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Minutes of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE | East Tower, 8th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334

Members Present

Judge Charles A. Fuller
Nicole Berger
Jacqueline Bunn
Director Cynthia Clanton
Brian DiNapoli*
Sonja Fillingame
Commissioner Hausmann*
Joe Hood
Director Keenan+
Scott Maurer
Commissioner Niles*
Jay Sanders*
Judge Scales
Chief Shields
Pete Skandalakis
Director Spahos
Stacey Suber-Drake
Director Bryan Tyson
Thomas Worthy*

Staff Present

Director Jay Neal
Robert Thornton
Rachel Kilgore
Aisha Ford
Kristy Carter
Shontel Wright
Samantha Wolf
Jonathan Peart
Michelle Anderson
Erwin Coleman
Robyn Bryant
Nikitris Deloach
Ursula Kelley
Cassandra Webster
Michelle Smith
Cynthia Valdez
Shamikki Gammons
Morgan Sanborn

Guests

Christina Thomas, Kids in Need of Defense
Kimberly Daniel, AG's Office
Jennifer King, GA CASA
Michael O'Connor, Fulton County
Fakila Khen; Noor Family Services
Chama Ibrahim, Noor Family Services
Alton Gill, Tabitha's House
Allen Gill, Tabitha's House
Barbara Hogan, Douglas County Task Force

**Via conference call*

+ Alternate

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Charles A. Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., and Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll. Chairman Fuller called for a review of the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting and a motion to approve the minutes. Director Bryan Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Joe Hood seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

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

The Victim Assistance Grants Committee met on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Regarding the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program, the Committee recommended increasing the continuation award for Prosecuting Attorneys' Council by \$17,945 for an award total of \$158,590. In regards to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program the Committee recommended increasing the continuation award for Georgia Commission on Family Violence by \$21,273 for an award total of \$81,273.

The Committee also made the following recommendations regarding the Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Formula Grant Program: **Please see attached spreadsheets for competitive recommendation award amounts.*

1. Recommendations for delayed actions:
 - a. Deny competitive application #'s 24, 27, 71, 104, 111, 112, 115;
 - b. Delay Action on applications #/s 31, 169; and
 - c. Fund the remaining applications at the amount recommended by staff.
2. Award Recommendations for Appeals and Reconsiderations
 - a. Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. (DV) - \$278,288
 - b. Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. (SA) - \$103,295
 - c. Securus House - \$76,963
 - d. Friends of the Greenhouse - \$62,196
 - e. F.A.I.T.H. - \$77,538
 - f. Southern Crescent - \$299,147
 - g. Four Points, Inc. - \$13,517
 - h. Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance, Inc. - Applicant applied for \$53,102 to support portions of a CHINS Truancy Officer, CHINS Program Coordinator, and the CEO/Executive Director. The Committee recommends delaying further action pending an MOU with DFCS.
 - i. Prevent Child Abuse Habersham - \$133,117
 - j. Tapestri - \$150,000
 - k. GAIN - \$182,770
 - l. Barrow Ministry Village - \$111,208.
 - m. Sexual Assault Center of NW Georgia, Inc. - \$58,413; this application was not presented at the previous meeting. Staff has reviewed the application and the

Committee recommends funding this CAC/SAC project in Polk County at \$58,413. It is a collaborative project with Harbor House.

Finally, the Victim Assistance Grants Committee made two final recommendations to the Council:

1. The Committee recommends that CJCC contract with a consultant to assist with victim service providers best practices and nonprofit capacity building. The consultant will assist with victim service providers that CJCC deems need specialized technical assistance to assist in sustaining the specialized services in the community. The consultant would be paid at a rate no higher than \$80/hour and no more than \$25,000 annually per each individual contractor.
2. A standards committee and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council have worked in partnership to create certification standards for Adult Human Trafficking Victim Residential Providers. These standards ensure quality services are delivered to the state's victims of sex trafficking. Two peer review sessions were held on March 22, 2017 and May 25, 2017. CJCC staff will conduct annual site visits, now utilizing certification standards for Adult Human Trafficking Victim Residential Providers to ensure compliance. The committee recommends that Council adopt the Certification Standards for Adult Human Trafficking Victim Residential Providers.

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 Mr. Spahos 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 recommendations regarding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG). The State of Georgia's Byrne award for 2017 is \$5,163,636, a \$150,856 decrease from the state's 2016 award of \$5,314,492. Due to the amount of funding available, staff recommended continuing the Byrne JAG subawards for Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Agencies and State Byrne-JAG Projects in accordance with the following maximum allocations or the fiscal agent's current funding level:

1. Drug Task Force Agencies - TOTAL of \$2,875,004
 - a) Athens-Clarke County - \$139,461
 - b) Baldwin County - \$151,896
 - c) City of Carrollton (Regional DTF) - \$353,413
 - d) Crisp County - \$66,927
 - e) Dawson County - \$112,204
 - f) Dodge County - \$151,896
 - g) City of Metter (Regional DTF) - \$357,610
 - h) Georgia Department of Public Safety - \$352,199
 - i) Haralson County - \$172,432
 - j) Irwin County - \$147,186
 - k) City of Lafayette - \$152,838

- l) Pickens County - \$159,055
 - m) Upson County - \$111,766
 - n) White County (Regional DTF) - \$446,121
 - o) Appalachian DTF (White County) recently absorbed Franklin DTF agency and has requested Franklin's previous allocation of \$86,709 to cover this territory. Staff recommends allowing the DTF to utilize these funds to expand operations accordingly.
2. State Byrne JAG Projects – TOTAL of \$634,964
- a) Georgia Information and Statistical Analysis Center (GISAC) - \$219,096
 - b) Georgia Public Safety Training Center - \$415,868

Chairman Fuller called for a motion on the recommendations of the Criminal Justice Grants Committee. Director Chuck Spahos made the motion to approve all recommendations, and Ms. Nicole Berger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agency Report, Report by Director Jay Neal

Director Jay Neal extended a welcome to the Council and introduced Ms. Aisha Ford as the new Victims Compensation Division Director. He then shared with the Council CJCC's progress with the State Charitable Contributions program; the agency has exceeded its goal and raised nearly \$2,000 for charity. Additionally, CJCC has recently launched its Victims Compensation Division pilot portal and has received much positive feedback.

Adjourn

Chairman Fuller asked for any questions or comments from Council members and members of the audience. Ms. Fillingame thanked and congratulated the staff for their work with the new Victims Portal. Director Spahos shared that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Council as he would be transitioning to a new role. Chairman Fuller thanked Director Spahos for his exceptional leadership and service to the Council. He then adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.