



## Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Monday, March 18, 2019; 10:30 a.m.  
State Bar of Georgia; 104 Marietta St. NW  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium

### Attendees

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The following members were present: Judge Charles A. Fuller (Chairman), Joseph Hood (Vice Chairman), Ms. Nicole Berger, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Director Cynthia Clanton, Mr. Brian DiNapoli\*, Sheriff Ron Freeman, Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer, Commissioner Avery Niles, Assistant Commissioner Jay Sanders, Judge Juliette Scales\*, Director Pete Skandalakis\*, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake\*, Commissioner Timothy C. Ward, Chief Judge Brenda Weaver, and Chairman Jerry Willis\*.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present: Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Samantha Wolf, Kristy Carter, Danielle Mummaw.

The following guests were present: Lalaine Briones, PAC; Kimberly Daniels, AG's Office; and Chris Hosey, GBI.

\*Via conference call

### Welcome and Call to Order

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Chairman Judge Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and Ms. Danielle Mummaw called the roll. Chairman Fuller called for a review of the minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting. Chief Judge Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Niles seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### Victim Assistance Grants Committee Recommendations, *Mr. Joe Hood*

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The Victim Assistance Grants Committee met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The Committee made the following recommendations for the Council's review and consideration:

Regarding the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Formula Grant Program, the Committee recommended the release of \$7,210,506 for new projects and one-time costs for the following delayed action items, appeals, and contingency plan:

1. Delayed Action – Total \$414,023
  - a. United Way of Greater Atlanta - \$210,050

- b. PAC (Bulloch County Solicitor General's Office) - \$0
  - c. Georgia CASA - \$203,973
2. Appeals – Total \$1,086,931
- a. Atlanta Victim Assistance (AVA) - \$176,112
  - b. Ben Hill County Sheriff's Office (BHCSO) - \$63,500
  - c. Coweta CASA - \$33,552
  - d. Georgia Center for Child Advocacy (GCCA) - \$167,639
  - e. NE GA Council on DV - \$22,880
  - f. Project ReNewal - \$36,516
  - g. Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services (RCSAC) (University Health Services) - \$83,200
  - h. Safe Homes of Augusta - \$10,200
  - i. Ser Familia - \$37,500
  - j. Sexual Assault Support Center - \$55,228
  - k. SHARE House - \$91,506
  - l. Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center and Child Advocacy Center - \$71,928
  - m. Emanuel County Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc. - \$15,499
  - n. Brooks County BOC – Victim Witness Assistance Program - \$17,782
  - o. Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia - \$77,332
  - p. Harmony house Domestic Violence Shelter - \$97,757
  - q. The Green House - \$28,800
  - r. The Committee recommended denying in full the following applications: Community Family Violence Prevention Initiative, Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, and PADV.
3. Contingency Plan – Total \$5,709,552
- a. Atlanta Volunteers Lawyers Foundation (AVLF) - \$234,305
  - b. Atlanta Legal Aid - \$139,057
  - c. Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) - \$107,579
  - d. Family Justice Center Set Aside Increase - \$300,000
  - e. Mosaic Georgia, Inc. - \$100,00
  - f. Transitional House Projects (DV Housing First – Women Moving On - \$200,000
  - g. Transitional Housing Projects (Georgia Mountain Women's Center) - \$50,000
  - h. Forensic Medical Onsite Programs – Sexual Assault Support Center and WINGS - \$172,415
  - i. CASA Capacity Building – Coordinator Positions (20) - \$969,220
  - j. CAC Capacity Building – Additional Positions (19) - \$920,759
  - k. Training Funds Set Aside for Victim Service Providers (Consultants, Conferences, GA Victim Assistance Academy, Capacity Building, Stabilization, Best Practices) - \$250,000
  - l. Trauma Recovery Center - \$700,000
  - m. Services for Unserved/Underserved Populations (Disabled Victims) - \$50,000
  - n. Emergency Client Assistance Funds - \$50,000
  - o. Emergency Client Assistance Funds - \$100,000
  - p. DHS – Division of Aging (Statewide Regional Support Project) - \$300,000

- q. PAC - \$466,217
- r. Georgia Legal Services Program - \$200,000
- s. CJCC Administered Project for designated Juvenile Courts - \$400,000
- t. The Committee recommended denying in full the following applications: New Agencies, GCADV, and PAC

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

- 1. Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) Statewide Conference – Total \$69,240
  - a. Speakers for the domestic violence track - \$4,500
  - b. Conference scholarships (\$260 each) to 122 domestic violence advocates, 48 DFCS staff, 49 DCS officers, and 30 law enforcement personnel - \$64,740

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

- 1. GCFV Statewide Conference – Total \$24,780
  - a. Speakers for the sexual assault track - \$4,500
  - b. Conference scholarships (\$260 each) to 48 sexual assault advocates and 30 community partners - \$20,280

Mr. Joe Hood made the motion to approve all recommendations, and Commissioner Jay Sanders seconded the motion. Ms. Jacquelin Bunn and Director Cynthia Clanton abstained from the portion approving any grants on the Commission of Family Violence due to membership in the Commission. Similarly, Ms. Nicole Berger abstained from the portion approving any grants to the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy. Mr. Joe Hood noted that Director Skandalakis would recuse himself for anything pertaining to PAC. The motion carried.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee Recommendations, Mr. Robert Thornton

The Criminal Justice Grants Committee met on March 11, 2019. Mr. Robert Thornton shared that, due to language in the 2016 Executive Order, the Funding Committee responsible for overseeing the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (JJIG) Program ceased to exist on January 1, 2019. He shared that, as a result, the JJIG Program would now fall under the responsibility of the Criminal Justice Grants Committee, but that all Funding Committee members will continue to be invited to those meetings to serve in an advisory capacity. Augusta-Richmond County requested \$110,250 and Chatham County requested \$50,000 in additional JJIG funds. The Committee recommended that the Chatham County be awarded the amount of \$50,000 and to table August-Richmond’s request due to implementation issues related to provider contracts.

The Council of Juvenile Court Judges (CJCJ) requested \$150,000 of their current JDEX Contract to convert the JCATS platform from .COM to .NET and cover associated expenses. After the Committee recommended to approve the request, more information became available to staff that suggests this may not be enough to fund that, but, in the meantime, they have been requested to approve \$50,000 to Coweta Judicial Circuit to fund the conversion of JCATS in two of their counties, \$10,000 for the contract with Canyon to add additional fields, and defer the

remainder and approve an extension of the grant award to CJCJ for September 30, 2020 so the contract with Canyon can also be extended.

CJCC staff have received requests from drug task force commanders requesting a change to the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) policy that allow multijurisdictional drug task forces to only budget for personnel expenses. The request is to allow task forces to also include operating expenses in their budgets. The Committee reviewed staff recommendations and recommends to the Council that the policy be changed.

Mr. Thornton shared that, due to federal funding increases, CJCC will have approximately \$400,000 in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Program Funding to award to new or expanding projects later this year. Staff will work with grantees and partners to determine needs and make recommendations at the next Criminal Justice Grants Committee meeting.

Mr. Hood made a motion to approve all recommendations; Commissioner Niles seconded, and the motion carried.

#### Administrative Rules – Victims Compensation (Initial Adoption), *Mr. Robert Thornton*

Over the past year, the Victims Compensation Board has been reviewing possible changes to the administrative rules in an effort to clarify them as they apply to the Compensation Board. Mr. Robert Thornton shared that the following changes had been made to the rules.

The first change was the deletion of definitions for financial hardships and healthcare coverage. The reason for this change was that they were not used consistently throughout the rules, and if they are used, there are references surrounding the use to help clarify what is meant. In addition, financial hardship was used in statutes as they apply to the crime victim(s) and not to a loss of support.

Other deleted sections included a portion concerning reviews by the Board as well as clarification of the section covering unclaimed restitution. The rules required that indirect injuries be brought before the Board. The Board removed this requirement, stating that it fell under policy and not administrative rules.

Due to the new online claims management system, the Board updated the sections concerning some processes for applications. In the section concerning applications and decisions by the director, there was a requirement that applications come in with an original signature. However, that section was removed as they no longer require an original signature to come to the Council with applications. In addition, for the disposition and review of claims, it was required that all decisions of the Board be made in writing and sent via U.S. Mail. That language was removed since the new system allows them to be sent via email. In addition, the Board removed a section under unclaimed restitution that described the process of partnering with the department of revenue and their unclaimed property division. This is due to the fact that unclaimed restitution is handled on CJCC's website and not by using the system with the department of revenue.

The Board also made changes to the language throughout the rules. In the section concerning lost wages and loss of support, the Board added language to help clarify where staff can approve payment for lost wages and where the Board has discretion to approve claims where staff does

not have that leeway. Under counseling, they added language to explain counseling benefits, particularly for survivors and children. Clarifying language was also added to the section of FME eligibility regarding the requirement of the law enforcement verification form. In the past, the form was required anytime an FME was done on a minor, but with the new language it is only done when staff requires or contacts a provider that needs the form. In addition, under the old language, CJCC could not pay for an FME if a child was in state custody. That language was changed, and now only prohibits paying for an FME if someone is state custody at DJJ at the time of sexual assault.

Sheriff Ron Freeman made the motion to approve all changes to the Administrative Rules; Ms. Jacquelin Bunn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### Agency Reports

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Director Jay Neal extended a welcome to the Council and turned to Mr. Thornton for updates from his divisions. Mr. Thornton explained that CJCC is administering the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program on behalf of all three US Attorney's Offices this year. This is the first year that CJCC has had all three offices and the first year PSN has come back for the states to administer. In addition, the JJIG application for the next fiscal year was released and the new grants management system – intelligrants – will hopefully be in operation the following week, allowing agencies to submit those applications online.

Director Neal then turned to Ms. Kristy Carter for updates from her division. Ms. Carter shared the promotions of Ms. Natalie Williams, Ms. Amy Hutsell, and Mr. Jonathan Peart to program directors within the division. She also shared that the division held an intelligrants webinar training and that they had applied for two formula and one competitive grant. She finished with sharing that First Lady Kemp would be attending the Quarterly Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting the following month.

Director Neal thanked the Council for the work and commitment to the work that they do as well as their guidance. He then thanked the staff for all of the hard work they do and shared with the Council the new Council Handbook that was completed. He recognized and thanked Mr. Chris Hosey from GBI for coming out and congratulated Deputy Director Lalaine Brinous on her new position as Deputy Director at PAC. He finished by noting that grants season is in full swing and recognizing Ms. Samantha Wolf for all the work she does during the legislative session.

### Adjourn

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Chairman Fuller thanked members of the Council for taking the time to attend the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.