



Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Wednesday, September 19, 2018; 11:00 a.m.
Conference Call 1-800-250-2600

Attendees

The following members were present: Joseph Hood (Vice Chairman), Jacqueline Bunn*, Director Clanton*, Brian DiNapoli*, Commissioner Dozier*, Director Keenan+*, Scott Maurer+*, Commissioner Avery Niles*, Jay Sanders*, Director Pete Skandalakis*, Stacey Suber-Drake*, Chairman Jerry Willis*.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council staff members were present: Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Rachel Kilgore, Kristy Carter, Samantha Wolf, Stefanie Lopez-Howard, and Stephanie Mikkelsen.

**Via conference call*
+ Alternate

Welcome and Call to Order

Vice Chairman Joe Hood called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m., and Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll. Mr. Hood called for a review of the minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Avery Niles made a motion to approve the minutes, Director Cynthia Clanton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Agency Reports

Director Jay Neal thanked the Council for their service and recognized two new members: Sheriff Ron Freeman and Chairman Jerry Willis. Director Neal then turned to Deputy Director Steven Hatfield who shared that the CJCC had recently undergone an internal restructure. The previous Grants and Policy Division has now been split into two divisions: the Victim Assistance Division, with Ms. Kristy Carter serving as the Division Director, and the Justice and Compliance Division, with Mr. Robert Thornton serving as the Division Director.

Ms. Carter presented the following recommendations to the Council regarding the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program: 1) A continuation award totaling \$158,590 to be awarded to the Prosecuting Attorneys Council (PAC) and 2) a continuation award totaling \$130,600 to be awarded to the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV). Mr. Hood called for a vote on these recommendations. Director Skandalakis abstained from voting as the recommendations include an award to PAC. Commissioner Niles made a motion to approve the two recommendations, Commissioner Dozier seconded, and the motion passed.

Ms. Carter then presented updates on appeals and delayed action items. Appeals were received by the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN), the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF), and Four Points, Inc after decisions were made regarding the VOCA supplemental application for onetime costs. Delay action items involved the MACOSH Healing Network and the Christian League for Battered Women. Because the maximum amount of funding had been obligated through the current VOCA award, staff recommended that each organization pursue possible funding through the upcoming FY18 VOCA competitive application process. Mr. Hood called for a vote on these recommendations. Director Skandalakis made a motion to approve, Mr. Sanders seconded, and the motion passed.

Lastly, Ms. Carter made the following announcements:

- 1) The Department of Audits and Accounts has announced a special examination of domestic violence shelter and sexual assault center funding. This examination will focus on certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers' financial resources and circumstances. It will focus on services provided and funds received during fiscal years 2013 through 2017.
- 2) The CJCC will be releasing the FY18 Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Formula Grant Program FY18 competitive cycle within the month.
- 3) The CJCC will be hosting a child advocacy center standards committee meeting tomorrow with the purpose of identifying standards that ensure a focus on victim-centered practices and ensure a consistent level of care throughout the state.

Adjourn

Mr. Hood asked for any questions or comments from Council members. With none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.