



Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Monday, March 12, 2018; 10:30 a.m.
State Bar of Georgia | 3rd Floor Auditorium
104 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Attendees

The following members were present: Judge Charles A. Fuller (Chair), Jacqueline Bunn, Director Clanton, Brian DiNapoli*, Commissioner Dozier, Commissioner Hausman, Joseph Hood, Director Keenan, Scott Maurer, John Mayes, Commissioner Niles*, Jay Sanders, Judge Scales, Director Skandalakis*, Stacey Suber-Drake, Mayor Thornton, Director Tyson, Director Vance*+.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council staff members were present: Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Rachel Kilgore, Kristy Carter, Shontel Wright, Aisha Ford, Samantha Wolf.

The following guests were present: Becky Lee from Barrow Ministry Village and Libby King from Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation.

**Via conference call*

+ Alternate

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Charles A. Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll. Chairman Fuller called for a review of the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting and a motion to approve the minutes. Director Vernon Keenan made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Avery Niles seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

Victim Assistance Grants Committee, *Report by Mr. Joe Hood*

The Victim Assistance Grants Committee met on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The Committee made the following recommendations with the allowance that CJCC staff members be authorized to amend the proposed grant cycles if/when necessary. Please refer to the attached memo for additional details.

Regarding the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the Committee recommended awarding:

1. Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) Statewide Conference - **total \$77,076**
 - a. Speakers for the domestic violence track - \$4,536
 - b. 122 conference scholarships to domestic violence advocates - \$72,540

Regarding the Sexual Assault-Preventive Health Block Grant (PHBG), the Committee recommended the following:

1. GCFV Statewide Conference – **total \$15,634**
 - a. Sexual assault track - \$3,164
 - b. 48 conference scholarships (\$250 each) to sexual assault advocates - \$12,470

Regarding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Committee recommended awarding **\$1,605,751** to be distributed in accordance with federal VAWA allocation requirements:

1. In the area of court services:
 - a. Atlanta Volunteers Lawyer Foundation - \$92,056
 - b. Tapestri, Inc. - \$4,750
 - c. Coweta County State Court Probation - \$0
2. Law enforcement:
 - a. Cherokee County Sheriff's Office - \$50,082
 - b. Fulton County Board of Commissioners (BOC)- \$168,350
 - c. Oconee County BOC - \$67,108
 - d. Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County - \$50,643
3. Victims services:
 - a. Battered Women's Shelter - \$22,680
 - b. Caminar Latino - \$46,841
 - c. NEGA Council on DV - \$50,000
 - d. Raksha, Inc. – \$69,416
 - e. Ser Familia, Inc. – \$145,000
 - f. Sexual Assault Center of NWGA - \$50,000
 - g. Southern Crescent Sexual Assault CAC - \$100,000
 - h. The Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Center - \$37,653
 - i. Twins Cedar Youth and Family Services – Mental Health - \$141,774
 - j. Twins Cedar Youth and Family Services - SANE - \$46,592
 - k. Women's Resource Center - \$61,288
 - l. The Committee recommended denying in full the following applications: ACC Sane, Inc., Christian League for Battered Women, FAITH, Family Crisis Center of WDCC Counties, Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc., Georgia Legal Service, GNEGA, Harmony House, House of Hope, International Women's House, Lily Pad Sane Center, NOOR Family Services, Peace Place – Staffing, Peace Place – Teen

Advocate, Peace Place – No Narrative, Rape Crisis of the Coastal Empire, Satilla Health Foundation, and The Bridge of Tiftarea, Inc.

- m. The Committee recommended funding for new prosecution offices through discretionary funding, with a cap of \$50,000 applied to each new office. Offices recommended for an award of \$50,000 were: Chatham County BOC, Cobb County BOC, Douglas County BOC, Lowndes County BOC, Macon-Bibb BOC, and Towaliga Judicial Circuit. Applications recommended for denial were: Cherokee County BOC, Clayton County BOC, Crisp County BOC, DeKalb County BOC, Dougherty County BOC, Douglas County BOC, Oconee County BOC, Paulding County BOC, Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, and Wayne County BOC
4. The Committee recommended awarding the remaining discretionary funding (\$101,518) to the GCFV.

Regarding the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), the Committee recommended awarding **\$715,000** in funds to focus on projects of higher priority such as rural areas, campus services, and innovative supportive services. The funds awarded are recommended to be distributed as follows:

1. ACC SANE - \$61,546
2. Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. - \$118,797
3. The Gateway Center, Inc. - \$167,463
4. The Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Center - \$64,273
5. Rape Response, Inc. - \$63,199
6. The Cottage- Bi-lingual Advocate - \$54,027
7. North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network - \$30,068
8. liveSAFE Resources - \$67,606
9. International Women's House - \$55,848
10. Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center - \$32,173
11. The Committee recommended denying in full the following applications: Center for Victims of Torture, Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center, House of Hope, Rape Crisis of the Coastal Empire, Satilla Health Foundation, The Cottage – Rural Advocate, The Greenhouse CAC and SAC, and Tifton Judicial Circuit.

Regarding the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the Committee recommended awarding **\$144,480** to help cover the cost of equipment not covered by VAWA and SASP programs. The Committee also recommended the following for appeals and reconsiderations:

1. Appeals
 - a. Douglas County Task Force (CAC) – \$96,878
 - b. Atlanta Volunteers Lawyer Foundation – no additional funding
 - c. KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) - \$209,527
2. Reconsiderations
 - a. Wellspring Living (HT)– eligible to apply for continuation award of \$299,990
 - b. Center for Victims of Torture - eligible to apply for continuation award of \$100,000
 - c. Open Door Children Home – \$223,875

- d. Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance (SOWEGA) - \$53,102

Chairman Fuller called for a motion on the recommendations of the Victim Assistance Grants Committee. Mr. Hood made the motion to approve all recommendations, and Commissioner Greg Dozier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee, Report by Mr. Robert Thornton

Mr. Thornton shared with the Council the Criminal Justice Grants Committee's recommendation regarding Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funds. Available funding totaled \$82,075, and one application was received from the Newton County Sheriff's Office (NCSO). Therefore, staff recommends that \$47,000 be awarded to the NCSO for one year to implement a program that will address drug-related crimes. Staff also recommend that, provided the availability of funds, Newton County be eligible to apply for one continuation award of \$47,000.

Chairman Fuller called for a motion on the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Grants Committee. Director Bryan Tyson made the motion to approve, and Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agency Report, Report by Director Jay Neal

Director Jay Neal extended a welcome to the Council and thanked them for their continuous service in the state of Georgia. Division Directors Robert Thornton and Aisha Ford then shared updates from their respective divisions. Mr. Thornton gave an update on the Federal Byrne JAG award and the expected expiration date of funding for June 30, 2018. Subgrantees have been notified, and staff members are currently applying for other federal grant awards. Next, Ms. Aisha Ford shared an update from the Victims Compensation Division (VCD). She shared that all staff went through a customer service training and explained how Director Neal is conducting 1-to-2 meetings. She reported that staff continues to be extremely productive: receiving 12,515 applications and processing \$13.7 million in claims payments thus far in the current fiscal year. VCD continues to focus on two main goals: expanding their reach and strengthening their foundation. They do so by conducting numerous Victims Compensation 101 regional trainings.

Adjourn

Chairman Fuller asked for any questions or comments from Council members and members of the audience. Director Cynthia Clanton expressed that the Administrative Office of the Courts enjoys its continued partnership with CJCC. Chairman Fuller also expressed his gratitude to CJCC staff and leadership for their work and the information provided to the Council. Chairman Fuller adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.