

Welcome to the fourth edition of *NextGen Update*. This newsletter is intended to provide periodic updates on the efforts and progress of the JIS Next Generation case management system project. Other information is posted on the JIS website for the Next Generation Case Management System.

Project Update

Since our last update, the project team has named the new application MiCS (Michigan Court System) to represent one consolidated court application that can be used by all trial court jurisdictions.



NextGen application official name and logo

The project team is focused on completing the Core/Civil phase of the project and implementing MiCS in Berrien County by the end of 2011. In the meantime, Criminal Phase Business Analysis has been postponed. Criminal technical design and development will proceed as there is several months of work to complete before catching up with Criminal Business Analysis.

JIS has implemented over 240 court locations over the years with its current AS400 applications and is very familiar with that production environment and implementation process. -Project Update Cont'd on Page 2-

Implementation Focus Areas

Infrastructure (90% COMPLETE)

Prepare the application and database servers and other hardware and software requirements for the production environment.

MiCS Application (90% COMPLETE)

Stabilize the application by correcting known defects, complete the remaining functionality, and identify and correct performance issues.

Reference Data (60% COMPLETE)

Establish the necessary reference data for the Berrien County implementation.

Data Migration (80% COMPLETE)

Review the migrated data and refine the migration process.

Forms (90% COMPLETE)

Complete the testing of forms.

Reports (40% COMPLETE)

Complete the development and testing of essential reports for implementation.

Testing (ONGOING)

Continue testing the application, forms, and reports. Perform a full system test in a pre-production environment.

Training (PREPARATION STARTING)

Prepare for pre-implementation and implementation training.

Cutover

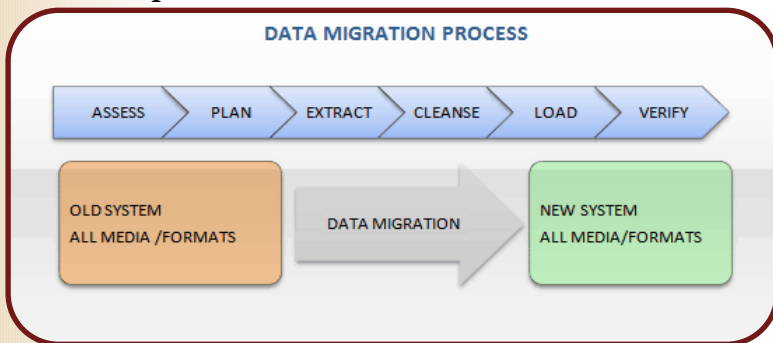
Plan for the actual cutover from the current system to MiCS.

Phases of the Project



Data Migration

An essential part of the NextGen project is the migration of existing court data from their current system to MiCS. The Data Migration team has been developing an automated process to migrate current JIS, Berrien County, and Washtenaw County system data to MiCS. The team is now focused on finalizing the process of migrating Berrien data. Berrien County staff is currently reviewing the data to get discrepancies resolved in preparation for implementation.



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With the new MiCS application, we will have the same tasks to implement a court, however, our processes to ready a court for implementation are now different because of the new production environment. We are working to develop these new processes to ensure a smooth transition to the new application.

To assist in the support of our existing court applications and to allow our current staff to focus on NextGen priorities, we have hired three full-time and one part-time court representatives. We are also in the process of filling two programmer/analyst positions to backfill some staff that have recently retired.

New Application Features

Each edition of the newsletter will introduce a few new features of the MiCS application.

Criminal Ticket Entry

- MiCS will have a separate ticket entry screen to quickly enter multiple violations recorded on a ticket. The system will automatically create separate traffic cases.

Standard Fine and Cost Schedules

- Standard fines and costs may be established for payable offenses as our current district court system allows based on venue and offense.
- In addition, escalations may be added for MPH over limit, number of hours, number of days, accident, or disposition. For example, one speeding offense can be used, but different sets of fines/costs can be established based on MPH over the limit. One 'no proof of insurance' offense can be used but different sets of fines/costs can be established based on disposition (one amount if 'Admit Responsibility', another amount if 'Admit Responsibility with proof').
- These standard fines and costs will be assessed when a disposition is recorded.

Probation Management

- The MiCS Probation module will create a link between the court case and the probation case. Some information will be shared between the two cases but notes and information specific to the probation cases will be kept confidential through security settings.
- Probation staff will be able to monitor progress and compliance on court-ordered programs, community service and screening results. Upon completion of probation conditions, the court case can be updated.
- The calendar and scheduling tools for probation will be similar to those designed for court hearings. Users will be able to schedule Probation Events (i.e., appointments, pre-sentence interviews and drug tests) on probation cases, set up calendar sessions for probation officers and search for open time slots based on event type.
- Supervision-only cases (e.g., from another court) can be entered and then monitored like any other probation case. Additionally, costs can be assessed and payments made on Supervision cases.