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

January 19, 2016

9:00 a.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 Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 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 9:04 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
Public Defender Amy Campanelli
Director Patrick Delfino (via teleconference)
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 Supervisors Greg Stevens, Ron Reichgelt, and Shai Hoffman
Authority Federal and State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Jude Lemrow
Sharmili Majmudar representing Rape Victim Advocates
Other Authority staff members and guests.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Minutes of the October 20, 2015 Budget Committee Meeting

Motion: Ms. Greene moved to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2015 Budget Committee meeting. Col. Winters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Associate Director Kevin Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY14 JAG plan adjustment and contained at Item 3 in the meeting materials. He said that staff recommends designating \$331,569 in FFY14 funds to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) to support its Community-Based Residential Treatment for Adults program. He said that this pre-release program provides for a structured environment that includes strict expectations for behavior, participation, and active involvement during substance abuse treatment programming at an IDOC Adult Transition Center (ATC). He briefly described the program's budget details.

Motion: Ms. Campanelli moved to approve the recommended JAG FFY14 plan adjustment. Ms. Greene seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Act (RSAT) Local Program Request for Proposal (RFP)

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY13 - FFY15 RSAT Local Program RFP and contained at Item 4 in the meeting materials. He said that the RFP would support local post-detention programs to treat heroin addiction.

Mr. Stevens said that after the RFP is let out and the responses are scored, staff will present to the Budget Committee a set of designation requests to support the winning proposals.

This information was provided for informational purposes only. No Budget Committee action was taken.

5. Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY13 and FFY14 SORNA plan adjustments and contained at Item 5 in the meeting materials. He described designations of \$159,098 in lapsing FFY13 funds and \$263,394 in FFY14 funds to the Illinois Sheriff's Association to enter into a one-year contract for statewide provision of Offender Watch © services. He said that this effort would move Illinois closer to compliance with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

Ms. Wolff said that, ultimately, full compliance with the Adam Walsh Act would require legislative action by the General Assembly.

Director Maki said that there are two issues here:

1. There is a larger compliance issue that includes needed statutory changes that have not happened yet.
2. There is the question as to whether this is a worthwhile program in and of itself.

Mr. Reichgelt said that these funds resulted from a five percent fine on the Authority's JAG awards for Adam Walsh Act non-compliance. These funds are returned to these states to support programming to move the states toward compliance. The Authority has been using these funds to support a statewide reporting system via the Illinois State Police (ISP). However, these funds pay for participating counties' fees for using the Offender Watch system as made possible by the Illinois Sheriff's Association. Offender Watch is not a statewide system and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has informed the Authority that starting with the FFY15 award support for Offender Watch will no longer be an allowable use of SORNA funds. Therefore, the remaining FFY13 and FFY14 funds are being used to continue to support Offender Watch until those funds are exhausted. Staff is working with ISP to develop a use of the FFY15 SORNA funds in support of a statewide system. Neither of these things will bring Illinois into full compliance with the Adam Walsh Act.

This information was provided for informational purposes only. No Budget Committee action was taken.

6. Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Training (VADGT) Program

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY15 VADGT plan introduction and contained at Item 6 in the meeting materials. He said that the designations recommended by staff and described in the table below would support training and technical assistance for victim assistance service providers and would have program start dates of January 1, 2016.

| DESIGNEE | FFY15 |
|--|------------------|
| Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence | \$100,000 |
| Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault | \$100,000 |
| Illinois Attorney General’s Office | \$100,000 |
| TOTAL | \$300,000 |

Ms. Wolff said that research should be a component of any program as a means of evaluating training program effectiveness.

Ms. Greene said that these training programs are fairly standardized across the country.

Mr. Reichgelt said that Illinois received the FFY15 VADGT award of almost \$1 million as a discretionary grant and a result of a competitive process. The basis for this program is the drastic expansion of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding; the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) didn’t want VOCA-funded programs to hire lots of new people without making the proper training available to them.

Motion: Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended VADGT plan introduction. Ms. Greene seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Hora with regard to the designation to the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.

7. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY12, FFY13, and FFY14 VAWA plan adjustments and contained at Item 7 in the meeting materials. He called attention to the table on Page 1 of the VAWA memo describing FFY12 and FFY13 funds recently returned to the Authority and said that staff recommended that those funds be made available for other programming. He said that the table on Page 2 of the VAWA memo described recommended designations to support Multi-Disciplinary Team Response programs (MDTs).

Ms. Campanelli said that despite the large volume of information presented in the materials regarding the designation recommendations, a more focused presentation would be helpful.

Mr. Reichgelt said that every three years the Authority hosts a Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee (VSAHC) meeting, the most recent one having been in 2013. This is done to satisfy VAWA Implementation Plan requirements. The VSAHC consists of Authority Board members and stakeholders from throughout Illinois. At the meetings, staff provides the VSAHC with data showing victimization, crime rates, service gaps, etc., and the VSAHC uses that data to develop a spending plan. The VSAHC also develops priorities for the use of VAWA funds which are then presented to the Authority Board along with the Implementation Plan. One aspect of the current plan is that VAWA funds should support MDTs; coordinated programs and specialized personnel across specific disciplines – law enforcement, probation, prosecution, and service providers. The designations recommended in this memo are the winning responses to a Request-for-Applications (RFA) that was let in 2015. While each participating agency will receive its own grants, each MDT will be evaluated as a whole; the whole MDT will be held accountable if a single participating entity fails. Evaluations of past MDT programs have shown them to be very successful.

Ms. Wolff suggested that future Budget Committee memorandums addressing designation recommendations derived from RFA or RFP processes include summaries of said processes so that the necessary background information will be available to the Board members as they review the materials.

Director Maki suggested scheduling pre-meeting conference calls so that Board Members' questions can be addressed between the time that they receive the Budget Committee agenda/materials and the Budget Committee meetings themselves.

Mr. Reichgelt said that these programs would have program start dates of January 1, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended VAWA FFY12, FFY13, and FFY14 plan adjustments. Ms. Campanelli seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Greene with regard to the designations involving Cook County.

8. Violence Against Women Act Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (VAWA A)

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY14 VAWA A plan adjustment and contained at Item 8 in the meeting materials. He said that Rock Island County originally received a VAWA A FFY14 grant for \$9,260 to support its Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC), but these funds had been rescinded and made available for other programming purposes. He said that staff recommends designating \$234,070 in additional FFY14 funds to support the second year of the original FVCC designations that were approved in 2014, as described in the attached Budget Committee Grant Recommendation Report. These programs normally receive additional funding from the state, but such funding has not been disbursed in SFY16 due to the budget impasse.

This information was provided for informational purposes only. No Budget Committee action was taken.

9. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from Director Maki dated January 19, 2016 regarding the FFY12, FFY14, and FFY15 VOCA plan adjustments and contained at Item 9 in the meeting materials. He called attention to the table on Page 1 of the VOCA memo describing FFY12 and FFY14 funds recently returned to the Authority and said that staff recommended that those funds be made available for other programming. He said that the table on Page 2 of the VOCA memo described recommended designations to support Multi-Disciplinary Team Response programs (MDTs) in conjunction with the VAWA MDT designations described in Item 7.

Sharmili Majmudar, representing Rape Victim Advocates (RVA), delivered a presentation describing services provided by RVA and RVA's role in its respective MDT program.

Motion: Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended VOCA FFY12, FFY14, and FFY15 plan adjustments. Col. Winters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Ms. Greene with regard to the designations involving Cook County.

10. 2016 Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

Associate Director Givens called attention to the memo from himself dated January 19, 2016 regarding the 2016 Budget Committee Meeting Schedule and contained at Item 10 in the meeting materials. He called attention to the schedule, as described in the table below:

| Date | Time | Location |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| May 12, 2016 | 9AM | Authority's Offices |
| August 18, 2016 | 9AM | Authority's Offices |
| November 10, 2016 | 9AM | Authority's Offices |

Associate Director Givens said that:

- If significant conflicts with these dates arise for the committee members, alternative dates will be considered.
- If staff determines that no Budget Committee action is necessary on any of the above dates, board members will be notified in advance of such dates as to the meeting's cancellation.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Greene moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dunne seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.