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**MINUTES**

**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**

**Budget Committee Meeting**

September 24, 2015

1:00 p.m.

300 West Adams, Suite 200

Large Conference Room

Chicago, Illinois 60606

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Budget Committee of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority met on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 300 West Adams, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, Chicago, Illinois. Authority Budget Committee Chair Cynthia Hora (representing Attorney General Lisa Madigan) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Authority Associate General Counsel Simeon Kim called the roll.

Other Authority members and designees present were:

Nicole Kramer for State's Attorney Anita Alvarez  
Parul Desai for Public Defender Amy Campanelli  
Marlena Jentz for Sheriff Tom Dart  
Pamela Paziotopoulos  
Authority Chair Hon. Elizabeth Robb (via teleconference)  
Col. James Winters for Director Leo Schmitz  
Paula Wolff

Also in attendance were:

Authority Executive Director John Maki  
Authority Associate Director, Federal and State Grants Unit, Kevin Givens  
Authority Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt  
Authority Program Supervisor Greg Stevens  
Authority Program Supervisor Mary Ratliff  
Authority Program Supervisor Mary Ann Dyar  
Authority Program Supervisor Shai Hoffman  
Authority Federal and State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Jude Lemrow  
Other Authority staff members and guests.

## **1. Public Comment**

None.

## **2. Minutes of the June 19, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting**

Ms. Wolff noted that the attendance listed Hon. Robb twice and requested that the second listing be removed.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2015 Budget Committee meeting, as corrected. Col. Winters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **3. Minutes of the August 6, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting**

Ms. Hora requested that Rebecca Janowitz of the Cook County Board of Commissioners be added to the attendance list.

Ms. Hora said that the second sentence of the third full paragraph on Page 3 should read:

There were some attempts to do this in recent years, but they ~~did~~ *were* not quite as effective as they could have been.

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2015 Budget Committee meeting, as corrected. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **4. Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**

Authority Program Supervisor Greg Stevens, referring to the memo from Director Maki dated September 24, 2015 regarding JAG FFY10, FFY11, and FFY12 plan adjustments and FFY13 and FFY14 plan introductions and contained at Item 4 in the meeting materials, described funds recently returned to the Authority, introduced the FFY13 and FFY14 federal awards to the Authority, and described recommended designations.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended JAG FFY10 through FFY14 adjustments and designations. Ms. Wolff seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Kramer regarding recommendations relating to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

## **5. National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (NFSIA)**

Authority Program Supervisor Greg Stevens, referring to the memo from Director Maki dated September 24, 2015 regarding the FFY15 NFSIA plan introduction and contained at Item 5 in the meeting materials, described recommended designations.

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended NFSIA FFY15 designations. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **6. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Act (RSAT)**

Authority Program Supervisor Greg Stevens, referring to the memo from Director Maki dated September 24, 2015 regarding the FFY15 RSAT plan introduction and contained at Item 6 in the meeting materials, described recommended designations.

Mr. Stevens said that 10 percent of the award must be set aside for local use, but no recipient has yet been identified; staff is currently working on a request-for-proposals (RFP) for these funds. He said that the Budget Committee would have an opportunity to review the RFP before it is let out.

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended RSAT FFY15 designations. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **7. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

Authority Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt, referring to the memo from Director Maki dated September 24, 2015 regarding the FFY09 and FFY11 through FFY14 plan adjustments and designations contained at Item 7 in the meeting materials, described funds recently returned to the Authority and recommended designations.

**Motion:** Col. Winters moved to approve the recommended VAWA FFY09 and FFY11 through FFY14 plan adjustments and designations. Ms. Paziotopoulos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Hora regarding recommendations relating to the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

## **8. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Sexual Assault Services Programs (SASP)**

Authority Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt, referring to the memo from Director Maki dated September 24, 2015 regarding the VAWA SASP FFY15 plan introduction contained at Item 8 in the meeting materials, described a recommended designation.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended RSAT FFY15 designations. Col. Winters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business**

Director Maki introduced Kevin Givens as the new Associate Director of the Authority's Federal and State Grants Unit.

Director Maki said that DuPage County has done considerable work on a crime reporting system and they recently requested further funding to support that effort. That designation recommendation will be presented separately in the near future so that the Budget Committee can be properly informed about and focused on that program.

### **State-Funded Programs**

#### *Adult Redeploy Illinois*

Authority Program Supervisor Mary Ann Dyar said that she oversees the Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) program. The program funds local jurisdictions to support alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. ARI operates 21 sites serving 39 counties. ARI costs about \$7 million to operate over a year. The lack of a state budget since July 1, 2015 has the ARI program owing its participating sites about \$1.1 million for the first quarter of state fiscal year 2016. So far, the sites have been able to find ways to cover their costs, but the situation is growing more tenuous every day without ARI funding as participating sites are beginning to lay off ARI program staff. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget has authorized the Authority to reimburse these grantees retroactively to July 1, 2015 if and when a budget is passed that includes ARI funding. In the interim, some sites have closed their doors to new referrals; others have scaled back evidence-based practices, clinical assessments, drug testing, treatment services, and relapse prevention. Community service providers who receive subcontracts from these sites are also laying off staff. These layoffs and reductions in activities will have long-term repercussions. The Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform has recommended reducing Illinois's prison population by 25 percent by 2025 and has often mentioned ARI as a key component in making that happen. Besides the impact on the clients, the effect on the system is chilling; courts are less likely to refer

offenders to ARI if they think ARI's funding and existence is in jeopardy; programs are losing valuable staff; and there is a loss in fidelity of evidence-based practices. During any given quarter, ARI serves approximately 1,400 offenders who would otherwise be in Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) custody. Without ARI, the potential cost of sending half of those offenders (700) to IDOC upon revocation of probation, as well as denying entry to 200 more offenders who would otherwise enroll in ARI, is estimated at \$15 million; ARI costs about \$7 million annually.

### *Safe From the Start*

Authority Program Supervisor Shai Hoffman said that Safe From the Start (SFS) has nine community-based agencies throughout Illinois providing services to children aged 0-5 and their families who have been exposed to violence in the home and/or in the community. SFS supports training and education for community members and professionals, direct services, and collaboration and coalition building. Due to the budget shortfall, most agencies have stopped performing collaboration and coalition building work; they are only focusing on direct services. During the first two months of state fiscal year 2016, these programs have had to come up with about \$150,000 to make up for the lack of SFS funding. As those resources dwindle, most of these agencies have stopped accepting new clients. If the budget impasse continues, then these programs will stop direct services sometime over the next six months.

### *Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils*

Authority Program Supervisor Mary Ratliff said that the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils (IFVCC) exists to improve the justice system's institutional, professional, and community response to family violence. This is done via training, community awareness, and committee work to bring about system changes. 23 councils serve all of Illinois's 102 counties. Most counties receive about \$17,000 to support these activities. Across the 23 councils, eight coordinators have stopped working, seven are on reduced schedules, and three have vacant coordinator positions that have not been filled as a result of the budget crisis. The IFVCCs also receive funding via a grant from the United States Department of Justice's Office for Violence Against Women (OVW) that supports law enforcement and prosecution protocol development. As the IFVCCs' abilities have been compromised, the programs are not able to continue to meet the goals and objectives of the OVW's award.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.