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MINUTES

**Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council
May 13, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
300 W. Adams, Suite 200
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chief Fengel motioned for State's Attorney Anita Alvarez to be appointed by the Council to serve as Chairman for the May 13th Council meeting. Mr. Sauzek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Alvarez called the meeting to order. Lisa Castillo, Associate General Counsel for Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, called roll.

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Anita Alvarez	X		
Superintendent Garry McCarthy			X
Larry Cholewin			X
Brian B. Fengel	X		
Deputy Chief Sydney Roberts as designee for Jesse White	X		
Larry D. Johnson	X		
Donald L. Sauzek	X		
Jerry Brady		X	
Director Leo Schmitz			X

(5 members need to be physically present to constitute a quorum)

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016-2020 IMVTPC STATEWIDE STRATEGY

Mr. Joe Bruscato, State's Attorney for Winnebago County, gave comments in support of the Northern Illinois Auto Task Force. Mr. Bruscato stated that the Northern Illinois Auto Task Force has remained up and running and fully functional while waiting for funding. They have been able to do so due to the commitment of Winnebago and Boone County. These counties agreed to keep the task force running through June 30th of this year with one contingency. That contingency is funding beginning July 1 which is sufficient to keep them operational and functional. Mr. Bruscato acknowledges that there is a proposed budget of \$334,000. He asked Council to adjust the amount to \$392,000 in order for the task force to run efficiently. Local government has stepped up and kept the task force running but they need the commitment from the Council that there will be sufficient funds on July 1.

Mr. John Maki, Executive Director for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, commented on the amendment to HB 3382. Mr. Maki stated that this bill is in response to the latest sweeps. It would take the Motor Vehicle funds out of state government and put it in hands of the insurance association. It was clear the amendment had the support of all the stakeholders and in no way a reflection on the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The Authority is neutral on this bill but in support of what it tries to accomplish.

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

Ms. Alvarez asked the Council members if they had any questions, comments, or edits with regard to the February 25, 2015 Council meeting minutes. There were no questions, comments, or edits. Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015 Council meeting. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Alvarez asked Program Director Greg Stevens to present his report. Mr. Stevens reported as follows:

Trust Fund Reports – Mr. Stevens referenced the Fiscal Status Report for January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015. A balance of \$7,389,081 remains. The Cash Flow Projection Report for 2015 and the Lapse Funds Report for 2010 to 2014 notes that there is a projected Trust Fund balance of \$1,793,163 at the end of calendar year 2015. That Cash Flow Projection includes the projected sweep of \$6 million. As of today, the funds have not been swept. The executive order suspended all of the open grants. Therefore, there are no open grants with the Authority.

Mr. Stevens made a brief reference to the Program Fleet Summary. He stated the vehicle fleet and equipment disposition will be discussed during the Grant Review Committee Report. Mr. Stevens highlighted the staff activities from February 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015. He noted that Ms. Salazar has been working to return all the insurance vehicles. She is asking the program agencies that are open to return their leased vehicles so they can be exchanged with grant purchased vehicles. Also, the automated insurance assessment tool indicates that \$6,715,647 has been collected for 2015. This amount exceeds 2014 by \$83,112.

Ms. Roberts asked what the status of the PCIAA litigation was. Mr. Stevens responded that the case was dismissed by summary judgment. The last appeal was to the Supreme Court. PCIAA did not to file that appeal.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Biffany presented the Grant Review Committee Report. He noted that the Grant Review Committee met on April 2, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Biffany referenced the equipment disposition memo and how to handle the disposition of equipment for the closing units. Also included in this memo is the Administrative Code. Mr. Biffany referenced the vehicle inventory list and the dispositions of vehicles for the closing units. GMAT would like to transfer a 2015 SUV to the Metro East Unit, disposing of a 2010 sedan, and a possible transfer of a sedan to the city of Lemont. NEMAT is transferring two vehicles to TCAT and the city of Lynwood is requesting two vehicles. SLATE is transferring two units to the Metro East Unit and one vehicle to Tri-County Unit. The city of Peoria requested to retain one vehicle and disposal of two vehicles. SOS Audit Team has requested to retain four vehicles. Once vehicles are sold, the money will be returned to the trust fund.

Mr. Stevens added that there is an error on the disposition memo. SLATE requested the 2010 sedan with 70,000 miles, not 52,000 miles. They are just requesting one vehicle. As far as disposing of vehicles, it must be done in a way that the implementing agency allows while also allowing them to take out administrative costs. The four open programs were asked to return the leased and insurance vehicles. The vehicles being transferred are filling the leased and insurance vehicle spots. All vehicles transferred are grant purchased. The implementing agency can ask for grant funded vehicles for grant purposes.

Motion to approve the transfer or disposing of vehicles as listed in the vehicle inventory report

Motion: Chief Fengel

Second: Mr. Johnson

Vote: approved unanimously

Mr. Biffany referenced the equipment inventory list. Mr. Biffany stated that several units are seeking to retain equipment previously purchased under the grant. The Motor Vehicle Theft Intelligence Clearinghouse is asking to retain several computer equipment items. The Greater Metro Auto Task Force seeks to retain bait equipment. NEMAT is seeking to transfer "Cellebrite" to Tri-County. SLATE is seeking to transfer a bait car controller.

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Motion to approve the division of grant purchased equipment as listed in the equipment inventory proposal

Motion: Mr. Johnson
 Second: Mr. Sauzek
 Vote: approved unanimously

Mr. Biffany requested a financial audit of the closing units be completed using their operational funds. Mr. Stevens commented that each program has project income or income from sale of vehicles to fund a financial audit.

Motion to approve a financial audit to be completed by the closing units

Motion: Chief Fengel
 Second: Ms. Roberts
 Vote: approved unanimously

TRUST FUND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Stevens noted that after the sweep takes place there will be a portion of the money remaining in the trust fund. The money will not go back into the trust fund until March. Therefore, the remaining programs must be maintained from July 1st until March 31st. There is about \$1.6 million for those nine months.

Mr. Stevens referred to the chart below. The “9 month requested level” is how much each of the four programs needs to stay open for nine months. That amount exceeds the available level for nine months. Cook County requested less than the pro-rated amount. The recommended nine month total is the pro-rated amount at the 12 month rate after the Cook County request is subtracted.

The proposed amendment would take place January 1. The Authority will then only be able to enter into grant agreement from July 1st to December 31st, which is six months. The last column is a pro-rated amount at a nine month level. Mr. Stevens recommends that the trust fund not be empty when the new administering agency takes over.

There was a discussion as to whether the Council should accept the six or nine month pro-rated plan. Another suggestion was to divide the 12 month funding level by two because it is a six month period, thereby leaving approximately \$1.5 million. This method keeps the same ratio which it was traditionally funded.

Program	12-month funding level	9-month pro-rated funding level	9-month requested level	% of 9-month pro-rated level	9-month Recommendation	% of 9-month pro-rated recommendation level	9-month recommendation pro-rated to 6 months
Cook County State's Attorney Prosecution Unit	\$823,644	\$617,733	\$413,020	67%	\$413,020	67%	\$275,347
Metro East Task Force	\$751,810	\$563,858	\$517,160	92%	\$410,283	73%	\$273,522
Northern IL Task Force	\$622,315	\$466,736	\$433,739	93%	\$339,614	73%	\$226,409
Tri-County Task Force	\$800,918	\$600,689	\$578,923	96%	\$437,083	73%	\$291,389
Total:	\$2,998,687	\$2,249,016	\$1,942,842		\$1,600,000		\$1,066,667

Motion to approve the funding to the existing agencies at a six month pro-rated level consistent with the 12 month funding rate

Motion: Ms. Alvarez
Second: Mr. Johnson
Vote: approved unanimously

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2016-2019 STATEWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION STRATEGY

Mr. Stevens presented the materials for the statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention strategy. Mr. Stevens stated that if the amendment passes, the Authority would not be the administering agency and the scope would change. Therefore, he would exclude himself from developing the next strategy. It is suggested that the Council consider the following timeline for the development of the 2016 – 2019 Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy.

Suggested Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Strategy:

January 29, 2015	Present timeline and outline of strategy development process to the Grant Review Committee.
February 25, 2015	Present timeline and outline of strategy development process to the Council.
March 2, 2015	Post invitations for written input.
April 3, 2015	Return date for written input.
May 13, 2015	Regular Council meeting to hear verbal comments and review written comments.
October 15, 2015	Present draft of strategy to the Grant Review Committee.
November 18, 2015	Present strategy to the Council.
November 23, 2015	Post applications for program funding.
December 23, 2015	Final date to accept written funding applications.
January, 2016	Grant Review Committee to conduct hearing on funding applications.
January, 2016	Grant Review Committee meeting to recommend applications for funding to the Council.
February, 2016	Council meeting to approve grants 2016-2019.

Motion to approve the timetable and format outlined in the memo dependent on what passes in the legislature

Motion: Mr. Fengel
Second: Mr. Sauzek
Vote: approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. David Stanger with SLATE asked if there was a time line to complete audits because SLATE is not officially closed, rather in a suspended mode. He further inquired as to whether SLATE could keep two vehicles until they become active again.

The Council agreed to address these concerns at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

There were no additional items on the agenda after the session was concluded. Ms. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Chief Fengel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Castillo
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Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority