

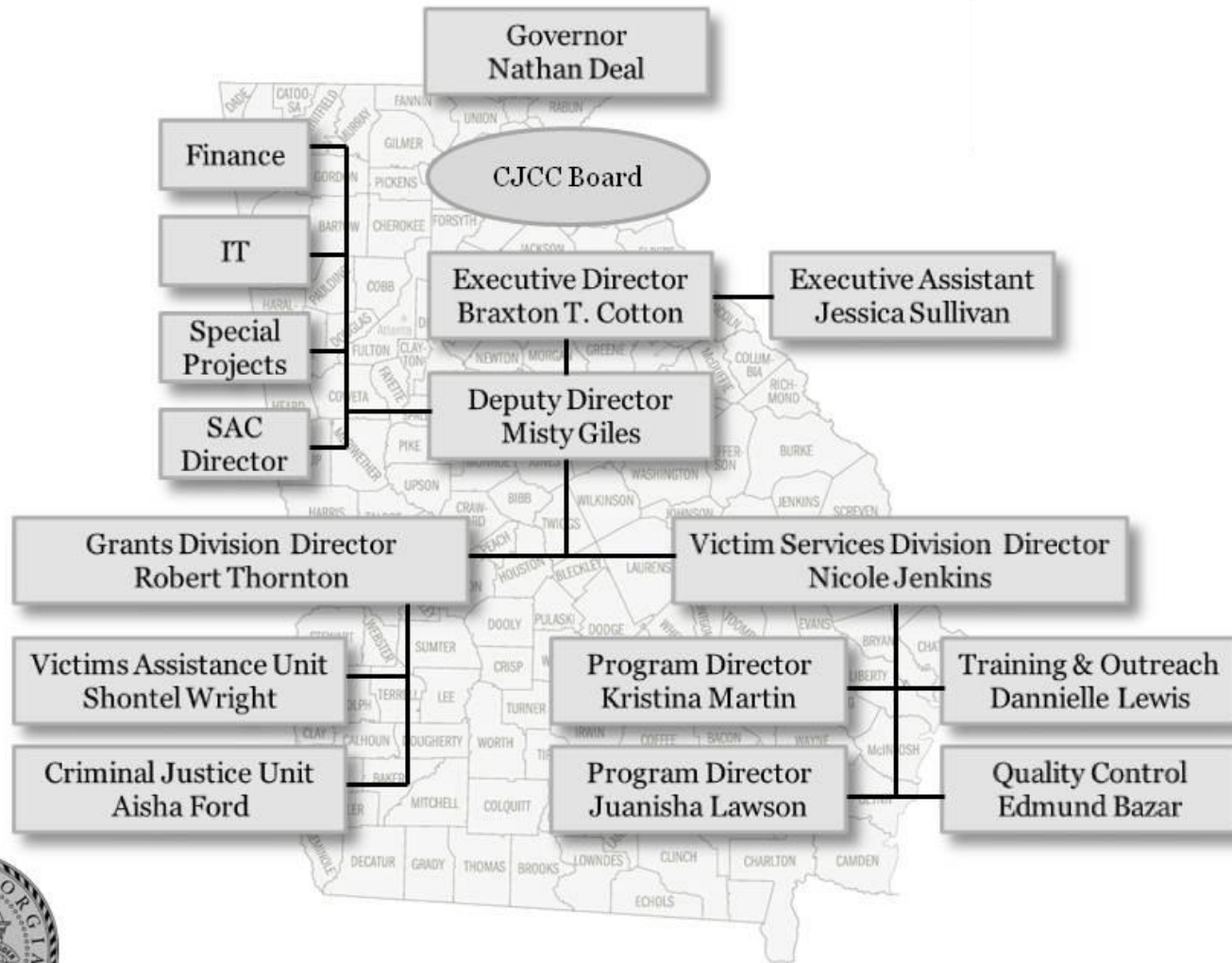
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

**Metro-Atlanta Regional Forum
April 2-3, 2013**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

- ▶ Created in 1981 to establish a statewide agency that would build consensus and unity among the state's criminal justice system.
- ▶ **Statewide Coordination:**
 - ▶ Convene stakeholders
 - ▶ Clearinghouse for CJ information and research
 - ▶ Advise and develop policy proposals
 - ▶ Serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor on CJ issues
- ▶ **Serving Georgia's Victims:**
 - ▶ Crime Victims Bill of Rights
 - ▶ Crime Victims Compensation Program
- ▶ **State Administering Agency:**
 - ▶ Administers and manages federal grant programs from the Department of Justice.

CJCC Organization



Grants & Policy Division

Grants & Policy Division

- ▶ CJCC is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for Office of Justice Programs federal grant programs.
- ▶ FFY 2008 – FFY 2012: 27 funding streams, totaling \$138 million; issuing more than 1,400 grant awards across the state.
- ▶ Funds from federal and state grants are awarded to local governments, state agencies and non-profits all supporting the State's criminal justice system.
- ▶ New initiatives:
 - ▶ Accountability Court Grant Program
 - ▶ Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program
 - ▶ HB 349 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform

Federal Grant Programs

- ▶ **Criminal Justice Services**
 - ▶ Capital Case Litigation Initiative
 - ▶ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
 - ▶ Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
 - ▶ Project Safe Neighborhoods
 - ▶ Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners
 - ▶ State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
 - ▶ Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- ▶ **Victim Services**
 - ▶ Sexual Assault Services Program
 - ▶ S.T.O.P Violence Against Women
 - ▶ Victim of Crime Act Victim's Assistance
 - ▶ Safe Havens

State Grant Programs

Accountability Courts

- ▶ Recommendation from the Governor's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform (*2011 Report*).
- ▶ Appropriated (FY 2013 and FY 2014) \$11.6M to CJCC to support existing accountability courts and the creation of new accountability courts across Georgia.
- ▶ CJCC serves as the fiscal agent over the grant program and works in partnership with the Accountability Court Funding Committee.
- ▶ FY 2013 Awards:
 - ▶ Total Awards Issued: 103
 - Felony Drug Court Awards: 65
 - DUI/Family/Juvenile Court Awards: 38
 - DOC Pilot Project – “DRC Lite”
- ▶ FY 2014 RFP issued - Due April 8th, 2013

State Grant Programs

Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program

- ▶ Recommendation from the Governor's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform (*2012 Report*).
- ▶ In the FY 2014 budget, CJCC was appropriated \$5M to support local evidenced-based juvenile justice incentive programs, providing more programming to Georgia's youth and reducing the number of commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- ▶ CJCC will serve as the fiscal agent over the grant fund and work in partnership with the Juvenile Justice Funding Committee and Governor's Office for Children and Families.

Statistical Analysis Center

Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)

- ▶ Established as a component of CJCC in 1992 to support the planning and development of research, strategies and policy initiatives to improve the criminal justice system in Georgia.
- ▶ Funded through the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a division of US Department of Justice, as well as is supported by the Justice Research and Statistics Association.
- ▶ Core Functions:
 - ▶ Conduct and disseminate statistical analysis on the CJ system and its component agencies;
 - ▶ Coordinate and conduct research projects on CJ issues;
 - ▶ Conduct needs assessments and related research to support the CJCC planning process;
 - ▶ Conduct evaluations of federal and state grant-funded projects and programs and monitor the performance of grant recipients.

Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)

▶ Current Projects:

- ▶ Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Evaluation
- ▶ State Drug Enforcement Strategy and Needs Assessment
- ▶ Coastal State Prison Evaluation
- ▶ Data Usage Agreements

▶ Past Research Projects:

- ▶ Criminal Justice System Informatics Analysis (2008)
- ▶ Georgia Automated Protective Order Registry (2005)
- ▶ Georgia Sexual Assault Survey Project (2000)
- ▶ Informing Crime Control Strategies with Criminal Career Research (2001)
- ▶ Performance Measurement for VOCA and VAWA Sub-grantees (2007)
- ▶ Sexual Assault Offender Accountability in Georgia (2000)
- ▶ The Impact of Meth on Georgia (2006)

Victim Services Division

Victim Services Division

- ▶ Administers the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program:
 - ▶ Program aids crime victims and their families through the emotional and physical aftermath of a crime.
 - ▶ Provides financial benefits for expenses such as medical bills, loss of wages, funeral expenses, counseling and crime scene clean-up.
 - ▶ Fund also supports victims of sexual assault by providing forensic medical examinations at no cost to the victim.
- ▶ Division also administers other programs aiding victims in Georgia:
 - ▶ DUI Memorial Fund
 - ▶ Victims Unclaimed Restitution
 - ▶ Advocate Service Program
 - ▶ Officers Initiative

Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund

Victims Compensation

▶ Benefits:

- ▶ Medical/Dental up to \$15,000
- ▶ Economic Support up to \$10,000
- ▶ Counseling up to \$3,000
- ▶ Funeral up to \$3,000
- ▶ Crime Scene Clean Up up to \$1,500

▶ FY 2012:

- ▶ Total Victims Compensation Applications Received: 3,977
- ▶ Total Victims Compensation Payouts: \$14,836,436.49

▶ FY 2013:

- ▶ Total Victims Compensation Applications Received: 3,857
- ▶ Total Victims Compensation Payouts: \$17,139,734.81

Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund

Forensic Medical Exams (FME)

- ▶ Victims of sexual assault are entitled to a forensic medical examination, even if they choose not to participate in the criminal justice process.
- ▶ Providers in the state of Georgia bill CJCC directly for all expenses related to the forensic medical examination, up to \$1,000 per victim.
- ▶ FY 2012:
 - ▶ Total FME Applications Received: 1,572
 - ▶ Total FME Payouts: \$845,350.43
- ▶ FY 2013:
 - ▶ Total FME Applications Received: 2,880
 - ▶ Total FME Payouts: \$2,040,159.33

DUI Memorial Fund

- ▶ The next of kin to a DUI homicide victim may apply to CJCC to have a memorial sign placed at the crash site.
- ▶ Requirements:
 - ▶ DUI homicide must have occurred in Georgia on a state highway.
 - ▶ Applicants must provide a signed application, a police report with the victim's name, and a copy of the death certificate.
 - ▶ The sign stays for 5 years from the date in which it is erected and then it is given to the family member that requested the sign.

Victims Unclaimed Restitution

- ▶ Collecting agencies such as Department of Corrections, Department of Justice, State or Superior courts hold the funds for 2 years.
- ▶ If the owner does not claim the funds, they are transferred to CJCC's Victims Compensation Program.
- ▶ The Victims Compensation Program holds the funds for an additional 3 years:
 - ▶ If the owner wishes to claim the funds, they must submit a claim form to the Department of Revenue.
 - ▶ After the allotted time frame, if the owner does not claim the funds, they become part of the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund.

Officer Initiative

- ▶ CJCC Victim Services Division contacts the associated Law Enforcement Agency when officers lose their life or are injured as a result of a violent crime during the performance of their duties.
- ▶ A representative from that Law Enforcement Agency facilitates the application process for officers and/or their families.
- ▶ Officers and the surviving family members may be eligible for assistance with expenses:
 - ▶ Medical
 - ▶ Counseling
 - ▶ Funeral
 - ▶ Crime Scene Clean-Up
 - ▶ Economic Support

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