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**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Regular Meeting / Budget Agenda**

March 1, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Authority Offices

300 West Adams, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Board of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority met on Friday, March 1, 2013, at the Authority's offices located at 300 West Adams Street, Main Building Conference Room, Chicago, Illinois. Authority Chair Peter M. Ellis called the Budget Committee portion of the Authority Regular Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Other Authority members present were State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Budget Committee Chair Clerk Dorothy Brown, Director Richard H. Calica, Hon. Abishi Cunningham, Sheriff Tom Dart, William Fitzpatrick, Gladyse Taylor for Director S. A. Godinez, Felix M. Gonzalez, Director Hiram Grau, John Harvey, Lisa Jacobs, Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Madigan, Jim Hickey for Superintendent Garry McCarthy, John Maki, Director Michael J. Pelletier, Sheriff Patrick B. Perez, Rebecca Janowitz for President Toni Preckwinkle, Randall Rosenbaum, and Angela Rudolph. Also in attendance were Authority Executive Director Jack Cutrone, Authority General Counsel Lisa Stephens, Authority Associate Director Wendy McCambridge, Hon. Sebastian T. Patti (presiding judge - Cook County Circuit Court's Domestic Violence Division), Leslie Landis and Loretta Line (representing the Cook County Circuit Court), and other Authority staff members.

All Authority Board members and designees present were appointed by Chairman Ellis to the Budget Committee for the duration of the meeting. Clerk Brown chaired the Budget Agenda portion of the meeting.

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) FFY08, FFY09, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA09), FFY10, and FFY11 Plan Adjustments

Designation Reductions

Associate Director McCambridge, calling attention to the chart on Page 1 of the memo dated March 1, 2013, described funds recently returned to the Authority.

Recommended Designations

Associate Director McCambridge called attention to the chart on Page 2 of the memo describing recommended designations and a recommended designation increase. She said that representatives of the Cook County Circuit Court's (CCCC) Domestic Violence Division's (DVD) Service Enhancement Program were present at the meeting to address concerns that were raised when the recommended designation increase of \$44,500 for that program was last proposed at the December 7, 2012 Authority Regular Meeting / Budget Agenda.

Hon. Sebastian T. Patti, representing the CCCC's DVD, introduced court administrator Leslie Landis and suburban court coordinator Loretta Line.

Associate Director McCambridge said that the CCCC requested funds to support the extension of its existing grant from July 31, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

Ms. Hora said that she had spoken with Hon. Patti and Ms. Landis on a couple of occasions since the last meeting, at which she expressed her concerns about increasing the Service Enhancement Program's designation. Focusing on what was done in the past probably will not be helpful. She said that after reviewing the materials for this meeting, she did not know how this program would be evaluated with regard to performance indicators, goals, and objectives. For example, the objective is to implement the DVD at the Markham site and the performance indicators are the number of meetings and activities for creating and implementing the DVD at this site. She said that it wasn't clear if a low number or a high number would be good upon evaluation.

Hon. Patti said that the focus was the efficient and effective administration of justice. The program deals with state's attorneys and public defenders. When addressing domestic violence, issues are front-end loaded so as to produce a positive benefit that rebounds because future harm is being prevented. That is, indeed, difficult to quantify.

Ms. Hora said that regarding Markham, the original grant proposal for the grant cycle ending on July 31, 2013 called for the site to be operational by February 28, 2013. The

proposal to extend the grant suggests not only with the program not be operational by February, but its start needs to be pushed back all the way to September.

Hon. Patti said that while the cases are being heard, the question is in regard to extending the DVD to another municipal district of the CCCC. Staff is ready, willing, and able to do this, but the CCCC is also a victim of circumstance due to budgetary issues. The CCCC is awaiting approval for a coordinator position to assist a judge who has been assigned by the Chief Judge to the DVD. That judge, Lawrence J. Dunford is currently hearing the criminal court call; he is not hearing the civil petitions for emergency orders of protection because the CCCC is waiting for the approval of an additional position.

Ms. Hora said that she understood budgetary issues, but it seems like the grant is paying for a time period during which everyone is just waiting for a budget decision.

Hon. Patti said that the extension of the DVD to the 6th Municipal District is a discrete issue. He said that he would prefer to focus on the daily happenings at 555 W. Harrison than what goes on elsewhere in the Circuit.

Hon. Patti, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that the goal was not being abandoned. The CCCC is awaiting funding approval for a new position; there hasn't been a court coordinator at the Markham Courthouse who can assist the judge on a day-to-day basis in preparing orders reflective of the disposition of emergency orders of protection petitions.

Ms. Line said that there are two domestic violence agencies that work at Markham. When the DVD was started, Markham was not issuing civil orders of protection. Over the last couple of years, the staff at Markham has come to understand how important it is to work with victims of domestic violence who cannot access the criminal justice system, but are requesting orders of protection in civil court. The new judge at Markham is trained and is actually doing the criminal cases.

Ms. Landis said that the grant supports the position that herself and Ms. Line occupy. The indicators are related to many meetings with all the relevant parties necessary to implement the DVD at Markham. The facilitation of the interaction with the various court personnel from clerks to state's attorneys to advocates to the judiciary and the presiding judges is supported by this grant. The original projection was that this would be completed by February. Little more can be done except to continue to advocate for the creation of a coordinator position.

Ms. Hora said that her issue was with the performance indicators. One can go to two meetings and get a lot done; one can go to a dozen meetings and get nothing done. The number of meetings is not a good measure. She said that she would like to see a work

plan to meet with whatever groups as necessary to develop a job description for the coordinator. If this can't be achieved in a month due to budgetary issues, that's understandable, but the steps need to be taken to get there.

Mr. Maki said that something like meetings can seem trivial, but can actually be critical. This sort of thing is virtually immeasurable. It sounds like this is actually going as well as can be, given the difficulties of implementing the program.

Hon. Patti said that he had no experience in domestic violence related issues until he took this position two years ago. It has been a wonderful learning experience. Within the last year all of the stake-holders have been called together. In response to these meetings, four key issues have been identified that need to be addressed and resolved so that the court will operate even more efficiently. In response to those four issues, work groups have met several times to make discreet recommendations. He said that one such meeting was held yesterday, after which he was approached by a lawyer who is in charge of a pro bono project at a major Chicago law firm. He said that the lawyer told him that he frequents many courthouses and jurisdictions, but he said that the DVD program is unique. Hon. Patti respectfully suggested that this proposed two-month grant extension would allow the DVD program to continue down the right path.

State's Attorney Alvarez said that the changes being made at Markham are important. She said that she had no issue with the grant's extension.

Ms. Hora said that she was not against extending the grant, but she wanted to see more measurable goals.

Chairman Ellis said that a lot of time has been spent on this issue. He asked Ms. Hora if she was asking that the Budget Committee amend the extension request.

Ms. Hora said that she wanted to approve it, but request that the staff work with the grantee to develop measurables.

Associate Director McCambridge called attention to the other recommended designations:

- \$25,000 in FFY11 funds to Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) for an Affordable Care Act Evaluation,
- \$33,239 in FFY11 funds to TASC for health reform / criminal justice training,
- \$53,500 in ARRA09 funds to the Authority for its 2013 Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Workshop.

Motion: Hon. Cunningham moved to approve the JAG FFY08, FFY09, ARRA09, FFY10, and FFY11 Plan Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maki and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2013 JAG Planning Workshop

Associate Director McCambridge said that staff is tentatively planning a JAG Planning Workshop for May 1, 2013. Staff feels that this is very important, especially in light of the sequester, which will likely impact future spending. The workshop will last about four hours. The first part will be a discussion of restrictions and other background information. This will be followed by a policy workshop at which statistics, trends, and current funding will be analyzed. This will be followed by a discussion of future spending strategies and priorities. No actual funding decisions will be made at this workshop.

Chairman Ellis said that this is the sort of meeting that establishes funding priorities. Everyone who can should attend. It might be a long meeting, but it would be time well spent.

Associate Director McCambridge, in response to a question from an audience member, said that the stake-holders who were invited to this workshop are many of the ones who were invited to a similar workshop many years ago. She said that if anybody feels that a critical stake-holder has not been invited who should be, let her know.

Motion: Sheriff Dart moved to approve the plan for the 2013 JAG Planning Workshop. Ms. Hora seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Illinois Crime Stoppers Fund

Associate Director McCambridge, referring to the Budget Committee Grant Recommendation Report dated March 1, 2013 regarding the Illinois Crime Stoppers Association program, said that legislation had named the Authority the overseer of the Illinois Crime Stoppers Fund. The fund is made up of contributions made by Illinois residents who select the contribution option on their state income tax returns. The \$21,684.96 that is currently in this fund is being requested to support travel and conferences at three different locations across Illinois. The association's eight volunteer member's travel extensively throughout Illinois, often distances over 150 miles one-way. In this case, the Authority is only a pass-through agent.

Ms. Hora said that the Crime Stoppers travel amount is lower than that of some of the other grants that have been proposed, and these funds support as much, if not more, travel. She asked if the number was realistic.

Associate Director McCambridge said that when the budget was developed, they wanted to make sure that they had the funds to facilitate the conferences. There may be some adjustments if they only do two and not three conferences, for example. Then some funds might be moved around within the budget.

Director Cutrone, in response to a question by Ms. Hora, said that even if they did want to do a fourth conference, there would be no more money for them to come back for. Since these funds are raised by checking a box on income tax returns, the Illinois Department of Revenue has a threshold to meet; if \$100,000 is not generated, then the program is terminated.

Motion: State's Attorney Alvarez moved to approve the recommended designation of Illinois Crime Stoppers funds to the Illinois Crime Stoppers Association. Ms. Hora seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Maki moved to adjourn the Budget Agenda portion of the meeting. Chairman Ellis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The Authority Board moved on to discuss other items on the Authority Regular Meeting agenda.