

BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

SCIP ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of February 16, 2024 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

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

Michael Hilleary, Representing Legal, Kansas Legal Services

Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance

Erica Haas, Juliene Maska, Jill Stewart, and Donni Sabel

Welcome

Chairperson McCormick called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She introduced Michael Hilleary as a new member replacing Judge Kathleen Watson and asked the members to introduce themselves to Mr. Hilleary.

November 21, 2023 Minutes

Chairperson McCormick asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes. No one had any changes. Mr. Daniel moved to approve the November 21, 2023, minutes; Mr. Hilleary seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion and recommendations of SCIP Applications

Chairperson McCormick reminded everyone of the Advisory Board's decision to not allow applicants to ask or respond to questions. She suggested they review the applications by priority area. Four applications were received from the second solicitation for priorities 1 and 2.

Applications for priority 1 were submitted by JoyfulHouse, Inc. and the Kansas Judicial Branch (KJB).

The members discussed the JoyfulHouse application which is an existing batterer intervention program (BIP) based in Texas. The applicant did not outline a court process, appeared to be providing BIP services in the Barton County and surrounding area, and requested funding for existing staff salaries. The members did not think it fit priority 1 and not a good investment for SCIP funding; therefore, it was not recommended for funding.

The KJB application proposed a veteran's treatment court in Douglas County. Veteran's treatment courts utilize therapeutic and problem-solving procedures to address underlying factors that may contribute to a party's involvement in the criminal justice system. Members discussed the value of a veteran's court, but the application did not address priority 1. While the application mentioned intimate partner violence issues, it did not meet the priority 1 criteria of merging domestic violence intervention and civil protection orders with criminal cases presided by the same judge. The application was not reviewed by external grant reviewers since it did not meet the SCIP solicitation requirements of priority

1. The SCIP Advisory Board members did receive the application for review prior to the meeting except for Ms. Huddleston since she represents the KJB on the SCIP Advisory Board. While veterans' courts are a valuable tool there are other possible funding options; therefore, KJB's application was not recommended for funding.

Chairperson McCormick provided the overview for priority 2 applications, Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office and YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment.

The members discussed the Wyandotte District Attorney's Office's application. Mr. Daniel abstained from the discussion and voting since his organization is a primary service provider for the grant project. The proposed project is designed to prevent and reduce gun violence in Wyandotte County by providing services and resources to victims, witnesses, and bystanders of those who are impacted by violent gun violence and violent crime. There was discussion about the project roles and responsibilities of the district attorney's office and the project roles and responsibilities of the AdHoc organizations. The members agreed to fund the application but would like a special condition attached to the award requiring clarification regarding each parties' roles and responsibilities.

Chairperson McCormick provided an overview of the YWCA application and said it was a shared group effort from the community in addressing gun violence. The proposal is wanting to launch an evidence-based, community-led violence intervention program utilizing a public health approach. The members discussed some of the requested items to be funded and if allowable such as youth stipends and food purchases. Ms. Haas and Ms. Stewart said these items would not be allowed. There was discussion regarding some of the salary requests and cost for uniforms. The members also expressed concerns about the application lacking explicit goals and objectives. If awarded funds, the Advisory Board agreed there should be a special condition for specific goals and objectives and data collection methods.

Ms. Haas guided the discussion on the three applications for priority 3: City of Parsons, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), and Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc. Ms. McCormick abstained from the discussion.

The KCSDV proposed project addresses the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence in Kansas using a multifaceted approach that builds upon the work of a statewide toolkit utilizing a high-risk team and lethality assessment to address domestic violence. KCSDV will partner with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC). KLETC will contribute their extensive experience and resources in law enforcement training. Through enhanced training, outreach to underserved communities, and strategic partnerships, this initiative aims to empower communities to combat intimate partner violence and gun violence by setting a new standard for coordinated intervention in Kansas.

The City of Parsons' proposal includes creating a high-risk team to engage in domestic violence incidents and investigations and establish a lethality assessment tool for law enforcement officers to use when responding to intimate partner violence calls. Funds will also be used to provide community presentations and education on gun violence and violent crimes. The members thought this was a good pilot project for a rural community in addressing violent crime. The members recommended a special condition requiring the applicant to work with KCSDV. The special condition would also apply to KCSDV's award.

Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc. proposes to develop the rural lethality assessment program as a collaborative effort between victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and courts to enhance safety of domestic violence victims, involving utilizing a risk assessment, streamline coordination, and provide adequate resources to provide victim safety. The members discussed the enormity of the project for the nonprofit organization if all the activities proposed could be done, and if all the entities involved have committed to the project. There were concerns raised

about the project's legality, feasibility, and jurisdictional issues. The application was not recommended for funding.

Ms. Huddleston left the meeting prior to the vote of the applications. The SCIP Advisory Board members approved the following applications with the special conditions requested by the members.

Priority 2

YWCA of Northeast Kansas: Chairperson McCormick moved to fund the organization in the amount of \$568,340. Ms. Schauf seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office: Ms. Schauf moved to fund the agency in the amount of \$687,420. Ms. Manriquez seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Daniel abstaining from the vote.

Priority 3

City of Parsons: Ms. Schauf moved to fund the agency in the amount of \$506,380. Mr. Hillary seconded the motion and the motion passed with Chairperson McCormick abstaining from the vote.

KCSDV: Mr. Hillary moved to fund the agency in the amount of \$343,458. Ms. Schauf seconded the motion and the motion passed with Chairperson McCormick abstaining from the vote.

Denials

The following applications were not recommended for funding: 1) The JoyfulHouse, moved by Ms. Manriquez and seconded by Mr. Hillary, and the motion passed; 2) the KJB moved by Ms. Schauf and seconded by Mr. Daniel, and the motion passed; and 3) Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc., moved by Ms. Manriquez and seconded by Ms. Schauf and the motion passed with Chairperson McCormick abstaining from the vote.

Next Steps

- The KGGP staff will prepare a document that reflects the special conditions as requested by the Advisory Board members and submit the document to members for review.
- The Advisory Board will vote on the document during a conference call. The KGGP staff will gather members' availability and schedule the call.
- KGGP Staff will submit the approved applications to the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance for final approval.

Next Meeting

- Conference call date to be determined.
- Chairperson McCormick discussed scheduling a meeting with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for technical assistance suggestions.
- Approve program evaluation solicitation.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 2:10 p.m.