



Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Wednesday, December 05, 2018; 10:00 a.m.
State Bar of Georgia; 104 Marietta St. NW
3rd Floor Conference Room A

Attendees

The following members were present: Judge Charles A. Fuller (Chairman), Joseph Hood (Vice Chairman), Nicole Berger, Director Homer Bryson, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Director Cynthia Clanton, Brian DiNapoli, Ms. Sonja Fillingame, Sheriff Ron Freeman, Commissioner Hausmann*, Director Sam Heaton, Director Vernon Keenan, Scott Maurer, Commissioner Avery Niles*, Jay Sanders, Judge Juliette Scales, Chief Erika Shields, Director Pete Skandalakis+, and Chief Judge Brenda Weaver.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present: Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Rachel Kilgore, Kristy Carter, Samantha Wolf, Nathan Branscome, and Aisha Ford.

The following guests were present: Kimberly Daniels, AG's Office; Rita Davis-Cannon, PAC; and Kathy Kemp, PAC.

**Via conference call
+ Alternate*

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Judge Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll. Chairman Fuller called for a review of the minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting. Director Vernon Keenan made a motion to approve the minutes; Director Cynthia Clanton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

The Victim Assistance Grants Committee met on Monday, December 3, 2018, and made recommendations outlined in the Committee memorandum attached (see Appendix A). Mr. Joe Hood gave a detailed description of the award recommendations for the 162 applications from

programs that currently receive a grant from CJCC and 25 from new programs. Commissioner Avery Niles made a motion to accept all recommendations as presented, and Ms. Sonja Fillingame seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding Recommendations, Mr. Robert Thornton

Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force Agencies- In anticipation of the state Byrne (JAG) award funds being released, staff issued a solicitation for applications for existing local projects on October 16, 2018. Mr. Robert Thornton presented staff funding recommendations for applications that were submitted by the November 19, 2018 deadline. Based on the amount of available funding, staff recommended awards based on the maximum allocations amount as approved and implemented by the Council in previous funding cycles. These amounts also correspond to the drug task force (DTF) agencies' current funding levels. Staff recommended making continuation awards to each of the multi-jurisdictional DTF agencies and k-9 units as listed below:

- Athens-Clarke County - \$139,461
- Baldwin County - \$151,896
- Carrollton, City of (Regional DTF) - \$353,413
- Crisp County - \$66,927
- Dawson County - \$112,204
- Dodge County - \$151,896
- Metter, City of (Regional DTF) - \$357,610
- Georgia Department of Public Safety - \$352,199
- Haralson County - \$172,432
- Irwin County - \$147,186
- Lafayette, City of - \$152,838
- Pickens County - \$159,055
- Upson County - \$111,766
- White County (Regional DTF) - \$446,121

State Byrne JAG- CJCC staff also released a continuation grant solicitation on October 16, 2018, for state projects. Two agencies submitted applications, and staff recommended making continuation awards to each of the following state-based projects: the Georgia Information and Sharing Analysis Center in the amount of \$219,096 and to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in the amount of \$414,483.

Additional Byrne JAG Recommendations- The Council had previously awarded \$2,600,000 to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to support a gang intelligence platform. The total cost of the project is \$3,000,000, but there was not adequate funding available at the time to fully support it. Therefore, staff was now recommending an additional award of \$400,000 be made to the GBI to support this project. Staff also recommended awarding \$250,000 to the GBI to implement the Rap Back project as passed by the Georgia General Assembly through SB 336. Their final recommendation was to allocate \$200,000 for a Southwest Regional Drug Task Force. While the Pataula Drug Task Force closed its doors in October 2017, staff believes a regional task force would have a better chance of success due to its strong partnerships between state and local agencies

as well as the expanded coverage area. This regional task force could also be co-located with a regional GBI office which would also contribute to its potential success.

After hearing all staff recommendations, Director Homer Bryson made a motion to adopt the recommendations as presented. Ms. Jacqueline Bunn seconded, and the motion carried.

Agency Reports

Director Jay Neal thanked the Council for their service and the partnerships they represent. He recognized Chief Judge Weaver, Sheriff Ron Freeman, and Director Sam Heaton for their first in-person Council meeting and thanked them for being willing to serve. Director Neal then turned to Mr. Thornton, Ms. Samantha Wolf, Mr. Nathan Branscome, Ms. Kristy Carter, and Ms. Aisha Ford, who each presented brief division updates.

Adjourn

Chairman Fuller asked for any questions or comments from Council members or members of the public. With none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.