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WELCOME TO THE LATEST ADDITION OF LEX QUO ORDO (LAW AND ORDER), VOLUME 3 No. 3, THE ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S QUARTERLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION. IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING TIME FOR ADVANCEMENTS IN THE FIELD. THIS ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORTS ON ALREADY COMPLETED AND FUTURE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

IN THIS EDITION YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT USING RISK AND NEED ASSESSMENTS TO REDUCE OFFENDER RECIDIVISM, HEAR AN UPDATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAM OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND LEARN ABOUT PROJECT CLEAN SLATE FROM PORTLAND OREGON, WHERE A UNIQUE COMMUNITY BASED COLLABORATION IS HELPING OFFENDERS CONVERT PAST DUE TRAFFIC FINES TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, EXPUNGE MINOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, REGAIN DRIVERS LICENSES, AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION.

ON THE TRAINING FRONT, APA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE INNOVATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT II (ICJSII) HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19-21ST 2013 IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP TO THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ICJS I THAT WAS HELD IN CHICAGO IN THE FALL OF 2011. WE WILL ONCE AGAIN FEATURE TEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATIONS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT ARE INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING OFFENDER OUTCOMES, AND TRANSFORMING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ATTENDEES WILL HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY HEAR ABOUT THESE INNOVATIONS, BUT WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO REPLICATE THEM. TO REGISTER PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).

DURING THIS PAST QUARTER, WE ALSO PRESENTED TWO MORE FINAL FRIDAY'S WEBINARS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST TO COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS. THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTION: A LOOK AT TWO NEW INITIATIVES, FEATURED PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON, AND NEWPORT NEWS COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY HOWARD GYWN. USING EVIDENCED-BASED PRACTICES IN PRETRIAL DECISION MAKING FEATURED A PRESENTATION BY THE PRETRIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE ON HOW NEWLY EMERGING BEST PRACTICES CAN IMPROVE CRIMINAL CASE PROCESSING IN THE PRETRIAL PHASE OF A CASE. THOSE WEBINARS ARE AVAILABLE TO APA MEMBERS AND

THOSE SEEKING TEMPORARY SUBSCRIPTIONS AT OUR WEBSITE: APAINC.ORG.

THIS QUARTER ALSO SAW A STEADY NUMBER OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SITE VISITS TO THE FIELD, INCLUDING THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE DENVER CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. DETAILS OF THOSE VISITS IS INCLUDED HEREIN.

WE ALSO WELCOMED THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE APA STAFF. MELISSA ZLOTNICK JOINED APA AS OUR STAFF ATTORNEY, KAEMA AKPAN JOINED AS PROJECT ASSISTANT, AND NIKKI THOMPSON JOINED AS OUR LEGAL INTERN.



WE AT APA HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK DEVELOPING A NEW COMMUNITY PROSECUTION BLOG SITE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING LISTSERV. IT ALLOWS USERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO TOPICS OF INTEREST, ELIMINATE UNWANTED "OUT OF THE OFFICE" BOUNCE BACK EMAILS, AND PROVIDE FOR A MORE ROBUST AND USER FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT TO SHARE INFORMATION. WE HAVE COMPLETED BETA TESTING WITH A GROUP OF OUR LISTSERV MEMBERS AND THEY REPORT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. LOOK FOR THE OLD LISTSERV TO BE PHASED OUT AT THE END OF DECEMBER. TO BE ADDED THE BLOG OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT KAEMA AKPAN AT

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AND FINALLY, ON A MORE SOMBER NOTE, OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE EAST COAST WHO HAVE FELT THE IMPACTS OF SUPERSTORM SANDY. OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERS AT THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION REPORT SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTIONS TO THEIR OPERATIONS AND DAMAGE TO THE REDHOOK COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER. I'VE INCLUDED A MESSAGE FROM CCI'S GREG BERMAN (PG. 8). WE WISH THEM A SPEEDY AND SAFE RECOVERY FROM THE STORM'S IMPACT.

AS ALWAYS, KEEP US ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR JURISDICTIONS SO THAT WE CAN REPORT THEM IN FUTURE EDITIONS.

- ROBERT HOOD, APA
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY PROSECUTION & VIOLENT CRIME DIVISION

**RISK AND NEED ASSESSMENTS:
AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO REDUCING OFFENDER RECIDIVISM**

BY DANIELLE MALANGONE, CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION

The criminal justice field is relying increasingly on evidence-based practices in the belief that strategies supported by rigorous testing are better than strategies supported only by anecdote, intuition, and/or the prevailing political mood.

Today's prosecutors have access to evidence-based practices that have been proven to reduce recidivism. Two decades of research has produced actuarial assessment tools that allow prosecutors to know who is most at risk of recidivism and which of their needs to target to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. Those tools include the Level of Service Inventory Revised (LSI-R) and Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS).

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RISK AND NEED?

When working, selecting and using an evidence-based practice, it's important to know key terms, particularly the difference between "risk" and "need".

Risk does not connote a risk to public safety. Rather, risk levels are classified by the likelihood of re-offense and answer two critical questions: who should receive an intervention and to what degree? By accurately assessing the level of an offender's risk of recidivism, prosecutors can match the intensity of an intervention to the risk level—that is, apply intensive services to the higher-risk offenders and less intensive services to the low-risk offenders. Unnecessarily excessive intervention wastes resources and may actually increase a low-risk offender's chance of re-offending.

Need, on the other hand, is composed of dynamic

characteristics directly related to recidivism, also known as criminogenic needs. These factors are correlated to risk level (that is, the greater the need, the higher the risk) and can tell us what factors must change to reduce recidivism. Based on rigorous experimentation, it has been determined that the most effective assessment tools are those that explore the eight criminogenic domains: history of antisocial behavior, antisocial thoughts and attitudes, antisocial personality, antisocial peers, substance abuse, family/marital relationships, school/work history, and leisure/recreational activities. Current research tells us that if these factors are not properly identified and targeted—such as assessing antisocial attitudes and addressing them through cognitive behavioral therapy—the likelihood remains high that the offender will continue engaging in criminal behavior.

HOW CAN ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS BE USED IN COMMUNITY PROSECUTION?

In a time of fiscal austerity, jurisdictions across the country are grappling with how to respond to crime without relying on expensive jail sentences as a default setting. In particular, many jurisdictions are looking for diversion schemes and non-custodial sanctions that are swift, proportionate, and effective. The following assessment tools can give prosecutors the information they need to craft more effective diversion programs:

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Validated Risk Assessment Tool

Employing a validated risk assessment tool helps minimize subjectivity and promotes informed decisions. Specifically, it allows prosecutors to make judgments about which offenders are low-risk and which are high-risk based on the latest research. Offenders deemed low-risk would be appropriate for less intensive sanctions, such as community service or a fine. High-risk offenders, on the other hand, could be recommended for non-custodial sanctions in a treatment setting that address their criminogenic needs but also provide accountability.

Criminogenic Needs Profile

Once the risk level and corresponding length of engagement is determined, a criminogenic needs profile assigns offenders to targeted interventions. Offenders scoring high in the antisocial domains, for instance, can be required to participate in cognitive behavioral therapy that addresses their criminal thinking. Those with a high score in the education/employment domain can be diverted to an

intensive job training program.

The risk/needs assessment instrument is not intended to replace a clinical or diagnostic evaluation. Instead, the idea is to use the results to develop an individually tailored case management plan that addresses the unique criminogenic needs of each offender by making recommendations for further referrals. This will also allow prosecutors to take inventory of the types of services available and identify any service gaps that must be filled to effectively meet offender needs.

For further information about actuarial risk/need assessment instruments you are invited to contact Danielle Malangone, Associate Director of Technical Assistance for the Center for Court Innovation.

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UPDATE: WASHINGTON, D.C. COMMUNITY PROSECUTION 16 YEARS LATER

BY ELVITA DOMINIQUE, CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION

Under the leadership of U.S. Attorney Ronald Machen Jr., community prosecution in Washington, D.C. has continued to flourish. Established by Eric Holder in 1996, Washington, D.C. has one of the oldest community prosecution programs in the country. Machen came in with the goal to build significantly upon what his predecessors had begun. "There have been many changes under his leadership. He sets the tone from the top that community prosecution is about more than attending meetings," said Wendy Pohlhaus, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney for External Affairs.

While maintaining the defining initiatives of community prosecution in Washington, D.C., Machen added a number of new endeavors that fall roughly into four categories: public education; building bonds of trust with the community, including new Department of Justice initiatives allowing for more positive engagement with the Muslim community; positive youth engagement programming; and reentry programming.

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Public Education

The public education initiatives consist of a series of seminars designed to educate citizens in a distinct community about their rights and about services and resources available to victims of crime. The office has recently launched educational campaigns around domestic violence, senior abuse and sexual assault. In each of these areas an informational need that was going unmet was identified. With domestic violence, prosecutors discovered that many people, particularly women reentering the community from incarceration, were not aware of what behaviors constitute domestic violence. Rising levels of senior abuse led to the development of seminars not only to educate seniors but also the banking community to raise their awareness of the problem and help report abuse. Similarly, seminars on sexual assault were developed to combat increasing instances of sexual assault of homeless men. To reach a broad population, sexual assault seminars are also held in homeless shelters. In addition, seminars take place at resource centers for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community.

Building Community Trust

Creating meaningful connections to the community is another goal of the U.S. Attorney's Office. "Community prosecution is focused on building bonds of trust, particularly in areas where historically there has been a lack of trust of the criminal justice system," explained Pohlhaus. The U.S. Attorney's Office recently began a faith based initiative to develop strong partnerships with religious communities and their congregations. The U.S. Attorney's Office begins by identifying all the faith based leaders in a particular police district. Then the community prosecutors and community outreach specialist team members introduce themselves and their work. "At first these leaders don't understand why we are reaching out to them, so it is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the prosecutor's office. We give them a primer on the criminal justice system and explain

why it is necessary for them to talk to their congregations about this topic," said Pohlhaus. Once trust has been built with the leaders, the office requests that the leaders sponsor a community forum and invite their congregations. U.S. Attorney Machen will use the forums to discuss the costs of communities not cooperating with the criminal justice system both as witnesses and as jurors. Usually a representative from the police department will also attend the meeting to describe how difficult it is to solve a crime with no witnesses. If possible a crime victim and a witness attend to talk about their experience with the criminal justice system. After the presentations there is always a question and answer period. Pohlhaus noted that for many community members, these meetings are the first time they have the opportunity to speak with representatives of law enforcement outside of any involvement with the criminal justice system. Pohlhaus also noted that because of their focus on issues of relevance to the prosecutor's office, convening this type of meeting is more useful than attending pre-existing community meetings.

Within the Department of Justice's larger outreach initiatives, the U.S. Attorney's Office has made particular efforts to engage with the Muslim community in Washington, DC. Since the attacks on September 11th, 2001 the relationship between law enforcement and the Muslim community has been marked by rising tension and increased levels of distrust. To combat this issue, the U.S. Attorney's Office has held "know your rights" discussions and training sessions on reporting civil rights violations for of the Muslim and Sikh communities members of the Muslim and Sikh communities. The Office has also co-sponsored cultural events that promote community and law enforcement interaction, such as a showing of the documentary "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Think".

Positive Youth Engagement

U.S. Attorney Machen has also shown a commitment to youth engagement, according to Pohlhaus. He makes the

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effort to speak regularly at high schools throughout the City on the subject of making better choices to avoid getting in trouble with law enforcement, the risks and consequences of crime as well as the rewards of hard work and academic success. He tries to speak to at least two high schools per month. More formally, a number of new youth oriented initiatives have been launched. With the Youth Motivation program, the U.S. Attorney's Office brings high school and junior high school students to observe court. They usually observe preliminary hearings and also have the opportunity to meet with judges, prosecutors and other criminal justice agencies (such as the public defenders). The purpose of the Youth Motivation program is to expose young people in a positive way to the criminal justice system and to discuss the impact of crime.

To promote similar goals, the U.S. Attorney's office also has Project Legal Enrichment and Decision Making (Project L.E.A.D) and Youth Summit. Project L.E.A.D, which was created by the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Office, is a legal curriculum that is taught by volunteer district attorneys at 16 elementary schools in Washington, DC. The curriculum covers why it is important to cooperate with law enforcement, better decision making and under what circumstances a young person should report someone to law enforcement. Youth Summit is a yearly event where young people can come together and have fun while also participating in a discussion about youth violence in their community. The program was developed for young people from the East of the River area of Washington, DC but it has attracted young people from all over the city. Issues that are discussed include gun violence, domestic violence and prostitution/trafficking. While these are all serious topics, the day is balanced by performances by musical groups and also hearing from people who have overcome obstacles, including incarceration, to lead happy and healthy lives. The U.S. Attorney's Office partners with local businesses, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Mayor's Office, schools and community organizations on the Youth Summit. For Pohlhaus the benefit of the Youth Summit, and all the U.S. Attorney's Office youth engagement

programs, is not only in the information the young people receive, but also the opportunity to inspire young people by example. "I'm from one of the poorest wards in Washington, DC. This work is about kids being around prosecutors, and other successful adults who look like them and instilling in them the idea that you can make it," said Pohlhaus.

Promoting Successful Reentry

The U.S. Attorney's Office has also begun to develop reentry programming. In partnership with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA), the U.S. Attorney's Office has held reentry forums to help raise awareness within the community about the challenges facing formerly incarcerated people. Their women's reentry forums, "Walk a Mile in her Shoes," has been particularly popular with community members, one such forum attracting nearly 200 people. The forums are a mixture of panel discussions, where formerly incarcerated women discuss some of the issues they confront when returning to their communities, and an information fair where service providers from different agencies discuss available resources for people in transition. The U.S. Attorney's Office has also started to do outreach to employers on the benefits of hiring reentrants and available government programs that promote hiring.

To learn more about community prosecution in Washington, DC please contact Wendy Pohlhaus, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney for External Affairs, at Wendy.Pohlhaus@usdoj.gov.

COMMUNITY CORNER

PROJECT CLEAN SLATE: A SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF COLLABORATION

BY DAN MITCHELL, SPECIAL FEATURES WRITER, PROJECT CLEAN SLATE



Project Clean Slate is a community collaboration in Portland, Oregon founded by local businessman Roy Jay, operating independently in tandem with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office. Since 2005, PCS has assisted over 8000 people convert past due traffic fines to community service, expunge minor criminal convictions, regain drivers licenses and remove barriers to employment, education, and other opportunities.

PCS began as a one day event on July 9, 2005. Roy Jay, a business entrepreneur raised in Portland's housing projects, saw an opportunity to assist people that had suspended driver's licenses, minor criminal convictions and arrest records by converting delinquent fines to community service and expunging minor conviction. The overall goal of the event was to help individuals who committed minor offenses get meaningful jobs, housing, education and other opportunities instead of being "stuck in a rut" for 10 to 25 years; to accomplish this, Jay enlisted the help and cooperation of a team of individuals and agencies

headed by Multnomah County's District Attorney Michael Schrunk. As part of the one-day event, court house operations were relocated to a community college, and patrol cars were prohibited from entering a 25 block zone around the event in order to attract people without fear of arrest. The 500 people that were originally signed up grew to over 3000 individuals standing in line for up to 10 hours to get a second chance in life, with participants ranging from gang members to businessmen. Today, the program is still operating and has grown with acceptance by courts, legislators, educators and the private sector.

According to Jay, the program has experienced a tremendous amount of retooling since the first event. PCS now has a permanent home inside of the county court house, where a packed courtroom awaits monthly court orientations. PCS has a case load of over 300 clients per case manager, with over 18,000 on wait lists to get into the program. PCS has even attracted individuals who have had outstanding warrants for years to return to Portland to surrender, in an effort to change their lives.

A recent example of the far reaching pull of PCS is that of an individual with outstanding warrants from 1999 who drove 2200 miles from Ft. Worth to Portland to surrender to Jay, without any promise of what the DA's office or judges would decide regarding the disposition of these matters.

Project Clean Slate has received both local and national

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recognition, including Portland's highest honor, the "Spirit of Portland" citation, and the Martin Luther King Drum Major for Justice Award. PCS continues to help thousands of individuals become contributing members of society. In addition to clearing criminal records, the program requires that participants attend mandatory Person and Community Responsibility workshops. In 2013, the program will expand to include a new "Boys 2 Men" program, that will focus on at-risk teens to prevent them from beginning a criminal history.

You can find a short informational video about the history and success of Project Clean Slate on You Tube at <http://youtu.be/C2fNb5TrOro> (Project Clean Slate: "The Amazing Story of Second Chances").

For further information see their website at www.projectcleanslate.com or contact Roy Jay at 503-231-2571 or send an email to Roy@ProjectCleanSlate.Com.



Pictured: Roy Jay in Multnomah County Circuit Court conducting Project Clean Slate orientation

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Third Quarter Site Visits Help Foster New Community Prosecution Efforts

An important aspect of the work we do here at APA is to provide direct onsite training and technical assistance to jurisdictions planning or implementing new community prosecution programs. During the most recent quarter, several jurisdictions received such help and have or are on the way to implementing new or expanded programs.

In San Francisco, we were able to provide training to District Attorney George Gascón's new eleven person community prosecution team. Capitalizing on some assistance we gave them last year to launch a pilot program, D.A. Gascón recently expanded the program city wide to all ten of San Francisco's Police Districts. Training the whole team together was a unique opportunity. With a firm foundation in place and an intense interest in evaluating the impacts of their efforts, we expect great things from this initiative and look forward to providing further assistance to them and hearing about how they progress.

In Denver, we were able to assist an expanding community prosecution effort by Denver City Attorney Douglas J. Friednash.

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"COMMUNITY CORNER" HIGHLIGHTS PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CONNECT PROSECUTORS' OFFICES WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ENHANCES COMMUNITY RELATIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN FUTURE ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT KAEMA AKPAN AT KAEMA.AKPAN@APAINC.ORG

While there, we provided training to his two man community prosecution team which originally started with one prosecutor about nine months ago and added a second prosecutor recently. This team is looking at improving public safety and the quality of life of several problem neighborhoods in West Denver and has developed a great tool to track its community prosecution activities and neighborhood problems. During our visit, they benefited from some sage advice from the first and longest serving community prosecutor in the United States, Wayne Pearson, of the Multnomah Prosecutor's Office, who joined me for the visit. Because of Denver's efforts, they are well positioned to assess the impacts of their efforts.

And finally, in Anchorage Alaska, we were able to assist Anchorage Municipal Attorney Daniel A. Wheeler in planning for a future community prosecution effort. That office is exploring the option of reorganizing entirely into a zone community prosecution model. Such a change is a major effort that requires meticulous planning to insure continuing operations as the office paradigm shifts. The Anchorage office is doing a great job at assessing it options, anticipating problems, and gaining critical support from its criminal justice partners. We look forward to giving them further assistance as they continue to plan this initiative.

We would like to thank each of these forward thinking prosecutors for hosting our visits and specifically thank Katy Miller, Director of Policy & Assistant District Attorney, Office of San Francisco, and her community prosecution team in San Francisco; Chris Gaddis and Frank Ingham, Assistant City Attorneys, Office of the City Attorney - City of Denver; and Cynthia Franklin, Municipal Prosecutor and her Criminal Law Division attorneys in Anchorage.

LETTER FROM GREG BERMAN, THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION

Here's a quick report on how the Center for Court Innovation has been grappling with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Like other New York-based organizations, the Center for Court Innovation has numerous staffers who were directly affected by the flooding, including several who have had to evacuate their homes and others who were without power and water for days. Most of us are back to more-or-less normal life at this point.

Unfortunately, the Red Hook Community Justice Center, which is located a stone's throw away from the harbor in southwest Brooklyn, suffered severe damage after five feet of water entered the building. The ground floor is basically a disaster area – trash everywhere, furniture displaced, computers ruined. Among other things, the youth programming area and computer lab will have to be rebuilt from scratch.

Even as we work with the City of New York and the New York State Court System to get the Justice Center back to full strength, we have been attempting to contribute to the restoration of Red Hook. Dozens of Center staffers have spent hours in the cold distributing food to homebound public housing tenants alongside the National Guard, cleaning up Coffey Park, and aiding community groups like the Red Hook Initiative. For more on the Red Hook recovery efforts, visit the Justice Center's blog or follow us on Twitter.

Thanks as always for your interest in our work – and for your patience with us as we work to restore our normal programming.

APA WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE NORFOLK COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON THE OPENING OF ITS 1ST COMMUNITY COLLABORATION CENTER IN NORFOLK, VA

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured: Paul D. Fraim, Mayor of Norfolk alongside Commonwealth's Attorney Greg Underwood and Marcus D. Jones, City Manager.

CA Underwood Extends APA Invitation



Pictured from left to right: Brent Johnson, Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney; Linda Bryant, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney; Steven Jansen, Vice-President Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Greg Underwood, Commonwealth's Attorney; David LaBahn, President, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

Community Collaboration Center: From Vision to Fruition

While attending APA's 6th National Community Prosecution Conference in Washington, D.C., in September 2010, I learned that the APA would provide free assistance to prosecutors' offices seeking to become more proactively engaged in the communities they served. In October 2010, I met with Norfolk's Mayor and City Manager, seeking their support for a prosecutor's office in the community. They responded favorably. In November 2010, a Technical Assistance Request was made to the APA. APA conducted a site visit in January 2011 and presented an Executive Summary to Norfolk's city leaders in June 2011. Norfolk's city leaders enthusiastically and fully embraced the community prosecution concept. APA's Technical Assistance helped bring our vision to fruition with the opening of Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Community Collaboration Center on November 1, 2012.

Thank you APA.

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Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney

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INNOVATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT II

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Center for Court Innovation, will host the Innovations in Criminal Justice Summit II highlighting 10 innovative criminal justice practices.

- Brooklyn's ComALERT (Communities and Law Enforcement Resources Together)
- Denver's Witness Protection Program
- Kentucky's Pretrial Release Program
- Manhattan's Arrest Alert System
- Maricopa County's (Phoenix) Restitution Enforcement Court
- Multnomah County Re-entry Enhancement Coordination (REC) Program
- Philadelphia's Community Based Prosecution Model
- South Dakota's AG 24/7 Sobriety Project
- Stearns County, MN Repeat Felony Domestic Violence Court
- Washington D.C. Community Courts

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