group Update

Staff continues to work on contacting potential work group members. If an uninvited individual expresses his/her interest to serve on a work group, then the Commissioner should forward the name to the Special Assistant. Remember that the work group process is an open process and non-members may call in to the work group teleconferences.

Each work group will have a facilitator. The Commission will enter into contracts with the facilitators. The federal rate is not to exceed \$450/day. The Special Assistant will double check that figure. Bruce moved to allow the Special Assistant to enter into contracts consistent with the approved budget; Gail seconded. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Reports

Deb Smith

Deb Smith reported on the anti-gang summit. The summit will commence the first or second week of December to begin the process of developing a coordinated plan for tackling gangs in SE Alaska.

Bill Tandeske

The Department of Public Safety was promised a resolution from IHS to use state funds for public safety building renovations. The postal service is in the process of rewriting the MOA with the Department regarding cross-designation. The Department is gathering background information to assist the newly created VPSO task force. The Department is also working on a transitional report for the new administration.

Executive Session

The Commission held an Executive Session. No action was taken.

Commission's Contracting Ability

Bruce moved that the co-chairs look into the Commission's ability to enter into a contract; Loretta seconded. The motion was approved.

ARJLEC/ANJC Protocols

Loretta moved to explore changing the Commission's protocols with the Alaska Native Justice Center to include a problem solving clause; Bruce seconded. The motion was approved. Loretta distributed a sample problem solving clause.

Commission Accounting

CITC accounting will be doing separate accounting for ANJC and the Commission beginning October 1, 2006. The ANJC Board of Directors will approve the ANJC budget with a line item for the Commission.

VPSO Task Force

The VPSO task force welcomes the input and participation of the Commission. The task force will include the following members: Senators Ralph Seekins, Albert Kookesh and Lyman Hoffman, and public members Eleanor Dementi of Cantwell, Loretta Bullard of Nome and Myron Naneng of Bethel. The task force will hold a hearing during AFN. The task force will look, in part, at why VPSOs have not been allowed in road system villages and public safety buildings in the villages. The Commission's recommendation #12 includes a change to the definition of village – this change is regulatory and the Commission will wait to explore it until after the work of the task force. The task force's report is due to the legislature January 7, 2007.

Commissioner Constituent Discussion

The discussion of what process Commissioners are using to keep their constituency informed of Commission work was tabled until a later date.

Commission Website

Once the work groups are up and going, staff will work on updating the Commission website. The Special Assistant will report on the website at the next meeting, including the nature of ANJC's contract with PangoMedia.

Report Distribution Plan

The Initial Report is being proofed and will be printed by September 30, 2006. Staff will work on creating a distribution list for the report. The Special Assistant distributed a draft distribution letter to accompany the report. The Commission discussed the possibility of sending two letters with the report – one from the co-chairs and one from Senator Stevens. The letter from the Senator should restate the purpose of the Commission and note the difficulties that rural Alaska faces. The Special Assistant will rework the draft letter, including strengthening the end and adding the Commission's willingness to present the report. It is up to each Commissioner whether or not their

constituencies would like to meet with the Commission. Each Commissioner should contact the Special Assistant prior to the next meeting regarding possible presentations. The Special Assistant is working on scheduling a presentation at AFN and possibly at the AI-TC meeting. Staff will look into having the report put onto DVD along with photos and public testimonies. The Commission will wait until the new legislature is in before supplying the legislators with copies of the report.

Legislative Initiatives

Staff distributed a list of Commission recommendations that may include legislative relief. The Commission may decide to introduce legislation itself or have specific legislators endorse the legislation. The Commission discussed drafting legislation and including its own transmittal letter that includes the intent of the legislation for submission to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

The Department of Law is working on drafting legislation consistent with Commission recommendations 17, 18, 24 and 53. The Department will not present any drafted legislation as coming from the Commission without Commission approval.

Regarding drafting language on the written order sales recommendation, the Commission suggested including a penalty for retailers – possibly a civil fine and/or license revocation.

Regarding drafting language for the distribution sites recommendation, the Commission expressed concern that requiring communities to have distribution sites creates an unfunded mandate. The Department will go ahead and draft the legislation and then look at cost. Bill noted that the Department of Public Safety was looking at distribution sites only for Bethel and Kotzebue, rather than every damp village. Randy Ruaro of the Department of Law will get into contact with Andrea Russell and Dean Guaneli on the possibility of narrowing the distribution sites language. The Commission expressed concern over the statewide database potentially violating the privacy protection of the Alaska Constitution.

Bruce suggested looking at drafting legislation for recommendations 25 and 26.

Each Commissioner should communicate with the co-chairs prior to the next meeting on what legislation they want to see.

Upcoming Meetings

The Commission will have a face to face meeting on October 25, 2006, a teleconference November 9, 2006 and a face to face meeting on December 1, 2006. The Commission would like to meet with ANJC's Board of Directors possibly at the October 25th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

October 25, 2006 Draft Meeting Minutes

Federal Building
222 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska
10:00AM – Noon

Commissioners Present: Nelson Cohen, Dave Marquez, Loretta Bullard, Bruce Botelho, Bill Tandeske, Jim Torgerson, Wilson Justin and Patrick Anderson

Commissioners Absent: Gail Schubert and Charlotte Brower

Guests: Tim Burgess and Denise Morris

Staff: Karen Bitzer, Julia Meier and Randy Ruaro

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established.

Approval of Agenda

The AFN program discussion was moved up to the top of the agenda. Jim moved to approve the agenda with that change, Bruce seconded. The agenda was approved with the change.

AFN Presentation

The Commission discussed the format of its presentation at AFN on October 26, 2006. Tim Burgess will serve as the moderator. Senator Seekins will join the panel and present on the VPSO task force. A flyer about the Commission was put into the delegates bags.

The Commission agreed to the following format: Tim will introduce the Commissioners and Senator Seekins; Dave will present an abbreviated version of the PowerPoint presentation with a focus on the Report's recommendations; the Report's recommendation areas will be kept up on a PowerPoint slide for the remainder of the Commission's presentation; Tim will then take questions from the audience.

The Commission would like Tim to incorporate the following: an acknowledgment of Eric Johnson and Alice Abraham's piece on the importance of place; the fact that the Report is a consensus-based product; a focus on the Report's

recommendations and an attempt to ask the audience about their proposed solutions. The idea is to get audience feedback on the Report's recommendations.

Approval of Minutes

Jim moved to approve the September 8, 2006 meeting minutes, Bruce seconded. The minutes were approved.

Work Group Update

Technology

Patrick volunteered to chair the technology work group. Wilson will participate in the group's teleconferences as frequently as possible. Bill will contact Mike Callahan about his participation.

The Commission reviewed the technology work group's charge and its focus on increasing the use of existing technologies. In addition, the Commission reiterated the technology recommendations contained in its Initial Report. The Commission discussed the possibility of using technology for BIPs and the successes of tele-psychiatry.

Loretta suggested that the Commission take a look at the AFN resolution that recommends reform of the telecommunications act to allow non-health organizations to receive subsidized broadband.

Bruce suggested the possibility of choosing a region or sub region as a pilot project for developing protocols in the technology arena.

Alcohol

The Commission applauded Myra Munson's facilitation skills in her work with the alcohol work group.

ICWA MOU

Someone from Lisa Murskowski's office will speak with the ICWA work group on tort reform.

New Business

Agenda Format

In the future, the agendas will be arranged so that the discussion/action items come at the beginning.

Deb Smith

Deb Smith is leaving the US Attorney's Office. A farewell lunch will be held Tuesday, November 7th at the Captain Cook. The Commission would like to present Deb with a thank you gift.

Gang Summit

The gang summit will be Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at the Marriott. The summit begins at 9:00am.

ANJC Protocols

A problem solving clause has been included. Bruce suggested some additional changes to the protocols that were distributed to the Commission. The Commission will discuss the protocols at the November teleconference.

Special Assistant's Report

The Initial Report has been proofread by an outside reader. The edits were submitted to the layout person for inclusion. Staff is waiting for a final proof. Once the proof is approved, the printers need about one week for printing. The covers have already been printed. There has not yet been a discussion with Senator Stevens' office regarding the Report's distribution. The Report does not need prior DOJ approval.

Karen distributed copies of Alaska Rural Justice Issues, A Selected Bibliography 2006 prepared by UAA's Justice Center, and the Municipality of Anchorage's Domestic Violence Analysis, Incidents Reports to Police in Anchorage, Alaska, Police Response and Incident Characteristics, Fourteen Year Study, 1989-2002.

Karen has been having conversations with Carol Daniel of AFN, Denise Morris of ANJC and Steven Sumida of AI-TC.

Wilson Justin is presenting as a representation of the Commission at the 13th Annual Sobriety Celebration and Memorial Potlatch on November 11, 2006 at the Native Village of Eyak.

Karen confirmed that the BJJ ceiling of \$450/day is correct.

Karen distributed a letter from Denise Morris about the budget. Denise discussed the status of the Commission's accounting. Karen and Denise will meet to resolve any outstanding budget issues. If they cannot reach consensus prior to the next meeting, Karen and Denise may meet with the co-chairs and employ the dispute resolution process adopted by the Commission. The accounting will be presented at the November 9th teleconference. It is thought that approximately \$130,000 is left and that the current work of the Commission is adequately funded.

Legislative Initiatives

The discussion was postponed until the November 7th teleconference. The Department of Law will send out what legislation they are working on prior to that meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 10:00am. The November 9th meeting is a teleconference.

The next face to face meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2006 at 9:00am. The meeting will be held at the Marriott. During the first half of the meeting, the Commission will receive half hour reports from each work group with 15 minutes per group for questions from the Commission. The work groups are meeting Thursday,

November 30, 2006 at the Marriott. Commissioners are invited to attend the work group meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

December 1, 2006 Draft Meeting Minutes

Marriott Downtown Anchorage

12:30pm – 4:00pm

Commissioners Present: Bruce Botelho, Bill Tandeske, Jim Torgerson, Patrick Anderson, Wilson Justin, Loretta Bullard and Gail Schubert

Commissioners Absent: Nelson Cohen, David Marquez and Charlotte Brower

Staff: Rob Corbisier, Karen Bitzer and Julia Meier

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion item on the ICWA MOU work group.

Approval of Minutes

Patrick moved to adopt the November 9, 2006 teleconference minutes with the addition of Bill's name; Wilson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

Randy Ruaro is working on a legislative packet.

Gail went to Washington D.C. and met with Liz Connell of Senator Stevens' office. Notice of future Commission funding will be in February.

The Department of Public Safety's next sub-hub will be in Cheevak. The Department is having preliminary discussions with Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Rob is returning to the Department of Law as Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Presentation to AFN Board

The Commission will present to the AFN Board on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 10:00am. The formal presentation should be 5-10 minutes. The Commission wants buy-in from AFN as its work continues. The Commission discussed including the

following in the presentation: a progress report, work group products, letter from the co-chairs to AFN, new Commissioners if known, the Report, time frame for recommendations.

Karen will contact Walt about his participation. Bruce will make the formal presentation. The Commission needs to take action on work group recommendation and then ask for AFN support.

Work Groups

Patrick moved to allow the ICWA MOU work group to meet for one more face to face meeting in January to finish drafting the MOU; Wilson seconded. The continuation is approved. There is money in the budget.

Karen will informally thank facilitators. Staff will work on thank you letters and certificates for work group members and facilitators. The certificates will use the Commission's background design. The Commission will discuss the work groups and their recommendations at the January 10th meeting.

Report Distribution Plan

The Report should be delivered soon and the copies will remain boxed until the Commission authorizes distribution. Karen handed out the beginnings of a distribution list for the Report. Commissioners should forward additional suggestions to staff. Staff will work on putting together a mailing list, including individuals who testified before the Commission.

The Commission is planning a trip to Washington D.C. at the end of January beginning of February to distribute the Report and put forward its recommended legislative changes. Staff will put together a summary of federal and state legislative changes. The Commission will discuss legislative changes at the January 10th meeting.

The Report will also be put onto compact discs. The compact discs could be distributed to tribal councils and cities across Alaska.

An electronic copy of the Report should be put onto websites; possibilities include AFN, ANJC and the State.

Annual Report

The Commission discussed the possibility of putting out an annual report, a newsletter or fact/progress sheets. The National Congress of American Indians puts out a pocketed folder with segmented information. Before the Commission determines the content, it needs to determine the audience. The piece should serve as a vehicle for asking for public input.

Staff will draft a four page 8x17 piece and circulate it to the Commission. The piece may include the following: work group updates, timeline for recommendations, new Commissioners and what differences have been made by the Commission.

The Commission discussed the possibility of creating an informational DVD about Alaska for legislators. Patrick has someone who could help put this together. Please send any video you think may be appropriate to Patrick. The Commission will

review the video at the January 10th meeting. Any video could also be put onto the Commission's website. Public testimony should be included.

Special Assistant Report

Karen distributed a written Special Assistant Report. Karen has found an individual to work on the Commission's website. The estimated cost is \$5,000.

Budget

Loretta and Bruce have written an email to Denise Morris at ANJC requesting certain documents. It is estimated that there is \$60,000 until the end of the calendar year. Please remember to submit reimbursement requests in a timely matter. Monies have not been rolled over to pay for the Report's printing.

Bruce will draft a formal letter to Denise Morris and ANJC's Board of Directors requesting the contract document, any approved amendments, explanation of the indirect charge and a chart of accounts. The letter will be circulated to the Commission for approval. Commissioners would like to meet with the ANJC Board.

ANJC/ARJLEC MOA

The Commission will discuss the MOA at the January 10th meeting. Please send any suggestions to staff.

Future Meetings

The following meetings/teleconferences were scheduled: 1) January 10, 2007 face to face at Heller Ehrman at 10:00am; 2) February 15, 2007 teleconference at 10:00am; 3) March 7, 2007 face to face meeting in Juneau; and 4) April 19, 2007 teleconference at 10:00am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.