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Grant Review Committee Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 29, 2015 | 10:00 am

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
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I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Captain John Biffany, Chair of the Grant Review Committee (GRC), called the meeting to order and asked ICJIA Deputy General Counsel Junaid Afeef to take roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Chairman John Biffany	x		
Kathleen Boehmer	x		
Larry Cholewin	x		
Sydney Roberts	x		
Chief Brian Fengel	x		
Mike Golden (for S.A. Alvarez)	x		
Larry Johnson**	x		
S.A. Jerry Brady**	x		

* Four members need to be physically present for a quorum

**Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brady, Council board members, attended the meeting and were added to the committee. A quorum was present.

Chairman Biffany gave a few introductory remarks about himself. Chairman Biffany is with the Illinois State Police. He also introduced John Maki. Mr. Maki is the new executive director for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

II. Approval of October 2, 2014 Grant Review Committee Meeting Summary

Chairman Biffany stated that the GRC meeting summary for the October 2, 2014 meeting was behind Tab A of the meeting materials. He asked the members if there were any additions, deletions or questions regarding the summary. Director Dan Likens for Tri-County noted that a funding chart for the proposed designations found on page 3 of the meeting summary incorrectly noted the "revised designation" as \$7,404,673. The correct amount should be \$817,766. There were no comments on the meeting summary.

Motion: To approve the October 2, 2014 meeting summary subject to an edit to the chart on page 3 (changing the revised designation for Tri-County to \$817,766).

Motion: Ms. Sydney Roberts
Second: Chief Brian Fengel
Vote: Approved unanimously

III. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Biffany asked Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens referenced his memo and the supporting materials found behind Tab B of the meeting materials.

Mr. Stevens reported that actual expenses through November 30, 2014 were \$5,305,059

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and that there would be more up-to-date figures at the February Council meeting. It is projected there will be a trust fund balance of \$1,741,208 at the end of calendar year 2015. Mr. Stevens further noted that \$6,498,542 of the \$7,000,000 appropriation has been awarded, and that there remains \$501,458.

Next Mr. Stevens addressed the program vehicle fleet summary and staff activities. He noted that the fleet summary report has been modified to make it more informative and useful (e.g., he described the inclusion of mileage information; the type of acquisition through which the vehicle was obtained). There were no questions or comments regarding the vehicle summary. Mr. Stevens also reported that Ms. Luisa Salazar, working with other ICJIA staff, developed an automated mechanism for billing insurance companies in 2015, and that it is being used in 2015 as a pilot. This new system saves ICJIA staff a significant amount of time preparing the billing materials, it allows better tracking of which companies have received and opened the emails, and the pilot saves significantly on postage expenses. Mr. Stevens then noted that Mr. Terry Dugan was able to complete all of the amendments to the 2014 grants despite the very short period of time between the final Council meeting of 2014 (when the revised designations were approved) and the end of the grant performance period (December 31, 2014).

Next Mr. Stevens addressed Gov. Rauner's Executive Order 15-08 and asked the grantee recipients attending the meeting what, if any, impact their respective programs would face if funding were delayed on the 2015 grants. Task force directors for Tri-County, NEMAT, SLATE, MEATTF, and the Secretary of State each noted that they had only approximately one week of funding remaining and that thereafter they would have to suspend operations. Mr. Maki noted that these issues were being discussed with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB). Ms. Wendy McCambridge, Associate Director for ICJIA's grants unit, reported that details of the MVTPC grants, the nature of the trust funds from which the grants were made, and the important public safety purpose served by the task forces has all been memorialized and shared with GOMB. Mr. Cholewin remarked that someone should advocate on behalf of the MVTPC with the Governor's office. Chairman Biffany observed that he had experienced something similar when he headed a different task force years ago funded with federal monies. He noted that in the wake of funding freezes to his and to other similarly situated task forces, Chairman Biffany and other directors reached out to the members of Congress in whose districts these task forces operated to make their case to them. Chairman Biffany suggested that this may be an appropriate course of action in this instance.

IV. QUARTERLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Chairman Biffany next moved to the Quarterly Activity Summary item on the agenda found behind Tab C. He noted that this report is prepared by the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse. It covers the third quarter of 2014. There were no comments on the summary.

V. PROGRAM PROFILE

Chairman Biffany noted that the next item on the agenda was a program profile that will be presented at the February 25, 2015 Council meeting. He noted that a representative from the Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse will be present at the Council meeting to present the profile of the program.

Mr. Stevens noted that in the past, a copy of the program profile was included with the GRC meeting materials. Mr. Stevens asked if the GRC wishes to see it in advance at the GRC meetings. Mr. Johnson said he was fine with just including these profiles in the Council meeting materials. There were no objections to taking the program profile materials out of the GRC meeting materials.

VII. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016 – 2019 STATEWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION STRATEGY

Chairman Biffany asked Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens referenced his memo and the supporting materials found behind Tab E of the meeting materials.

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Mr. Stevens explained the process needed to develop the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy for 2016-2019. Mr. Stevens reviewed the time line in the meeting materials. There were no questions.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Roberts thanked Council on behalf of the Demuzio family and Secretary White on the posthumous commendation for Brad Demuzio.

Mr. Cholewin revisited the issue surrounding Executive Order 15-08. He wanted to know who was going to advocate for MVTPC before the Governor.

X. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Sydney Roberts
Second: Mr. Larry Cholewin
Vote: Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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