

BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

SCIP ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of August 17, 2023 Zoom Meeting Noon

Board Members in Attendance

Michelle McCormick, Chairperson, Representing Victim Services, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Sarah Manriquez, Representing Behavioral Health, Private Provider

Damon Daniel, Representing the Community, AdHoc Group Against Crime

Mandee Schauf, Representing Prosecution, Chief Attorney Gang and Violent Crime Unit, Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office

Dawn Huddleston, Representing Courts, Specialty Court Program Manager, Office of Judicial Administration

Kathleen Watson, Representing Legal, 18th Judicial District Magistrate Judge

Sgt. James Thompson, Representing Law Enforcement, Dodge City Police Department

Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance

Erica Haas, Juliene Maska, Jamie Bowser, and Jill Stewart

Welcome

Chairperson McCormick called the meeting to order at approximately 12:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone that the mission of the Advisory Board is to guide the effort to reduce and prevent gun violence and violent crime through the support of anti-violence programs in Kansas communities.

Review August 9, 2023, conference call notes

Chairperson McCormick asked members if they had any questions regarding the conference call notes provided in their materials. There were no comments.

July 20, 2023, Minutes

Chairperson McCormick asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes. No one had any changes. Judge Kathleen Watson motioned to approve the July 20, 2023, minutes. Ms. Manriquez seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Immigration System

Magistrate Judge Kathleen Watson provided an overview of the overlap of the criminal justice system and immigration system. She said there are ways overlap can occur, as a defendant, a victim of crime, and when laws themselves impact or create an actual crime, like a civil statute that is tied to immigration status or someone's involvement in the immigration system. She said victims of gun violence who have immigration concerns also lack resources to assist them and may not report the crime. There was discussion on what is currently available for a victim or witness of a crime if there are immigration issues. She said there are approximately 68,000 undocumented persons living in Kansas, and the undocumented are the ones who will see the impact of how the criminal justice and immigration services work with limited resources for them. (attachment)

REVIVE Program in Wyandotte County

Damon Daniel, AdHoc Group Against Crime, President, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Reducing the Effects of Violence through Intervention and Victim Empowerment (REVIVE) in Wyandotte County.

Dr. Jomella Watson-Thompson was scheduled to discuss the REVIVE program but was unable to attend the meeting. She will be asked to attend and present her work at the September 21, 2023, meeting.

Discussion and approval of SCIP Budget

Jill Stewart, KGGP Financial Officer, provided an overview of the SCIP federal budget that will be submitted with the SCIP Plan. She explained the administrative budget, pass-through amounts to local governments, and less than \$10,000 category (local governments not eligible for a direct federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant award or to state courts providing criminal and civil justice services). The federal amount is a two-year grant award for FFY 2022-2023 (with a three-year spending period), subsequent SCIP grant awards will be for one year. Members were advised the budget may be adjusted during the grant year with their approval and submitted to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). (attachment)

Chairperson McCormick asked for a motion to approve the SCIP budget as presented. Judge Watson motioned to approve the budget, and Ms. Schauf seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of SCIP Plan

Ms. Haas provided an overview of the Plan, last updated on August 15, 2023. The first version of the Plan was emailed to members prior to the July 20, 2023, meeting. Changes to the Priorities were made based on member discussion during the July 20, 2023, meeting and the revised Priorities were emailed to members on July 31, 2023. On August 15, 2023, members were emailed an updated Plan that included the revised Priorities and grammatical edits. She reminded the members of the purpose of the SCIP funding. Ms. Haas discussed the priorities and emphasized the changes made to Priorities 1 and 2. Priorities 3 and 4 remained unchanged. She also noted that the change regarding the Plan's subaward process would reflect the numbers in the SCIP Budget that was approved by the Advisory Board.

Members discussed the wording in Priority 1 and clarified the phrasing to reflect the court's current language with specialty courts. Priority 1 was edited to read, "Piloting or expanding a specialty court program that merges domestic violence intervention and civil protection orders with criminal cases presided by the same judge."

Chairperson McCormick asked for a motion to approve the Plan as amended. Ms. Huddleston moved to approve the amended Plan with the change to Priority 1 and the updated budget numbers in the subaward process section of the Plan. Sgt. Thompson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next Steps

Ms. Haas said the KGGP staff will submit the SCIP Plan and Budget to BJA for approval. The KGGP staff will draft a SCIP state solicitation for the Advisory Board to consider at the next meeting. Once the Advisory Board approves the solicitation and BJA approves the SCIP Plan and budget, the solicitation can be posted to receive applications. Ms. Haas also advised the members to think about the process for reviewing grant applications because it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairperson McCormick asked if there are other topics or subject matter the Advisory Board would like to learn more about at future meetings. Members agreed they would like to hear Dr. Jomella

Watson-Thompson's REVIVE presentation at the next meeting. Members discussed the need to know more about what a research process would look like and if there would be any limitations. Ms. Huddleston thought there might be some national evaluation on specialty courts she could provide. Also discussed were batterer intervention programs and their impact on offenders going through the program. Chairperson McCormick said the Attorney General's Office is responsible for batterer assessments. She said information about batterers programs is on the Attorney General's website. The Court must use a specific approved form when it orders a domestic violence assessment. An update on batterer intervention programs may also be a topic for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

September 21, 2023, noon to 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 1:45 p.m.