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## Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Full Council Meeting  
Monday, June 7, 2021 | 10:30 A.M.  
By Remote Conferencing

### Attendees

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The following members were present via conference call: Chairman Ron Freeman, Vice Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame, Director Omotayo Alli, Ms. Lauren Bell, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Director Cynthia Clanton, Mr. Chris Clark, Ms. Rachel Davidson, Mr. Brian DiNapoli, Chief Downer-McKinney, Judge C. Andrew Fuller, Commissioner Liz Hausmann+, Mr. Joe Hood, Mr. Russell Lewis, Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer, Judge C. Gregory Price, Director Pete Skandalakis, Director Chris Stallings, and Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present via conference call: Executive Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Kristy Carter, Rachel Kilgore, Laura Thompson, Mia Smith, Nathan Branscome, Amy Hutsell, Dannielle Lewis, Britney Campbell, Liz Flowers, Natalie Williams, and Stephanie Mikkelsen.

+by representative, Michael O'Connor for Commissioner Hausmann

### Welcome and Call to Order, *Chairman Ron Freeman*

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Chairman Ron Freeman called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed. He welcomed the two new members of the Council: Director Omotayo Alli of the Georgia Public Defender Council, who was designated by the Council's Chairman, Christopher Cohilas, and Judge C. Gregory Price of Floyd County Juvenile Court. Judge Price succeeded Judge Jones as the President of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Next, Chairman Freeman called for a review of the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting. Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer made a motion to approve the minutes; Director Cynthia Clanton seconded, and the motion carried.

### Executive Committee Meeting Update, Mr. Robert Thornton

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Next, Mr. Robert Thornton presented Council members with the Executive Committee's report, directing members to the meeting minutes from May 15, 2021 for a full breakdown of the award decisions. He then provided a brief summary: For fiscal year 2021, Governor Brian Kemp recommended, and lawmakers approved, \$15 million to provide a law enforcement training grant program for state and local law enforcement agencies. CJCC released a competitive RFP and received

68 applications, requesting a total of \$19,108,996. After reviewing requests and staff recommendations, the members of the Executive Committee voted to fund 63 applicants for a total award amount of \$6,756,389. They denied the requests from the City of Dawson Police Department, Clayton County Police Department, and Fairburn Police Department, and tabled requests from the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the Georgia Department of Public Safety. During that Executive Committee meeting, the members also voted to approve an additional Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (JJIG) award to Houston County in the amount of \$20,000 (from deobligated funding) to provide continued service to nine youth in MST. Mr. Thornton then concluded the report of the Executive Committee and no further action was needed.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee Recommendations, Mr. Robert Thornton

Mr. Robert Thornton then presented recommendations on behalf of the Criminal Justice Grants Committee:

- I. **Regarding FY22 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (JJIG) Recommendations:** CJCC released the FY22 JJIG RFP on March 17, 2021 with a deadline of April 30, 2021 and received 26 applications serving 36 counties across the state of Georgia for a total of almost \$9 million. This year applicants were able to apply for two new programs in addition to the previously allowed programming and were asked to include any pre-dispositional risk assessment (PDRA) positions and any transportation assistance needed for group-based programs. After considering staff recommendations on all 26 applications, the CJ Grants Committee recommended funding counties at the amount listed below for a total \$8,0082,485 to serve 1,252 youth across 37 counties in Georgia. \*Regarding Athens-Clarke, the Committee voted to set these funds aside and allow Athens-Clarke to partner with CVIORG for technical assistance.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Athens-Clarke	\$84,490*
Augusta-Richmond	\$390,000
Bartow	\$132,832
Bibb	\$384,878
Chatham	\$620,723
Cherokee	\$172,282
Clayton	\$468,939
Cobb	\$605,330
Columbia	\$118,739
Columbus	\$748,564
Coweta	\$82,714
DeKalb	\$447,748

Dougherty	\$430,379
Douglas	\$286,695
Fayette	\$82,714
Fulton	\$484,313
Glynn	\$78,872
Gwinnett	\$644,587
Hall	\$523,010
Henry	\$135,000
Houston	\$272,000
Lowndes	\$165,427
Rockdale	\$190,102
Troup	\$269,190
Union	\$120,114
Walker	\$142,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,001,490</b>

- II. **Regarding FY22 JJIG Model Fidelity Funds:** Counties are provided technical assistance and support through CJCC’s model fidelity coordinators and related trainings.

These supports are funded through state dollars. The Committee recommended funding the following projects at the allocations indicated below:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
MF Coordinators	\$167,142
Angela Dash Training Contract	\$24,700
FivePoints Incentive Grant Tool Annual Maintenance/Hosting	\$31,454
Dr. Powell Training Contract	\$7,000
Jennifer Farmer ART Training Contract	\$8,800
ART License Agreement Renewal- 25 manuals	\$9,375
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$248,471</b>

Chairman Freeman asked if there were any questions from members regarding the materials presented. There were none, but Director Cynthia Clanton noted that she would abstain from the vote regarding JDEX, due to a potential conflict. Ms. Sonja Fillingame motioned to accept the Criminal Justice Grants Committee recommendations as presented, and Chief Downer-Mckinney seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

To conclude the Committee’s report, Mr. Thornton provided a brief update regarding the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) Funding Committee meetings held at the end of April and beginning of May 2021 to review applications for the FY 2022 funding cycle. There were 166 awards totaling more than \$25 million. Award recipients included juvenile drug and mental health courts, DUI courts, veterans treatment courts, family treatment courts, mental health courts, and felony drug courts. He shared that CJCC and CACJ are currently working very closely to execute and send out all the new award documents.

Juvenile Justice Educational Requests, Ms. Stephanie Mikkelsen

Next, Ms. Stephanie Mikkelsen presented to members educational award recommendations. The CJ Grants Committee met on May 25, 2021 and approved to allocate up to \$300,000 for educational related needs of JJIG program participants. Staff released the opportunity to grantees on May 25, 2021 and received 9 requests for funding totaling \$354,077. Staff recommends funding \$327,977 across 9 counties to provide education services to 289 youth. This amount is larger than the initial amount estimated for these services, however, funds are available. If approved, the remaining amount unallocated in FY 2021 JJIG funding would be \$810,392. The recommendations were as follows:

<i>County</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Recommended</i>	<i>Description</i>
Augusta-Richmond	\$101,710	\$75,610	Supplies, transportation, staffing (GED, certified teacher, teacher aid), consultant for job training and career awareness
Bibb	\$23,320	\$23,320	Tutoring, GED
Cobb	\$35,140	\$35,140	Tutoring, GED
Columbus	\$104,580	\$104,580	Tutoring & credit recovery classes, transportation
DeKalb	\$12,290	\$12,290	Tutoring, GED, supplies, transportation
Gwinnett	\$6,700	\$6,700	Tutoring, GED, supplies, transportation

Hall	\$30,000	\$30,000	Tutoring
Lowndes	\$40,337	\$40,337	Tutoring
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$354,077</b>	<b>\$327,977</b>	

After reviewing the requests, Director Cynthia Clanton made a motion to approve staff recommendations as presented; Ms. Jacqueline Bunn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously without further discussion or questions.

#### Victim Assistance Grants Committee Recommendations; Ms. Kristy Carter

Next, Ms. Kristy Carter presented the following recommendations on behalf of the Victim Assistance Grants Committee.

- I. Regarding **Domestic Violence State Funds**: CJCC received an increase of \$700,000 in funds to return domestic violence programs back to their original SFY20 funding levels, which increased the State DV funds back to a total of \$11,765,854. Also, the \$700,000 increase brought two new DV programs (Colquitt County Serenity House Project and Center for Pan Asian Community Services) back to their original funding levels of \$75,000. CJCC received an additional \$150,000 to provide full funding to the two new DV programs, bringing them to \$150,000 each, 2 per the original SFY20 ask. CJCC also received a third increase of \$1,072,427 which represents a 9% in funding for the 48 domestic violence shelters. The Victim Assistance Grants Committee recommended the following:
  - a. Award the 48 programs at their original SFY20 award amounts. *See TAB A*
  - b. Increase the awards of the two new DV programs, Colquitt County Serenity House Project, Inc. and Center for Pan Asian Services, in the amount of \$75,000 per agency for a total award of \$150,000 per agency. *See TAB A.*
  - c. Equally divide one quarter of the \$1,072,427 (the 9% increase) among the 48 shelter programs; 25% of that amount to be awarded in the first quarter of SFY22 (\$5,585 per agency) and the remaining balance of to be awarded out at a future date, which brings the total State DV SFY22 allocation amount to \$12,183,934. *See TAB A.*
- II. Regarding **Sexual Assault State Funds**: Per the SFY22 State Sexual Assault Appropriations Bill, CJCC received an increase of \$700,000 in funding to return sexual assault programs back to their original SFY20 funding levels, which increased the State SA funds back to a total of \$1,316,526. CJCC also received an additional \$150,000 to be equally divided and disbursed among the 28 programs, which represents an award increase of \$5,357 per agency. As such, the Victim Assistance Grants Committee recommended the following:
  - a. Award the 28 programs at their original SFY20 award amounts. *See TAB B*
  - b. Equally divide \$150,000 among the 28 sexual assault centers which brings the total State SA SFY22 allocation amount to \$1,466,522. *See TAB B.*
- III. Regarding **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) FFY21**: The FVPSA Domestic Violence grant provides federal funds to support emergency shelters and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. The

Committee recommended awarding the 46 programs at their current award amounts in the total amount of \$1,578,686. *See TAB C.*

- IV. Regarding the **FFY21 Family Violence Prevention & Services Act Domestic Violence Mini-Grant Program**: The purpose of the FVPSA Domestic Violence Mini-Grant Program is to: 1) increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and 2) provide access to supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their dependents; and 3) provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations. It was the Committee's recommendation to award the 29 programs at their current award amounts in the total amount of \$1,327,967. *See TAB C.*
- V. Regarding **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program FFY21** (federal funds): The Committee recommended funding the Georgia Commission on Family Violence to award scholarships to cover the registration costs of domestic violence advocates, DFCS staff, DCS officers, law enforcement/first responder personnel, and community partner organizations in the State of Georgia to attend the 2021 Annual Statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence Conference (GCFV). The registration cost to attend the conference virtually is \$160 per individual and \$260 per person to attend in person. CJCC recommends leaving it within the discretion of the GCFV to determine how many scholarships are awarded for virtual and in-person attendance. The total allocated for scholarships is \$44,640. The Committee also recommended funding the GCFV for speakers for the domestic violence track at the hybrid virtual/in-person 2021 Conference and that funding be awarded to support the speakers in the amount of \$7,000.
- VI. Regarding the **Preventive Health Block Grant Program** (federal funds): The Criminal Justice Grants Committee tentatively recommended an award amount of \$13,680, pending final confirmation of these funds after June 30, 2021 from the Department of Public Health. The recommendation, Ms. Carter presented, was to award to the GCFV to fund scholarships to sexual assault advocates to attend the hybrid virtual/in-person 2021 Annual Conference. The registration cost to attend the conference virtually is \$160 per person and \$260 per person to attend the conference in person. CJCC recommends leaving it within the discretion of the GCFV to determine how many scholarships are awarded for virtual and in-person attendance. The total allocated for scholarships is \$7,680. The Committee also recommended funding the GCFV for speakers for the sexual assault track at the hybrid virtual/in-person 2021 Conference in the amount of \$6,000.
- VII. Regarding the **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**: The Committee recommended to the Council the following: *See TAB D*
  - a. Award Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia to manage the 24/7 statewide DMST hotline, to manage coordination of assessments at local CACs to determine victimization and needs, to manage coordination of community-based follow up and after care services, and to develop and conduct training in the amount of \$570,000.

- b. Award Children’s Hospital of Atlanta to host and conduct an online training program for professionals that covers topics such as, Fundamentals of Child Sex Trafficking, Hidden Victims of Trafficking: Issues Related to Male and LGBT Victims, Supply and Demand, Medical Evaluation of Victims of Child Sex Trafficking, etc. in the amount of \$20,000.
- c. Award CHOA for clinical services, supportive services and coordination of the Statewide CSEC MDT in the amount of \$60,000.
- d. Award identified CAC Network for Assessments and Services. \$280,000.
- e. Award Wellspring Living, Inc. (*Receiving Hope Center*) to serve private custody youth victims (all genders) who are identified as CSEC victims. The RHC will provide emergency stabilization, medical care, residential services, case management, education, therapy, and life skills for up to 90 days. \$270,000.

After presenting the recommendations on behalf of the Criminal Justice Grants Committee, Ms. Carter asked if any members had questions or would like additional details regarding any of the aforementioned requests. Hearing none, Chairman Freeman called for a motion. Mr. Joe Hood motioned to accept the recommendations as presented by Ms. Carter, and Director Skandalakis seconded the motion. Director Cynthia Clanton abstained from voting regarding the awards made to the Georgia Commission on Family Violence for reasons of potential conflict as a member. With no further abstentions or discussion, the motion carried.

#### Adjourn

With no further business, Chairman Freeman thanked everyone for attending. He called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Fillingame made the motion; Mr. Hood seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

#### Approval

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*Sonja Fillingame*  
Vice Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame

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