

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

Friday, December 7, 2012 at 9:12 a.m.
300 West Adams Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Peter M. Ellis welcomed Board Members and guests to the final 2012 quarterly Board Meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. He called the meeting to order and asked General Counsel Lisa Stephens to call the roll.

In addition to Chairman Ellis, Authority Board Members in attendance were:

State's Attorney and Vice-Chairman Anita Alvarez
Clerk Dorothy Brown
Public Defender Abishi Cunningham
Sheriff Thomas J. Dart
Director S. A. Godinez
Mr. Felix M. Gonzalez
Director Hiram Grau
Ms. Cynthia Hora
Ms. Lisa S. Jacobs
Mr. John Maki
Superintendent Garry F. McCarthy
Director Michael J. Pelletier
Public Defender Randall B. Rosenbaum

Approval of Minutes of the September 7, 2012 Regular Meeting

With a quorum in place, Chairman Peter M. Ellis then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 7, 2012 Authority Board Meeting.

{Ms. Cynthia Hora so moved. Public Defender Abishi Cunningham seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Ellis then thanked everyone for attending and presented for adoption resolutions of commendation, honoring and thanking two previous Authority Board Members for their service: Clerk of the Effingham County Circuit Court Rebecca Jansen and Ogle County State's Attorney John B. Roe IV. He noted that Clerk Jansen served on the Authority Board from February 15, 2006 until her clerkship ended November 30,

2012, having had terms of membership on the Authority's Budget Committee and Legislation and Regulations Committee. He explained that State's Attorney Roe served on the Authority Board from November 30, 2011 until November 8, 2012, when he received a judicial appointment from the Illinois Supreme Court to the 15th Judicial Circuit. Chairman Ellis added that State's Attorney Roe's service on the Authority Board included membership on the Legislation and Regulations Committee, and the Planning and Research Committee.

Expressing gratitude again for their contributions and dedication, Chairman Ellis called for a unified motion to adopt the resolutions.

{Mr. Felix Gonzalez so moved. Ms. Cynthia Hora seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman Ellis next asked Executive Director Jack Cutrone for an update on Authority activities.

Executive Director's Remarks

Mr. Cutrone thanked Chairman Ellis and went on to review the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative and Board designations that had been made earlier. He called attention to a spread sheet showing the amounts designated to each of the 23 communities being served. He highlighted entries for those agencies providing summer jobs for youth and re-entry programs for individuals being released back into their communities from either the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Corrections.

At that point, he turned to the recent CNN coverage of the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, noting that the Authority did not have any involvement during the period addressed. He said that he thought the reporting was slanted, biased and sensational, and that it did not mention some of the good work that the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority did in the first two years of the program.

He went on to outline the Authority's plans, citing the Jobs for Youth Program, which places youth for employment at more traditional businesses, governmental agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, as distinguished from the first two years of funding. Mr. Cutrone described details of the revised program.

He remarked that an issue the General Assembly raised previously was difficulty obtaining different types of job and time records that were either not kept or available to IVPA. He explained that to improve the accessibility and accuracy of this information, the Authority is contracting with an agency that uses an electronic time keeping system, which has proven effective in that regard. Mr. Cutrone also indicated that the NRI mentoring program is being changed to a more traditional model than in the past. He said that the Authority also has contracted with a national mentoring organization that will train staff at the 23 agencies as to how to train their providers for mentoring both youth and adults. In addition, Mr. Cutrone detailed an evidence-based parenting program that

will be included, with the possibility of conducting a long-term evaluation of youth going through the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative as to their educational achievement.

He then said that the ICJIA staff has done outstanding work in undertaking the new responsibilities associated with the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative in addition to their full-time positions. To provide more staff assistance, he discussed pending legislation that would terminate the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority and transfer all its staff, programs and resources to ICJIA. He stated that the agreement has been in preparation for several months and that bills toward that goal are pending in each chamber, which are likely to proceed, but not until after January 1.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Cutrone also discussed legislation that the General Assembly passed calling for a study of granting powers of State agencies unless authorized by the General Assembly. He said it had been extended from time to time and was due to expire December 31, 2012, but noted that the majority bill extended the legislation to June 31, 2013. He noted that while the legislation does not affect the Authority's ability to obtain federal funding and applies only to grants that are state funds, it still could impact the Authority because there are several grant programs that are funded by state general revenue. He then asked if there were any questions.

At that point, Ms. Hora commented that while she agreed that the CNN coverage of the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative was biased, it did portray the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority in a bad light. She said that she was concerned about that happening to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, given similar circumstances of distributing \$15 to \$20 million within a very short time without sufficient monitoring staff.

She therefore asked that for the next meeting there be a summary of what activities the programs will be undertaking, along with more information as to what factors are considered in making funding decisions. She also requested information as to whether staff has made any efforts to verify whether these services were provided in the past by these entities, and to review those organizations that may have been conducting activities that were covered by CNN or activities that the Authority would not necessarily want.

In response, Mr. Cutrone said that Authority staff did work closely with the IVPA Program Manager who provided information as to the entities that were involved, those that were underperforming, the services that were provided as well as those that were not. Chairman Ellis then inquired about various aspects of the inter-governmental agreement. Mr. Cutrone said that the details of how best to integrate the two agencies and the structure currently were being addressed and would be made available, but noted that the grant monitors will be fully under the ICJIA grants unit.

Budget Committee Meeting

Chairman Ellis thanked Director Cutrone and announced that the Budget Committee Meeting portion of the Board Meeting would be taking place.

(Please See Attached Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting)

Upon adjournment of the Budget Committee Meeting, Chairman Ellis called upon Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer for a Fiscal Report.

Fiscal Report by Ronald Litwin, Acting Chief Fiscal Officer

Mr. Litwin thanked Chairman Ellis and said that he would be presenting variances to budget comments on the FY2013 results for the period July 1, 2012 through November 14, 2012 for Agency Operations and also Awards and Grants activities. He directed attention to Exhibit #1 in the handout materials and explained it presented a comparison of the fiscal year to date expenditures and obligations through November 14, 2012 to the total FY 13 budget for the General Revenue Fund.

He stated that total expenditures and obligations for the period were at a 29 percent level in the amount of \$521,833 for the fiscal year. He indicated that the level of activity was in line with last fiscal year, which experienced expenditures and obligations of \$581,860 at a 33 percent level for the fiscal year to date ended November 9, 2011.

Mr. Litwin turned to Exhibit #2 which also presented a comparison of the fiscal year to date expenditures and obligations through November 14, 2012 to the total fiscal year budget for Awards and Grants. He noted that total expenditures and obligations in the Federal Criminal Justice Trust Fund were at a 34 percent level in the amount of \$33,319,191. He reported that total expenditures and obligations in the General Revenue Matching and Other General Revenue Funds were at a 10 percent level in the amount of \$2,135,359, including three new appropriations: the Adult Re-Deploy Illinois grants and administration, Violence Prevention Programs, and the Chicago Area Project.

Mr. Litwin then explained that the Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund has a \$400,000 appropriation level to allow for funding obtained from non-federal government entities, private sources, and not-for-profit organizations and that total expenditures and obligations were at a 15 percent level in the amount of \$61,409. He added that the expenditures and obligations in the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund are at a 30 percent level in the amount of \$1,345,184.

He pointed out that a new category – Other State Funds – has expenditures and obligations that are at a less than 1 percent level in the amount of \$2,151 and explained that this category has three new State of Illinois appropriations: the Death Penalty Abolition Fund, the Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Fund, and the Illinois Crime Stoppers Association Fund. He noted that the total expenditures and obligations for the

Awards and Grants activity is at a 26 percent level for the period represented by the dollar amount of \$36,863,294.

Mr. Litwin next turned to Exhibit #3 – Federal Funding Sources FY2013 -- and explained that it details the activity for grants that were active during the state fiscal year 2013 including: grand total funding for the grant, expenditures on a grant inception to date basis and remaining grant balance through June 30, 2013. He said that the revenue associated with the grant also was presented, noting that the grand total funding was \$209,249,496 with inception to date expenditures of \$134,144,948, leaving a remaining balance of \$75,104,548.

In conclusion, Mr. Litwin discussed Exhibit #4 – Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Federal Grant Programs FY2013. He noted that the pie chart depiction covered the percentage relationships of the \$208,152,366 in federal awards for the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs. He stated that combined they represent approximately 92 percent of the FY2013 active grants. He then asked if there were any questions.

At that point, Mr. Cutrone commented about the relation to the amount of expenditures as a percentage of appropriated funds and the amount of expenditures as compared to total grants. He explained that percentages may seem low in both instances and in part because ICJIA requests appropriation just for spending authority for federal funds far in excess of what is anticipated. He added that with respect to the amount of spending versus the total amount of awards, the percentage again may seem low even though the total is large because the Authority's federal awards are spread over a number of years.

Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Litwin for his presentation and asked if there were any old or new business. Hearing none, he wished everyone happy holidays, announced that the next Regular Authority Quarterly Board Meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2013, and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

{Ms. Hora so moved. Mr. Felix Gonzalez seconded the motion, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote.}