Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) Committee

Strategic Plan

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Executive Summary

The Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) Committee created this Strategic Plan to help educate the Legislature, state officials, public on the purpose of the Committee and how it works together to identify issues and solutions to help the criminal justice community.

You will notice throughout the Plan many of the issues and solutions are within specific agencies or associations; however, the solution benefits the criminal justice community, so it is considered a KCJIS initiative for this document. You may also notice the plans or projects listed in this document are also listed on KCJIS Committee member agencies or association strategic plans, budget documents, and/or financial requests. This is because KCJIS does not have a funding source for projects. It is up to the individual agencies and associations to identify funding to proceed with a project.

In short, the KCJIS Committee is dedicated to the criminal justice process and finding ways to improve the flow of accurate and complete data securely between agencies.

Sincerely,

Leslie Moore, Chair, Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Committee
Introduction

This document outlines the strategy, action plans, and partnerships for the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) and the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System-Committee (KCJIS-C). This five-year strategic plan provides stakeholders with a vision and mission to govern the actions of KCJIS. This strategic plan is presented as a dynamic document. An annual review to the plan will give the stakeholders an opportunity to revise as necessary.

Background

In the mid-1990’s, the Kansas Legislature created the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The CJCC created the KCJIS subcommittee due to the establishment of Sentencing Guidelines and the resulting need for timely and accurate criminal history information. KCJIS was tasked to facilitate the movement of data electronically. Several years later, the KCJIS subcommittee became a separate committee, by statute, to continue with the mission of the electronic sharing of data.

KCJIS is a secure operating environment that has grown beyond this initial scope to become one of the leading integrated criminal justice information systems in the United States. The KCJIS integrated system provides daily operating information used by criminal justice, public officials, and policymakers in Kansas and elsewhere.

There are many separate information repositories, affiliated systems, and a variety of agencies that collectively comprise KCJIS. Some information systems are fully integrated into KCJIS and others have yet to be integrated. The list of users, or “customers,” is extensive. All users and contributing agencies are critical to the success of KCJIS as they both provide information to and use information from the system.

Effective operation of KCJIS depends upon the collection of and access to timely, accurate, complete, and consistent information. An updated KCJIS strategic plan is necessary to provide the guidance and framework from which the activities of multiple agencies will be coordinated and the future possibility of funding major initiatives.

Critical Information System

KCJIS provides extremely important information for law enforcement across the state. This strategic plan closely aligns with the DHS Emergency Services Sector plan of vision, mission, goals, and priorities, which includes the following:
Partnership Engagement: Continued growth and improvement in federal, state, and local partners, which will allow KCJIS-C to effectively sustain collaborative dialogues to address risk, needs, and opportunities.

Situational Awareness: Support for an information-sharing environment that ensures availability and free flow of accurate, timely, and relevant information, intelligence, and incident reporting.

Prevention and Protection: Development of a risk-based approach to improve the overall protection of the KCJIS mission through data-supported decisions and initiatives.

Information Technology Advancement: Continued work with other states and relevant organizations and associations to identify technological advancements, risks, and threats that may affect the efficient operation of KCJIS.

People: Commitment to work with other state agencies and partner organizations to recruit and retain qualified, effective, and knowledgeable IT personnel within state government.

Agency Participation & Purpose

The KCJIS-C is mandated by state statute (KSA 74-5701) and composed of representatives of key KCJIS stakeholders. The group consists of representatives from the following state and local agencies and associations:

- Kansas Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Office of Judicial Administration (OJA)
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)
- Department of Administration (DofA)
- Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP)
- Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP)
- Kansas Sheriffs’ Association (KSA)
- Kansas County & District Attorneys Association (KCDAA)
- Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators (KADCCA)
- Kansas Association of Public Communications Officers (APCO)

Pursuant to state statute, the KCJIS-C will report regularly to the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) regarding projects, activities and information of interest.

The purpose of the KCJIS Committee is to bring public safety entities together to facilitate the secure sharing of data essential for the safety of the people of Kansas; establish and maintain a secure network connection between each county and the state for the purpose of exchanging this data; coordinate the exchange of data, including the standardization of data exchange protocols and the establishment of security policies for KCJIS; and provide assistance to local,
tribal, and state agencies in purchasing technology and software meeting these standards and policies.

**Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Committee (KCJIS-C)**

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* Current Executive Committee

**Users, Contributors & Partners**

KCJIS primary users are those with a direct operational need for the information within the system. Contributors are the many users of the system who also provide most of the information within the system. The majority of users who have direct access to KCJIS are the following:

- Law enforcement (sheriff, police departments)
- Jail administrators
- District and county attorneys
- City prosecutors
- Courts and judges
- Parole, probation, and community corrections officers
- Juvenile officers
- Office of the Attorney General
- 911 Communication Centers
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and multiple other federal agencies.
Partners to KCJIS and the KCJIS-C include organizations and committees such as the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC), whose mission is to promote traffic safety across the state. The TRCC works with KDOT to provide KCJIS and KCJIS-C with data and funding.

**Integration of Criminal Justice Business Process**

The criminal justice process involves many steps and a large number of agencies and partners, just a few of which are illustrated here in this basic diagram:

Each of these steps demonstrates the flow of information regarding crime in Kansas and the efforts of the many partners shown (and implied) to prevent and solve criminal activity. Much of the information relevant to a given incident in these steps is maintained in separate databases and is not linked together. In many cases the information is documented on paper forms and reported to state agencies (as is statutorily required) in that medium. This makes it even more difficult to get a comprehensive picture of crime in the state. A long-term need is to link all information (where possible), which would provide a much clearer view of crime in the state of Kansas. The fundamental function of KCJIS is for the integration of the various data sources involved, and to help provide this view. This is a significant and long-term effort, already partly complete but requiring a sustained commitment by the state.
**Scope**

The scope of this strategic plan provides for the vision, mission, and direction of KCJIS and the KCJIS-C to include the following:

- Annually review and update the strategic plan based upon the priorities, initiatives, and schedules identified by the KCJIS-C.
- Identify, define, and update the vision, mission, and goals of KCJIS-C.
- Identify and define the strategic initiatives and activities that provide the necessary framework for the improvement of KCJIS.
- Identify and assist in the development of an information-sharing plan.

**Vision**

“A safer Kansas through effective criminal justice information sharing.”

**Mission**

“We are a criminal justice information-sharing environment that provides professionals with access to information they need when they need it.”

**Goals**

**Appendix A. for Performance Measures**

Goal 1: Partnership Engagement

To utilize partnerships, to foster and effectively sustain collaborative dialogues, and to address priority risks, initiatives, and issues that affect the KCJIS community overall.

Goal 2: Information Sharing

Support an information-sharing environment that ensures the availability and flow of accurate, thorough, timely, and relevant information, intelligence, and incident reporting.

Goal 3: Information and System Security

Promote information security for all partners and information shared on the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS). Establish minimum standards for physical and information security for any participant accessing data utilizing KCJIS. Coordinate Federal, State, Tribal, and Local security requirements with KCJIS partners.
Goal 4: Standards-Based Systems
Develop and promote technical standards for information sharing. Work closely with public and private partners and end-user associations to share information on best practices, national and international standards, technological advancements, and risk.

Goal 5: Information Technology Advancements
Provide state and local agencies with information for purchasing equipment to ensure compatibility with state and local information sharing systems, while ensuring that the KCJIS supports implementation of new criminal justice technology.

**Strategies** *(each strategy is linked to a goal, for example, Strategy 1 to G1 & G2)*

- **a. Strategies Utilized?**

  **Strategy 1:** Utilize collaborative approaches to strengthen KCJIS planning and decision making. *(G1 & G2)*
  
  - a. The KBI has developed statewide regional KCJIS user groups. These groups are led by regional leaders with the support of KBI personnel. User groups will allow open discussions on activities and issues of interest those locales and regions. The KBI will assist in providing leadership and a state perspective.

  **Strategy 2:** Develop and refine processes and mechanisms for ongoing coordination and collaboration between KCJIS users and KCJIS-C, to support the use of the most current technology. *(G2 & G5)*
  
  - a. Regional KCJIS user groups will be used for feedback on existing technology and creating future technologies.
  - b. Regional KCJIS user group information is shared with KCJIS-C.
  - c. KCJIS-C contact information is posted for local agencies to contact with comments or concerns.

  **Strategy 3:** Collaborate with our partners to identify and develop appropriate efforts to meet state goals and to support KCJIS needs and requirements. *(G1)*
  
  - a. Share project planning and updates with KCJIS-C to ensure all invested partners are included and duplicative efforts are eliminated.

  **Strategy 4:** Enhance the KCJIS users’ and policymakers’ ability to share information through innovative processes and technologies. *(G2 & G5)*
  
  - a. Direct emails with KCJIS Community from the Director of KCJIS-C to develop open lines of communication and dialogue with the users of the system.
b. KCJIS User Groups – is a valuable tool to gather regional leaders to have direct conversations about information projects, policy issues and training.

Strategy 5: Identify data, tools, and processes of items of interest in KCJIS information sharing. *(G2 & G5)*

a. Direct emails with KCJIS Community from the Director of KCJIS-C to develop open lines of communication and dialogue with the users of the system.

b. KCJIS quarterly and as-needed newsletters – allow state level leadership to share information of policy changes, training, cyber security, current events and situational awareness as needed.

c. Annual presentation and discussion with members of the CJCC

d. KCJIS Annual Conference – is an annual event that brings together KCJIS users from across the state to participate in valuable training and information sharing.

Strategy 6: Identify and implement a process to assess security and risk to information and systems and recommending solutions or corrections. *(G3)*

a. Auditing

b. KCJIS Policy annual update – As the FBI released their annual CJIS policy update the KCJIS policy sub-committee led by the KHP will review any changes and the affects of the changes on the KCJIS Users and any changes to the state specific policies.

c. Multiple emails and newsletters developing situational awareness of system security from insider and cyber threats

Strategy 7: Identify best practices and standards of CJIS systems both locally and nationally. *(G4)*

a. KCJIS-C members attend many national and regional CJIS meetings. Several of the members are currently national board members of associations and organizations. These members gather best practices and current situational awareness from around the country to apply to Kansas as necessary.

b. The KHP works closely with the FBI CJIS in any changes FBI maybe planning for the FBI CJIS Policy and how those changes may influence the current state CJIS Policy. The KCJIS Policy Sub-committee has recently changed their procedures to quickly update the KS Policy and distribute it state wide when changes are required

Strategy 8: Identify training, gaps and opportunities in the KCJIS community. *(G1 & G4)*

a. Annual review of the KCJIS Strategic Plan

b. Information sharing via KCJIS User groups, emails, auditing, newsletters and trainings – information sharing via these avenues will allow the KCJIS leadership to identify any gaps in policy and/or training that needs to be addressed. Also allow any discussion on clarification of policy updates or changes.
**Action Plan** *(each initiative is linked to a strategy)*

**KCJIS Initiatives**

1) Develop an annual Legislative update that will consist of the current strategic plan highlighting the activities, accomplishments, and challenges that the Committee has experienced during the past year. *(S1 through S8)*  
   a. The KCJIS Committee has completed their review and update to the 2021 Strategic Plan. All goals, strategies and action items were reviewed for relevance, timeliness and impactfulness.

2) KCJIS-C review and update the KCJIS strategic plan annually. *(S8)*  
   a. Plan will be finalized and voted on by July 13\(^{th}\), 2020 for the SFY 2021.

3) Review and approve the FBI CJIS security policy annually. Review and update the KCJIS security policy as necessary. *(S6)*  
   a. The KCJIS Policy sub-committee meet twice to review the updated FBI CJIS changes and incorporation in to the KCJIS Policy 5.8.

4) Promote the electronic submission of data to the statewide repositories. *(S4)*  
   a. Criminal History: Repository for adult and juvenile records of arrests, prosecutor actions, court actions and dispositions, probation and parole actions, and prison confinements. These records are used by criminal justice agencies for investigations, pre-sentencing, and by non-criminal justice agencies for licensing, employment, and placement of vulnerable populations.
   b. Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS): Repository for fingerprint-based arrests, summons, and prison confinements. The information is forwarded to the Criminal History Record once a State Identification Number (SID) is assigned by FIS. Additionally, non-criminal justice fingerprints are submitted to identify people and to determine qualifications for licensing, employment, and placement of vulnerable populations.
   c. Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS): Repository for reported offenses and followed up with arrest information once an arrest is made. This information is used for statistical information on crime in the state. The information is also available to law enforcement for investigative purposes.
   d. Offender Registration: Repository for registered offenders in the state. Sheriff offices, jails, and prisons are required to report quarterly registrations. The public can look up offenders by name, city, or zip code. The public can also set up notifications for registration updates to offenders with 1, 2, or 3-mile radius of a specific location.
   e. eCitation: A repository for citation in the state of Kansas.
f. Kansas Asset Seizure and Forfeiture System: Repository for law enforcement agencies to report seizures and forfeitures after court actions are completed. Information is then reported to the Legislature and the public.

5) Support and educate the KCJIS community on the importance of securing KCJIS. (S6 & S8)
   a. Multiple emails, newsletters, and trainings will be conducted during SFY 2021 on the importance of both physical and system security. Insider, cyber and criminal threats will be emphasized at all information security discussions and trainings.
   b. KCJIS User Groups – Provide a venue for KCJIS users across the state to collaborate on KCJIS issues and an opportunity for users to provide input for enhancements to KCJIS.
   c. KHP will provide trainings to local law enforcement to include:
      i. Conduct Local Agency Security Officer (LASO)
      ii. Security Awareness Training
      iii. Basic Law Enforcement Communications Officer Training (BLECO) for new dispatchers twice a year
      iv. Training for new Terminal Administration Coordinators (TAC)
      v. Full Access, National Crime Information Center (NCIC), training for new users
      vi. Limited Access NCIC Training
      vii. Specific topic training (i.e. Open Fox tips & tricks, Protection Order entries, Sex Offender entries, etc)
   d. KBI will provide trainings on central repository submissions
      i. Fingerprint and palm print training
      ii. Disposition training
      iii. Offense and Arrest report training
      iv. Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted report training
      v. Use of Force training
      vi. eCitation training
      vii. Offender Registration training
      viii. Asset Forfeiture training

6) Develop and implement statewide KCJIS data exchange standards. (S7)
   a. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation will work to emphasis standardize data exchange within KCJIS and across the state on systems that assist public safety. Data exchange standards have been and continue to be an ongoing part of system interoperability, by utilizing standards of the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM), National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (Nlets) and other standards promoted by NIST, just to name a few.
   b. A short list of production standards includes:
      2. Kansas citation submissions utilize a NIEM standard with Kansas extensions.
      3. Information sharing between Kansas Department of Revenue – Department of Motor Vehicle and KCJIS utilizes the NIEM-Collaboration between AAMVA and Nlets
for Driver License Exchange (CANDLE) standard with Kansas extensions for both
driver and vehicle data.
4. Incident Based Reporting submissions currently utilize a proprietary Kansas standard
based on an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) structured flat file.
5. Federated Identity utilizes a Security Assertion markup Language (SAML) standard
with a Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM) conformant
payload.

7) The Director will identify and share critical information with the KCJIS community (S5 & S6)
a. During SFY 2021 Director of the KCJIS-C will send out Information Sharing emails to
the KCJIS Community. The intent of the Information Sharing emails is two-fold: 1) to
develop a dialogue between the front-line users of KCJIS and the state committee
and 2) to share federal and state activities and initiatives to the local CJIS users of
interest or that may impact them. Information that will be shared include:
   i. Cyber Security situational awareness
   ii. Emergency Services issues and awareness
   iii. Training Opportunities
   iv. Policy changes
   v. Judicial system updates
   vi. Federal alerts and flashes
   vii. And other information of interest to the DHS identified Emergency Services
   Sector

8) Develop, gather, and publish performance measures of KCJIS, KCJIS-C and partner agency
efforts. (S1 & S3)
a. This was not accomplished in fiscal year 2020. The Committee will focus on this
initiative in fiscal year 2021.

9) Report to the CJCC on an annual or as-needed basis. (S5 & S7)
a. The KCJIS Committee will present an update to the CJCC when requested.

10) KCJIS-C and stakeholders will identify KCJIS community training needs and educational
information that will be distributed at the annual KCJIS Conference. (S5 & S8)
a. The KCJIS conference committee, with representation from each committee
member and the KCJIS Director will review and develop training and educational
requirements for the users of the CJIS system at the annual conference.

11) Utilize the committee strategies to identify actions the committee may take to support
KCJIS related agency projects. (S1 through S8)
a. This was not accomplished in fiscal year 2020. The Committee will focus on this
initiative in fiscal year 2021.
**Risk to the Strategic Plan**

The KCJIS-C, along with participating agencies, will identify possible threats and risks including assumptions, history, agreements, and external factors associated with projects, initiatives and activities identified in the plan. Risk will be addressed in a consistent meaningful way through open and honest committee communication.

COVID-19 has caused worldwide impacts to lives and businesses. Impacts directly to the CJIS system are currently being evaluated and assessed. Any changes from telework, fingerprinting and/or social distancing will be evaluated and adjustments, updates or changes will be made.
Current Committee Members (as of July 13, 2020)

Chair, Leslie Moore, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Co-Chair, Secretary DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration

Chief Bob Sage, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police

Captain Jim Oehm, Kansas Highway Patrol

Sheriff Roger Soldan, Kansas Sheriffs’ Association

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KCJIS Committee Director

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