“Global in Action”—Global Solutions, Members, Partners, and Practitioners Showcased in Promising Justice Information Sharing Projects

On June 23, 2014, in Washington, DC, Global Advisory Committee (GAC, Committee) representatives from over 30 premier state, local, and tribal (SLT) justice organizations joined federal sponsors, partners, and guests to tackle today’s public safety challenges facing our neighborhoods and nation through more effective, efficient, and appropriate justice information sharing (JIS).

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Deputy Director Kristen Mahoney introduced the meeting’s theme of “Global in Action,” shaped by presenters from seven BJA-funded JIS pilot sites. These innovative practitioners are tackling diverse issues—from recidivism to combating gun crimes to enhancing services for troubled youths—with strategies emphasizing Global’s range of technical and policy standards, solutions, and best practices. By translating recommendations into promising and successful practices, these teams demonstrated the real-world value of years of GAC work and set the stage for future Global efforts.
  - GAC Chairman Bob Boehmer commended the sites and credited BJA leaders for supporting the entire JIS process.

- BJA Director Denise O’Donnell introduced the guest speaker, Director Ronald Davis, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and noted that reinvigorating Committee membership to “stay current with cutting-edge issues” is also promoted by outreach to key advocates.
  - Director Davis underscored the information sharing imperative not only among traditional partners but across disciplines and among new stakeholders. He relayed that during recent discussions on issues as diverse as the heroin epidemic, racial profiling, and law enforcement’s role in school safety, persistent and unifying elements were the criticality of information sharing and appropriate collection and use of data.

- Designated Federated Official Mr. J. Patrick McCreary and Global leadership welcomed three new representatives to the group:
  - Chief William Denke, Sycuan Tribal Police Department, representing the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)—Indian Country Law Enforcement Section
  - Mr. Joseph Klimavicz, Chief Information Officer (CIO), representing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
  - Mr. James Sills III, CIO and Cabinet Secretary, State of Delaware, representing the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO)

- Resolution: GAC Vice Chairman Carl Wicklund facilitated unanimous Committee ratification of the Fall 2013 GAC Meeting Summary.

- The hands-on work of Global is accomplished by its supporting Working Groups, Task Teams, and Councils composed of Committee members, practitioners, and an impressive roster of subject-matter experts. Updates by these leaders recapped achievements since the last GAC meeting and forecasted future activities:
  - Director Vernon Keenan, Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC) Chair
  - Thomas Clarke, Ph.D., and Mr. Scott Came, Global Standards Council (GSC), Chair and Co-Vice Chair, respectively
  - The Honorable Michael Milstead, Global Strategic Solutions Working Group (GSSWG) Chair

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New Global solutions for the field were highlighted.

» **Video Evidence: A Law Enforcement Guide to Resources and Best Practices** provides straightforward answers in an FAQ format to common questions that law enforcement officers may have regarding properly securing, collecting, storing, and analyzing video.

» **Establishing a Privacy Officer Function Within a Justice or Public Safety Entity: Recommended Responsibilities and Training** provides guidance for agencies wanting to create a privacy officer function. Also included are suggested privacy officer qualifications, a comprehensive list of generally accepted responsibilities, and resource and training sections.

» **BJA and partner federal leaders** provided insights and expertise on key JIS activities complementary to and supportive of Global efforts.

» **Mr. Kshemendra Paul**, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment (ISE), emphasized his office’s focus on “whole of government” solutions and partnering across jurisdictions and domains to address not only terrorism but important issues such as human trafficking, narcotics, and gang-related crime. He underscored transparency and privacy policy protections—such as Global’s foundational privacy work—as critical in countering the hot-button topic of unauthorized disclosure. He challenged attendees to accelerate reuse and replication of Global’s frameworks, standards, policies, and tools more broadly, which also supports the ISE’s **Project Interoperability** (which Mr. Paul noted is firmly rooted in the GAC’s **Strategic Solutions to Transform Our Nation’s Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing**).

» **Mr. Christopher Traver**, Senior Policy Advisor, BJA, explored the role of information sharing in addressing the opioid addiction epidemic, including Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) and data-driven strategies enabling effective responses. BJA’s overarching goal in this area is to facilitate policymaker and practitioner access to critical data from a variety of sources to better inform public health and public safety responses to this national epidemic. (Visit the Brandeis University **PDMP Center of Excellence** and **PDMP TTA Center** for resources and information.)

» **Mr. Justin Stekervetz**, Managing Director, NIEM Program Management Office, shared the latest NIEM advances, including the availability of NIEM 3.0 schemas and the release of beta versions of the **Naming and Design Rules** and **Model Package Description**. (For all things NIEM, visit the program’s robust **Web site**.) He also outlined how NIEM is putting the “Global” in Global through significant engagements with Europol.

**What’s next for GAC Members?**
**July 17, 2014—Global Outreach Webinar!**

» A GAC-member responsibility and opportunity is promoting Global recommendations and feeding interests and priorities back into the process. The value of this engagement? Answers to your business needs. Smart use of resources by leveraging expertise and built-in buy-in of powerful SLT equities. Reuse and replication of solutions in a standardized way, expanding interoperability, and yielding stronger tools through real-world testing and feedback.

» Mark your calendars for the **July 17 members-only Webinar** to help maximize Global participation for you—and for your community—through successful outreach strategies.

» Visit the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative at [www.it.ojp.gov/global](http://www.it.ojp.gov/global). Explore Global Justice Information Sharing Toolkit resources at [www.it.ojp.gov/gist](http://www.it.ojp.gov/gist). Contact **dlindquist@iir.com** for more information.