

MAINE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2016 at 9:00 am

Maine Dept. of Public Safety

Augusta, Maine

Council Members present: Marty McIntyre, John Rogers, Ted Glessner, Colin O'Neil, Stephanie Anderson, Heather Putnam, Ryan Thornell, Commissioner John Morris, Major Chris Grotton, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Sheriff Ryan Reardon

On phone: Chief Robbie Moulton

Absent: Brian MacMaster, Jack Peck, Joan Smyrski

Guests: George Shaler, Statistical Analysis Center, Francine Stark

Staff Members present: Janet Joyeux, Tracy Poulin, and Denise Paradis

2.0.0 Roll Call: Marty McIntyre conducted roll call

3.0.0 Minutes: The minutes for the June 22, 2016 meeting were read, no changes were made.

Motion: Made by Elizabeth Ward Saxl, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, approved and accepted unanimously.

4.0.0 Preliminary Plan Survey Results for the STOP Implementation Plan and Byrne/JAG Multiple – Year Strategy –

George Shaler provided update on preliminary work. Progress is ongoing. There will be a draft by the end of September and plans to complete STOP Implementation Plan before next meeting, December 1, 2016.

6.0.0 Byrne/JAG Award, Tracy Poulin

Agenda item taken out of order

DPS has not received Federal award of funds yet, must know by September 30, 2016.

All funding proposals are based on estimates.

Award to Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA) proposed in the amount of \$641,134.

There have been more agencies working to utilize funds. DPS may have approximately \$35,000 remaining to award.

5.0.0 VAWA STOP Implementation Plan Grant Applications:

No award made yet by the Federal Government.

FY16 \$1,081,054 plus residuals from FY14 and FY15.

5.1.0 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Funding Recommendations:

Committee reports taken out of order relevant to Agenda

Grants moved to Discretionary review were due to JAC members being on Review Committee, or members of Boards for organizations submitting proposals, or exhaustion of funds in category.

5.4.0 Law Enforcement RFP Committee Report, Tracy Poulin

10 proposals received. 1 moved to Discretionary

9 proposals totaling \$536,622. 5 proposals recommended for funding totaling \$259,775

Balance remaining of \$1,244.65 to move to Discretionary

Motion: Made by Ryan Reardon, seconded by Stephanie Anderson, approved unanimously with one member abstaining.

Discussion: Stephanie Anderson inquired about proposal from District V. Was that a new full time position? No, it is to expand a ½ time position to full time. Not recommended for award. A discussion regarding ability to move proposals to Other category with adequate funds available, such as Prosecution.

5.3.0 Prosecution RFP Committee Report, Marty McIntyre

4 proposals received. 1 moved to Discretionary.

3 proposals totaling \$242,079. Recommended funding \$218,548.

\$205,961 moved to Discretionary.

Motion: Made by Stephanie Anderson, seconded by Ryan Reardon, approved unanimously.

5.2.0 Victim Services RFP Committee Report, Ted Glessner

16 proposals received. 3 moved to Discretionary due to lack of funds.

13 proposals totaling \$814,989. 7 recommended for funding in amount of \$286,312.

\$14,141 moved to Discretionary.

Motion: Made by Ted Glessner, seconded by John Rogers, approved unanimously with one member abstaining.

5.5.0 Court RFP Committee, Tracy Poulin

No proposals received.

Discussion: Commissioner Morris asked if the Court funding could be used by Public Safety. A discussion regarding the policy of the JAC regarding re-release of an RFP when funds over \$50,000 available. RFP will be released in September with the anticipated presentation of results at the December 1, 2016 JAC meeting.

5.6.0 Discretionary RFP Committee Report, John Rogers

6 proposals totaling \$509,905. 6 recommended for funding in the amount of \$372,233.

Motion: Made by Heather Putnam, seconded by Ryan Reardon, approved unanimously with four members abstaining.

5.7.0 Discussion:

Funding requires a set aside for culturally specific award of \$29,188 under Victim Services. United Somali Women proposal received \$45,066.

Funding requires a sexual assault set aside of \$216,210. Requirement met through several categories.

Discussion of remaining balances in Prosecution, Court, and Discretionary. A discussion regarding the release of an additional RFP was held. Several members expressed ideas for changes in new RFP process. Tracy Poulin will review and prepare new RFP document.

Motion: Commissioner Morris moved the RFP should go forward, seconded by John Rogers. Approved unanimously with one member abstaining.

8.0.0 PL C. 481 Substance Abuse Assistance Program Grants, Denise Paradis

8 proposals received requesting \$1.19 million in funding. Grant funds available equal \$1 million.
4 proposals approved totaling approximately \$572,000.

Motion: Made by Elizabeth Ward Saxl, seconded by Major Chris Grotton, approved unanimously.

Discussion: Commissioner Morris stated he will request approval from Legislature to use remaining funds for another RFP. It was also expressed that there is a need to have uniform data collection and program reporting to measure success.

Staff will research software for data collection tools available, and develop reporting requirements for Vendors.

Commissioner Morris asked for motion to approve using part of remaining funds for software purchase. Grantees must agree to use the software. Colin O'Neil stated in addition to software we must fund training and data analysis.

Motion: Made by Stephanie Anderson, seconded by Major Chris Grotton, approved unanimously.

7.0.0 RSAT Grant, Tracy Poulin

Waiting for final award of Federal funds.

RFP was released with approximately \$49,803 in available funding.

Received 3 proposals totaling \$66,760. Review Committee approved 3 proposals with partial funding of the third due to lack of funds.

Motion: Made by Major Chris Grotton, seconded by Colin O'Neill, approved unanimously with one member abstaining.

9.0.0 New/Continuing Business

Remaining 2016 Meeting Dates

Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Fallen Heroes Conference Room