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**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Budget Committee Meeting**

June 19, 2015

9:00 a.m.

300 West Adams

Main Building Conference Room – 2nd Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Budget Committee of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority met on Friday, June 19, 2015, at 300 West Adams, Main Building Conference Room - 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Authority Chair Hon. Elizabeth Robb called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Authority Deputy General Counsel Junaid Afeef called the roll. Other Authority members and designees present were Jennifer Greene for State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Patricia McCreary for Clerk Dorothy Brown, Amy Campanelli, Kathryn Dunne for Sheriff Tom Dart, Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Madigan, James Hickey for Superintendent Garry McCarthy, James Chadd for Director Michael J. Pelletier, Rebecca Janowitz for President Toni Preckwinkle, Director Leo Schmitz, Vicki Wilson for Director Nirav Shah, and Rick Krause for Acting Director Gladys Taylor. Also in attendance were Authority Executive Director John Maki, Authority Deputy General Counsel Junaid Afeef, Authority Deputy Director Randy Kurtz, Authority Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt, Authority Program Supervisor Greg Stevens, Authority Program Supervisor Shai Hoffman, Authority Administrative Assistant Jude Lemrow, and other Authority staff members and guests.

1. Minutes of the January 30, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting

Motion: Ms. Greene called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2015 Budget Committee meeting. Ms. McCreary seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Discussion of the Budget Committee Process

Authority Board members, Budget Committee designees, and Authority staff seated at the table briefly introduced themselves.

Executive Director Maki said that he had previously served as an Authority Board member. He said that he felt that the Budget Committee had become broken and that he wanted to steer it in a new direction so as to provide more oversight at the policy level. He said that he wanted policy to become more research driven. He said that a new Strategic Opportunities Committee had been created to address some of the overlap in programming and disconnects in policy among state agencies. He said that one of Governor Bruce Rauner's goals is to reduce the prison population in Illinois.

Ms. Hora said that in the past, many Budget Committee members came to meetings under-prepared. She said that there is potential for more opportunities for new and innovative pilot projects and that the Budget Committee should not be reduced to only approving lists of continuation grants.

Executive Director Maki said that he wanted the Authority to become more active in seeding innovation.

Ms. Greene said that a past problem had been that the Authority manages different funding streams, not all of which are discussed at every Budget Committee meeting, and there has been a rotating cast of participants at Budget Committee meetings, resulting in meeting participants not being familiar with programs and issues. Budget Committee members were also given little lead time to review meeting materials.

Authority staff member Jude Lemrow said that over time the Budget Committee had asked for more and more information on designation recommendations, resulting in time-consuming work for staff and lengthy documents for Board members to review. The Budget Committee began to examine budget and program details of individual grants. He

said that it appears that the committee's new direction will have the Budget Committee making more over-arching policy decisions about funding under the assumption that details regarding grant and program viability will have been vetted by staff before designation requests are made.

Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt said that in the case of the victim services programs, the Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee (VSAHC), consisting of various victim services stakeholders, meets every three years to develop spending and programming priorities, which Authority staff then implements. At the last VSAHC meeting, the decision was made to continue current funding for current programs for 2014 through 2016. There will be changes coming to this process in response to the new Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) law requires that grants be awarded via a competitive process.

Ms. Hora said that it is important for the Budget Committee to know how grantees are doing financially; audits and other financial information should be reviewed. It is a bad idea to designate funds to unstable grantees.

Executive Director Maki said that the Budget Committee would not serve simply to "rubber stamp" designation recommendations. He said that the Authority is developing a new granting process that would address concerns sooner and shorten the time between grant designation and execution. He said that federal and state fund work in different ways and that new processes will require strategic thinking.

Ms. Greene said that an orientation meeting would be helpful.

3. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt, referring to the memo in the materials dated June 19, 2015 and regarding the FFY13 and FFY14 VOCA Plan Adjustments and the FFY15 VOCA Plan Introduction, said that the chart on Page 1 of the memo described FFY13 and FFY14 VOCA funds recently returned to the Authority.

Mr. Reichgelt described FFY13, FFY14, and FFY15 designation recommendations as presented in the memo. He called attention to a hard copy of Page 2 of the memo that had been distributed to the Budget Committee members at their places identifying corrections made to the chart beginning on Page 2 of the memo and describing recommended designation amounts to Child Advocacy Center Services programs. The corrected table is as follows, with corrections in *italics*:

DESIGNEE	FFY13	FFY14	FFY15
All Our Children's Advocacy Center			\$75,342
Amy Schultz Child Advocacy Center		\$32,239	
Champaign County Child Advocacy Center	\$50,338		
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center		\$151,384	
<i>Child Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois</i>	\$38,367		
<i>Child Network</i>			\$30,880
<i>Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County</i>			\$34,314
<i>Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County</i>			\$57,893
<i>Children's Advocacy Renewal & Enlightenment (Williamson Co. CAC)</i>			\$81,741
<i>Court Appointed Special Advocates of Adams County</i>			\$25,337
<i>DuPage County Children's Center</i>			\$58,347
<i>Kane County Child Advocacy Center</i>			\$22,254
<i>Lake County Child Advocacy Center</i>			\$89,981
<i>LaRabida Children's Hospital</i>			\$47,826
<i>LaRabida Children's Hospital</i>			\$39,217
McHenry County Child Advocacy Center			\$32,756
McLean County Child Advocacy Center			\$119,426
Procure Centers / Proviso Child Advocacy Center			\$24,478
Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center			\$84,603
Shining Star Child Advocacy Center			\$62,159
St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center		\$34,472	
Tazewell County			\$45,766
The Guardian Center, Inc.		\$25,661	
Will County Child Advocacy Center			\$25,877
Will County Child Advocacy Center			\$38,944
Winnebago County Children's Advocacy Center	\$83,684		
TOTAL – Child Advocacy Center Services	\$172,389	\$243,756	\$997,141

Mr. Reichgelt described the recommended designations throughout the memo.

Motion: Ms. Hora moved to approve the VOCA FFY13 and FFY14 Plan Adjustment and the FFY15 Plan Introduction. Ms. Greene seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Mr. Krause with regard to the recommended designation to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

4. Discussion of State Funded Programs

Executive Director Maki said that state grant funds are given to the Authority by the Illinois General Assembly and are not subject to a request-for-proposals or other competitive process. He said that since the Illinois SFY16 Budget had not yet been approved, staff was unable to present pending state-funded grant designation requests. He said that this situation would force the Budget Committee to meet on short notice when the SFY16 Budget is approved so as to expedite the designation approval process for affected state-funded grant programs.

Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Hora moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Greene seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.