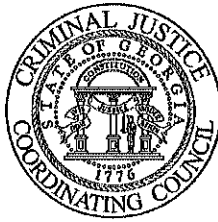


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Minutes

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Full Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 2:00 P.M.
By Remote Conferencing

Attendees

The following members were present: Chairman Tyrone Oliver, Vice-Chairman Nancy Bills, Director Cynthia Clanton, Chris Clark, Mr. Brian DiNapoli, Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Mr. Joe Hood, Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer, Mr. John Melvin, Director Pete Skandalakis, Director Chris Stallings, and Mr. Joe Vignati.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present: Executive Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield*, Kristy Carter*, Aisha Ford, Madeline Lara*, Kristen Lee, Dannielle Lewis, Stephanie Mikkelsen*, Mia Smith*, Laura Thompson*, and Robert Thornton*.

The following guests were present: Meghan Davidson (Attorney General's Office)*, Taylor Jones (CACJ), Katherine Kemp (PAC), Sarai Leonides-Medina (PAC).

*present in person

Welcome and Call to Order, *Chairman Tyrone Oliver*

Chairman Oliver called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. Ms. Madeline Lara called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed.

Review of Minutes, *Chairman Tyrone Oliver*

Next, Chairman Oliver called for a review of the minutes of the December 8, 2023, meeting. Director Skandalakis made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Vignati seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.

Victim Assistance Grants Committee, *Ms. Kristy Carter*

Chairman Oliver recognized Ms. Kristy Carter for the purpose of presenting the Victim Assistance Grants committee recommendations of the Victim Assistance Division (VAD) collectively.

FY23 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Hurricanes Fiona and Ian Disaster Assistance and Recovery Supplemental Grant Program (Federal funds):

Ms. Carter began by reporting that the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Hurricane Fiona and Ian Disaster Assistance and Recovery Supplemental Grant Program provides support for domestic violence programs to respond to effect of Hurricane Fiona and Ian. Allowable costs include:

- Shelter, Housing Assistance, and Temporary Rental Assistance
- Survivor Supportive Services
- Accessible Services
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Facilities Alteration, Renovation, and/or Construction
- Materials, Supplies, and Equipment
- Program Operations and Workforce Capacity
- Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)
- Disaster Recovery Expenses Incurred Prior to Availability of Funds Under the Act

The project period for all FVPSA Hurricanes Fiona and Ian Disaster Assistance and Recovery supplemental awards is September 14, 2022, through September 30, 2027. CJCC received a \$833,333 award in January 2024 to begin administering funds. If recommendations are approved, CJCC will retain a balance of \$504,333 and plans to release an additional funding opportunity for programs and support emergency preparedness training and technical assistance in regions most affected.

Recommendation:

- 1) In an effort to be good stewards of resources and to meet the needs of Georgia's communities, staff released a request to domestic violence programs to assess the effects of hurricanes Fiona and Ian, and the need for generators/emergency preparedness supplies. Based on the responses, staff recommends awarding up to \$25,000 for generators and up to \$5,000 for emergency preparedness supplies. Staff recommended award amounts are outlined in TAB A. Total amount recommended **\$329,000**.

VAWA & SASP Appeals

Next, Ms. Carter reported that CJCC received one VAWA appeal from Rape Response and one SASP appeal from Rape Response.

Recommendation:

- 1) Due the limited availability of funds allocated for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the evaluation of the application's merit, CJCC advises against granting funding for the VAWA appeal. CJCC awarded \$100,000 in SASP funding of the \$150,000 requested by Rape Response. CJCC recommends addressing the remaining need for the statewide Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) project using funds from the ARPA due to constraints associated with SASP funding.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Act ARPA Victim Service Provider Grant Program

Continuing, Ms. Carter shared that CJCC was notified on December 7, 2023, that an additional \$13.2M was awarded to support victim service programs in the loss of VOCA funding

and support non-profit victim service providers that were negatively impacted by the pandemic. CJCC received another notification in January 2024 that an additional \$26M has been awarded to support victim service providers through September 2025.

Overview of the ARPA Victim Service Provider Grant Program: \$94.2M award through September 30, 2025. This program supports nonprofits that are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organizations and validated by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council as a victim service provider. The economic harms incurred by victim service providers as a result of COVID-19 have only increased as crime rates in Georgia continue to rise, causing more victimized adults and children to seek services, and as courts open to address the backlog caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. These victim service providers have faced significant challenges due to the pandemic's increased demand for their very important services and changing operational needs, as well as declines in revenue sources such as donations and fees. The grant program will be available through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided in the ARPA legislation.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organizations and validated by CJCC as a victim service provider that can demonstrate:

- Decreased revenue (e.g. from donations and fees)
- Financial Insecurity
- Increased costs (e.g. uncompensated increases in service need)
- Capacity to weather financial hardship
- Challenges covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs.

Eligible activities may include:

- Supporting payroll and benefits.
- Costs to retain employees (i.e. supplemental pay, hazard pay, etc.)
- Mortgage or rent, utility, and other operating costs.
- Support for COVID 19 prevention and mitigation strategies

CJCC is recommending additional ARPA funds be added to victim service providers that were reduced by their highest VOCA award levels in FY20 that could not be fully supported by current VOCA or other supplemental funding sources in maintaining those initial levels. Awards will cover a project period from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 but grant funding can be used through September 30, 2025. If recommendations are approved, CJCC will obligate an additional \$848,401. Due to timing of the award announcement and the last scheduled meeting, CJCC has a few additional award recommendations.

The remaining balance of \$28,098,506 will be used to support programs beginning October 1, 2024. CJCC will present those recommendations in September 2024.

Recommendation:

- 1) Award current ARPA subrecipients additional funds to maintain FY20-21 VOCA levels to sustain services that were not fully funded at levels after FY23 VOCA and other

supplemental funding source award recommendations were approved in September 2023. Please see TAB B.

Sexual Assault ASFY24 Family Violence State Funds

Next, Ms. Carter provided the following overview of the ASFY24 Family Violence Grant Program: The purpose of the FV State funds is to provide intervention services, awareness, and education to Georgia's citizens on domestic violence and sexual assault center prevention strategies that will change the attitudes of communities. Per HB 915, CJCC was instructed to increase funds for one sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator for every sexual assault center starting April 1, 2024. There are currently 23 state certified sexual assault centers providing forensic medical services.

Recommendations:

- 1) Award 23 sexual assault center forensic medical program SANE support. \$13,727.00 per the direction the ASFY24 state budget for a total of \$315,725. *See TAB C.*

FY23 FVPSA & FY23 PHHBG Grant Programs (30th Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference)

Lastly, Ms. Carter presented the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

- 1) Award FY23 FVPSA funds for speakers for the domestic violence track at the 2024 Annual Statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence Conference. Staff recommends that funding be awarded to support the annual conference. Total amount recommended: **\$4,500.**
- 2) Award the Georgia Commission on Family Violence funding to award 260 scholarships to 152 domestic violence advocates, 48 DFCS staff, 30 law enforcement personnel, and 30 community partner organizations in the State of Georgia to attend the 2024 Annual Statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence Conference. The registration cost is \$325 per each individual attendee. Total amount recommended: **\$84,500.**
- 3) Award FY23 PHHBG funds for speakers for the sexual assault track at the 2024 Annual Statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence Conference. Staff recommends that funding be awarded to support the annual conference. Total amount recommended: **\$4,500.**
- 4) Award the Georgia Commission on Family Violence funding to award 58 scholarships to 38 sexual assault advocates and 20 judicial scholarships in the State of Georgia to attend the 2024 Annual Statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence Conference. The registration cost is \$325 per each individual attendee. Total amount recommended: **\$18,850.**

At the conclusion of Ms. Carter's presentation of the recommendations, Chairman Oliver opened the floor for questions from the Council. Hearing none, Assistant Commissioner Maurer was recognized for the purpose of making a motion. He made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented, and Director Clanton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Legislative and Agency Update, Chief of Staff Steven Hatfield

Chairman Oliver recognized Chief of Staff Hatfield for the purpose of presenting the updates to the Council. Mr. Hatfield began by updating the members on legislative and budget updates. Mr. Hatfield shared that CJCC was successful this year with the budget requests that were submitted. CJCC was appropriated funds in the AFY24 budget to fund five grants specialist positions as well as funding for a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator position for sexual assault centers. The FY25 budget was included funds to restore seven grant specialist positions and one budget analyst position. This add is a tremendous help to the agency as we work to navigate the cuts to the VOCA administrative funds. CJCC was also appropriated nearly \$2.8 million for the Crime Victims Emergency Fund operations. This will stabilize the Fund for the near future, but it is likely that CJCC will have to request funds again later in the future. Lastly, CJCC was appropriated \$12.7 million for domestic violence shelters and \$2 million for sexual assault centers to pay for administrative personnel and facility costs related to compliance with state standards. \$4.3 million was appropriated to annualize the SANE coordinator funding as well as \$895,000 to support satellite centers for rural communities. These appropriations have nearly doubled the state appropriations for victim services. CJCC will continue conversations with state legislators to make sure staff is fully compliant with the requirements in the budget.

CJCC had two pieces of agency legislation that were introduced and successfully passed. The first was House Bill 1201 which updated the Survivors First Act to include victims of human trafficking who were sentenced under the First Offender statute. The second was House Bill 1165, which added the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in order to satisfy a federal requirement for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program. This will allow CJCC to begin utilizing the \$7.4 million that has been awarded to CJCC. CJCC is grateful to Representative Mesha Mainor, Representative Houston Gaines, Senator John Albers, and Senator Brian Strickland for their assistance in getting these items through the legislature.

Lastly, Mr. Hatfield updated the Council on organizational changes within the agency. Mr. Nathan Branscome, who served as the agency's CFO for a number of years, has left the agency and, thus, changes have been made to restructure. The most notable changes are that Mr. Steven Hatfield is now "Chief of Staff," Mr. Robert Thornton is now "Chief Operating Officer" and will supervise all grant teams, and Ms. Laura Thompson has been promoted to the Division Director of the Justice Division. There being no questions from the Council regarding these updates, Chairman Oliver moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee, Ms. Laura Thompson

Chairman Oliver recognized Ms. Laura Thompson for the purpose of presenting the Criminal Justice Grants Committee recommendations collectively.

Criminal Justice

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program (RSAT)

Ms. Thompson began by reporting that the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Formula Grant assists states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs. Each grantee is required to provide a 25% match on the approved grant award.

In September of 2023, the Council approved funding in the amount of \$120,890 to the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to implement Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

within some RSAT correctional settings. In follow-up discussion with GDC staff, CJCC learned additional funding was needed to hire a medical professional to oversee the MAT program, and as such, GDC submitted a subsequent application requesting \$100,000.

Recommendation: Staff recommends allocating an additional \$100,000 in RSAT funding to GDC for a total award of \$220,890.

At the conclusion of Ms. Thompson's report, Chairman Stallings turned to the Committee for any questions. Hearing none, Sheriff Freeman made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Mr. Vignati seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulus, and Substance Abuse Program

Next, Ms. Thompson reported that the purpose of the FY20 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) naloxone initiative is to provide funding to cover the cost of naloxone kits as well as ongoing law enforcement training in naloxone administration, Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) implementation standards that commit to reporting, and best practices for engaging with people suffering from opioid addiction.

In December 2023, the Council approved funding for 23 awards totaling \$137,854. Three of the awarded agencies declined the award, so staff evaluated all available funds and released a continuation application for existing subgrantees. CJCC received four (4) supplemental applications totaling \$18,355. The applications, requested and recommended amounts, are listed in the following table.

Applicant Agency	Requested Funding Amount	Funding Recommendation
Dougherty County EMS	\$2,500	\$2,500
Forsyth County SO	\$7,585	\$7,585
Newton SO	\$3,250	\$3,250
Paulding SO	\$5,000	\$5,000

Summary	
Funding Available	\$35,154
Funding Requested	\$18,355
Funding Recommended	\$18,355
Remaining	\$16,799

Recommendation: Staff requests approval to make continuation awards for the four applicants based on the requested funding amounts listed above. At the next Council meeting, staff will return to present and request any additional supplemental awards.

At the conclusion of Ms. Thompson's report, there being no questions, Mr. Hood made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Director Skandalakis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Juvenile Justice

Next, Ms. Stephanie Mikkelsen reported that the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) met March 12, 2024. Prior to the SAG meeting, an Executive Committee meeting was held on February 28th. A brief synopsis from each meeting is provided below.

Executive Committee Meeting

On February 28, 2024, the Executive Committee met to review requests for additional funding related to the FY24 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant that were time sensitive. At the end of Quarter 2, there was \$781,597 in funding available to be obligated through de-obligations (details on attached Executive Committee memo.) Staff received three funding requests totaling \$227,382:

Applicant Agency	Requested Funding Amount	Funding Recommendation
Coweta County	\$53,000 to serve an additional 9 youth through FFT. The case rate to serve one youth through FFT is \$5,753.	\$53,000
DeKalb County	\$18,600 to County to serve an additional 9 youth (1 cohort) through T4C and cover additional transportation.	\$18,600
Troup County	\$155,782 to County to serve an additional 13 youth through MST. The case rate to serve one youth through MST is \$11,983.	\$155,782

Summary	
Funding Available	\$781,597
Funding Requested	\$227,382
Funding Approved	\$227,382
Remaining	\$554,215

After careful review, staff recommended, and the Executive Committee approved the funding amounts above.

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group Meeting

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) met March 12, 2024. During this meeting, staff presented and SAG discussed the following:

- FY24 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant and special related projects
- Executive Committee Memo
- Federal Programs (Title II, Delinquency 1, Delinquency 2, Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grant Program)

- Juvenile Data Clearinghouse Demonstration

There being no questions regarding the updates reported by Ms. Mikkelsen, Chairman Oliver moved on to the next order of business.

Bylaw Changes, Mr. Robert Thornton

Next, Chairman Oliver recognized Mr. Robert Thornton to share the recommended changes to the agency bylaws.

Synopsis of the Amendments:

These following amendments relate to the operation of the juvenile justice advisory board:

Article II, Section 4

This section concerns attendance and establishes a procedure to request a new appointment if a governor appointed member misses two consecutive meetings. The amendment clarifies that this section also applies to members of the juvenile justice advisory board.

Article IV, Section 2

This section concerns how a quorum is established. Section 2.2 has been added to establish the quorum requirements for the juvenile justice advisory board.

At the conclusion of his report, Chairman Oliver turned to the Council for any questions. There were no questions from the Council. A quorum of 18 members was not established, so no vote was called on the measure.

Old/New Business, Chairman Tyrone Oliver

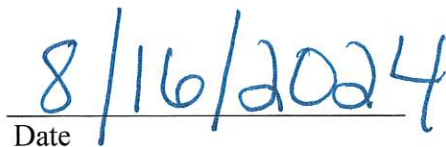
Next, Chairman Oliver asked if there was any old or new business to be discussed by the Council. Hearing none, the Chairman moved on to closing remarks.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment, Chairman Tyrone Oliver

Chairman Oliver congratulated the CJCC staff on their promotions and expressed his gratitude for the work done to prepare him and other members for the meetings. Director Neal thanked the Chairman and members of the Council for their guidance with the decisions staff makes that allows the agency to continue to service victims in Georgia. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.

Approval


Vice Chairman Nancy Bills


Date

TAB A

Agency	Requests for FVPSA Hurricane Supplemental Grant Program	Award Recommendation
Battered Women's Shelter	Windows and Generator at Admin/Outreach	\$25,000
Carroll County	Generator, Flashlights, Portable Chargers, Weather Radio, Batteries	\$25,000
Citizens Against Violence	Supplies for Hurricane Prep, Assistance for costs of Relocating Victims, Non-Perishable Foods	\$5,000
Crisis Line	Generator Maintenance Support	\$2,000
FAITH	Generator	\$25,000
Family CC, WDCC	Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$2,000
Flint	Generator and Flashlights	\$25,000
Gateway House	Generator	\$25,000
Halcyon Home	Supplies for Hurricane Prep, Assistance for costs of Relocating Victims, Non-Perishable Foods	\$5,000
IWH	Generator, Flashlights, Portable chargers, Weather Radio, Batteries, Non-Perishable Food, First Aid Kits, Fire/Flood Proof Storage	\$25,000
Liberty House	Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$5,000
LiveSafe	Generator and IT support	\$25,000
Project Renewal	Generator and Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$25,000
Safe Shelter Center	Generator, Flashlights, and Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$25,000
SafeHomes	Emergency Kits, Generator, Flashlights	\$25,000
Glynn	Generator, Portable Chargers/Radio, Batteries	\$25,000
Tri-County	Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$5,000
Waycross	Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$5,000
WRC	Generator and Emergency Preparedness Supplies	\$25,000
Total		\$329,000

TAB B

FY23 ARPA Victim Service Grant Program		
#	Agency Name	Award
1.	Grady Hospital Trauma Recovery Center	\$500,000
2.	Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$100,000
3.	Twin Cedars	\$104,664
4.	CASA of Southwest Georgia	\$23,737
5.	The Children's Haven	\$40,000
6.	Anna Crawford Children's Center	\$30,000
7.	Rape Response	\$50,000
		\$848,401

TAB C

FY2023 State Family Violence Amended Budget			
	Agency Name	Service Type	Award Amount
1	Battered Women's Shelter	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
2	Crisis Line & Safe House	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
3	DeKalb Rape Crisis Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
4	F.A.I.T.H. Inc	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
5	Grady Rape Crisis Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
6	Harmony House Child Advocacy Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
7	liveSAFE Resources	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
8	Mosaic Georgia, Inc.	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
9	Mary's Place	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
10	North GA Mountain Crisis Network	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
11	Rape Response, Inc.	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
12	Satilla Health Foundation	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
13	Sexual Assault Center of NW GA	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
14	Sexual Assault Response Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
15	Sexual Assault Support Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
16	Southern Crescent SAC & CAC	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
17	Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
18	Stepping Stone CAC & SAC	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
19	The Gateway Center, Inc.	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
20	The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
21	The Refuge DV Shelter	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
22	The Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Center	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
23	The Trinity Center (DCTF)	Onsite SANE Services	\$13,727
			\$315,721