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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

Friday, January 27, 2017, at 9 a.m.
Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, N-502
Chicago, Illinois

Roll Call

Authority Chair Elizabeth Robb welcomed Board members and guests to the quarterly Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Regular Meeting. She called the meeting to order and asked General Counsel Angie Weis to call the roll.

Authority Board Member Attendance	Present	Telephone	Absent
Director John Baldwin			X
Clerk Dorothy Brown (after roll call)	X		
Public Defender Amy Campanelli	X		
Sheriff Tom Dart			X
Director Patrick Delfino	X		
Director Brent Fischer	X		
State's Attorney Kim Foxx			X
Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson			X
Clerk Maureen Josh	X		
State's Attorney Bryan Kibler (after roll call)	X		
Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Lisa Madigan	X		
Sheriff Michael McCoy	X		
Ms. Pamela Paziotopoulos	X		
Director Michael J. Pelletier			X
President Toni Preckwinkle (after roll call)	X		
Judge Elizabeth Robb, Chair	X		
Director Leo Schmitz	X		
Director Nirav Shah			X
Director George Sheldon	X		
Ms. Jennifer Vollen-Katz			X
Paula Wolff			X

After the initial roll call, 10 of the 11 Board members needed for a quorum were present. Chairman Robb suggested moving to agenda items which did not require a quorum.

Grant-Making and Ex-Parte Communications

Ms. Weis explained that to make the notice of funding opportunities-driven grant-making process fair, all potential grantees must receive the same information at the same time. She asked Board members to refer any questions about when notices will be released or what they may contain to the ICJIA website, so that potential applicants will not be unintentionally disqualified for having an unfair advantage. Ms. Hora recommended the notices include a disclaimer stating that Board members are unable to speak about funding opportunities and ICJIA Executive Director John Maki agreed.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Robb thanked the ICJIA research team for their hard work on the Ad Hoc Victim Services Committee Summit in Bolingbrook.

Executive Director's Report

Director Maki announced that ICJIA will receive a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for the Targeted Violence Prevention Program, which uses a public health approach to address targeted crime. He said the final report from the State Commission on Criminal Justice & Sentencing Reform was released at the beginning of January. He reported that staff had initiated administration of the Sex Offender Registration Task Force. A technical assistance grant from the National Criminal Justice Reform Project also was received.

Authority Financial Report

ICJIA Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer Randy Kurtz was called upon by Chairman Robb to give the financial report. He explained that the agency was at a normal run rate, excluding Adult Redeploy Illinois, which had been shrinking without state funding, though the agency had begun funding Ceasefire again. He expected up to \$250 million in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding over the next four to five years.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Weis stated a quorum had been achieved. Chairman Robb asked for approval of the September 16, 2016, meeting minutes. Ms. Preckwinkle moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Josh seconded the motion. One correction was noted by Ms. Hora. In the first paragraph of page 3, "National imitative" should read "National initiative." The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Lead Entity Policy

Director Maki described how the agency uses non-profits as pass-throughs for funding and said ICJIA had been working to codify procedures for these entities. He explained that creating policy to guide these cost-effective relationships would allow for subject matter experts and community leaders to continue subcontracting to smaller organizations, while employing thorough standards and auditing processes. In response to a question from Ms. Hora, Director Maki clarified that individual agencies would still be able to directly apply for other grants while receiving funding for core services under a lead entity.

Justice Assistance Grant Schedule

Director Maki described changes that were being undertaken to comply with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. He referred the Board members to a calendar of anticipated notices of funding opportunity, and added that ICJIA will recommend extending last year's contracts to the Budget Committee to avoid gaps in funding until money is available through the new process.

Committee Reports

Strategic Opportunities Chairman Wolff was not in attendance, so Director Maki reported that the Ad Hoc Victim Services Committee Meeting served as the last meeting of the Strategic Opportunities Committee and that Megan Alderden, Associate Director of the Research & Analysis Unit, would summarize the outcome. Ms. Hora reported there was no new business from the Budget Committee. Ms. Campanelli reported there was no new business from the Audit Committee.

Victim Services Priorities

Dr. Alderden gave a presentation on victim service priorities. She began the presentation by defining a victim as anyone who has incurred harm from a statutorily classified crime, regardless of their circumstance. She explained that her research team began by reviewing literature on victimization in Illinois and in the United States, the impact of this victimization, and related evidence-informed practices. Staff researchers and Aeffect, a research consultant hired for this project, then conducted interviews with focus groups and providers to better understand what services were available and what was needed.

Dr. Alderden turned the presentation over to Jaelyn Houston-Kolnik, Manager of the Center for Victim Studies, who described the first recommendation: raising awareness of services. More than half of those surveyed responded that they did not know where to receive support services for themselves or family members, nor that victims were eligible for compensation.

Dr. Houston-Kolnik introduced Infonet Manager Jennifer Hiselman, who presented the second recommendation: funding fundamental needs such as secure housing, utilities, and employment. She illustrated this recommendation with Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, which posits that to achieve higher-level prosocial goals, basic physiological and safety necessities must first be fulfilled. She said those services are most often provided by victim services organizations, as opposed to core services, such as mental health and legal assistance) endorsed in Recommendation 3. Funding advocates to help victims navigate these complicated systems was Recommendation 4.

Ms. Hiselman introduced Research Analyst Amanda Velasquez who described Recommendation 5: increasing services to underserved victims. Ms. Velasquez expanded upon this by offering non-English speakers, the elderly, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBT communities as examples of underserved groups. Recommendation 6 stated that funds should be focused on victims with multiple victimization experiences, as people who have been victimized are more likely to have crimes committed against them in the future.

Ms. Velasquez presented Recommendation 7, increasing focus on multidisciplinary responses, as a call for supporting collaboration among social services, universities, the court system, and the medical community. Confidentiality and practical difficulties in information sharing across systems were noted as potential barriers to this recommendation.

Dr. Houston-Kolnik presented Recommendation 8, which was to fund services that are trauma-informed (reflect the victim's victimization history) and trauma-focused (address the symptoms of trauma). Recommendation 9 called for investing in long-term mental health services, rather than the overburdened crisis intervention or emergency systems.

Dr. Alderden called attention to victims of community violence in Recommendation 10. This group, whose repeated exposure to violence as a witness or family member of a victim, often goes unaddressed in high-crime areas, despite well-documented potential for negative outcomes and harmful behavior. Recommendation 11 encouraged programs to make use of evidence-informed and evidence-based programs that have been evaluated to reduce harmful target behavior. Recommendation 12 supported strong data collection and reporting to add to existing evidence-informed research, ensure fidelity to program models, and promote sustainability through reflection and feedback.

During discussion of the recommendations, Ms. Hora questioned whether Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding should be used to support the treatment of community violence. Ms. Preckwinkle commented that community violence has a relationship with the types of crimes that VAWA typically focuses on: domestic violence,

sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Director Maki clarified that the presented recommendations are for both VOCA and VAWA, but that some may be a better fit for one fund versus the other. He noted that there are federal guidelines for how the specific funds can be used, and ICJIA will adhere to those rules when considering the recommendations. Ms. Brown expressed support for the recommendations, particularly in advocating for legal assistance.

Kevin Givens, Associate Director of the Federal & State Grants Unit, described balancing the recommendations with the federal regulations on how the funds can be spent. ICJIA will design notices of funding opportunity with the priorities, review applications, and bring the proposals to the Budget Committee.

Discussion continued about existing resources that address the recommendations, including using Medicaid to provide trauma-informed services. Dr. Alderden added that the findings provided to and gleaned from the Ad Hoc Victim Services Committee Meeting would soon be available online and potential grantees will be encouraged to incorporate the data into their applications.

Ms. Preckwinkle moved to approve the recommendations, Ms. Brown seconded the motion, and they were adopted unanimously. Director Maki thanked the Board members and Chair Robb opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Candice Jones, Senior Advisor for the Emerson Collective and past director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, praised ICJIA for its attention to trauma-informed interventions, underserved groups, and others that might not traditionally be seen as victims. She asked that the agency consider creating a coalition of violence intervention representatives and that ICJIA not purposefully prioritize new programs to the detriment of ones that are already operating.

Queen Sister advocated for a violence prevention program called It Takes a Village.

Joseph Stanford, with the Target Area Development Corporation, said sometimes victims have difficulty asking for help, and even when they do, the average citizen does not know where to seek assistance.

Roberta Williams, also with the Target Area Development Corporation, shared that physical safety from gun violence, or a lack thereof, creates unbearable anxiety and community tension.

Amalia Nieto-Gomez, with Alliance of the Southeast, read a letter from a member of the organization's Youth Leadership Council advocating for funding for mentoring and restorative justice programs to counter violence.

Frederick Seaton, with the Institute for Non-Violence Chicago, described the challenges of finding appropriate housing for victims.

Carlil Pittman, of Communities United, spoke of how constant violence can normalize the experience for children and change their responses to trauma.

Michael Tidmore, with Teamwork Englewood, asked the room to not allow bureaucracy to impede violence prevention goals.

Cynthia Sadkin, representing the Legal Assistance Foundation in Chicago, proposed that legal assistance be considered for its own coalition so that it may pursue broader objectives. She said funding long-term legal assistance is vital.

Charles Perry, Director of Community Organizing for West Side Health Authority and staff member at Cook County Jail, advocated for effective reentry programs to interrupt the cycle of violence.

Kathy Doherty, of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, expressed support for the recommendations, and promoted breaking down the silos for funding. She said the problems of domestic, sexual, and community violence are connected and must be treated simultaneously.

Ms. Brown asked for geographic maps to accompany budget proposals to ensure funding would reach the neighborhoods represented by the public attendees.

Adjourn

Chair Robb asked if there were any other members of the public or Board who wished to make a comment. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCoy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.