



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Justin Whitten, Chairperson (Governor's Designee)

Tony Mattivi, Vice-Chairperson (Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation)

Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Via Zoom Minutes of December 18, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance

Justin Whitten, Governor's Designee and Chairperson

Tony Mattivi, Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Vice-Chairperson

Amy Deekard, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Designee

Steven Anderson, Attorney General's Designee

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary of Kansas Department of Corrections

Colonel Erik Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol

Stephanie Smith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Designee, joined the meeting at approximately 2:08 p.m.

Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance

Jill Stewart, Financial Officer

Erica Haas, Attorney

Jamie Bowser, Director of Operations

Julienne Maska, Administrator

Kim Gerety, Grant Specialist II

Others in Attendance

Ashley Stites-Hubbard, Deputy Chief Counsel, Governor's Office

Welcome

Chairperson Whitten called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. At Chairperson Whitten's request, Ms. Maska called roll and confirmed all members were present. Ms. Maska also introduced the Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP) staff in attendance.

Approval of October 24, 2023, Minutes

Chairperson Whitten offered the following corrections to the October 24, 2023, minutes:

1. Page 3, third paragraph from the bottom, change "the vote was unanimous" to include it was unanimous "in favor of the motion."
2. Page 4, regarding the motion and second to fully fund #9 Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, the favorable outcome of the vote should be included.
3. Page 5, regarding application #28 motion by Director Mattivi and second by

Mr. Anderson to fund at the maximum recommended amount, the favorable outcome of the vote should be included.

4. Page 6, regarding application #4 motion by Director Mattivi and second by Mr. Anderson for Horton Police Department, the favorable outcome of the vote should be included.
5. Page 8, regarding a motion by Director Mattivi and a second by Secretary Zmuda to deny several listed applications, the favorable outcome of the vote should be included.

No other corrections were made to the minutes. Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with the above corrections. Director Mattivi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Ms. Maska reminded the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Council) that the KGGP submitted a Death in Custody Reporting (DCRA) Plan to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The KGGP has not yet received feedback from BJA about the DCRA Plan.

Ms. Maska informed the Council there is not yet an update to provide about the State Crisis Intervention Program grant awards.

Ms. Maska also informed the Council the KGGP has not yet received a decision about whether the BJA will approve the local waiver request regarding The Village Initiative JAG application.

JAG Strategic Plan Discussion

Ms. Maska informed the Council that the state administering agencies are required to develop a strategic plan for administering the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The current JAG strategic plan (Plan) was finalized in 2019 and expires in 2024. The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) provided technical assistance with the development of the current Plan by conducting a needs assessment that was sent to criminal justice professionals, victim service organizations, and others eligible to apply for JAG funding across Kansas. The NCJA also helped facilitate the subcommittee that provided guidance in developing the Plan. The subcommittee included representatives from the agencies represented on the Council. After analyzing the needs assessment and reviewing Kansas crime index data, NCJA drafted a report that was used to develop the Plan. The Plan was approved by the Council and then submitted to the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) with the 2019 Kansas JAG application.

Ms. Maska informed the Council it is time to move forward with developing an updated Plan with the goal of finalizing the Plan by late Spring 2024. The updated Plan will cover federal JAG award years 2024-2028. The KGGP staff have updated the survey questions and reached out to NCJA. Upon agreement of the Council, NCJA has agreed to again provide technical assistance. Ms. Maska asked the Council to provide representatives from their respective agencies to serve on the Plan subcommittee. The Council will review and approve the Plan before it is submitted to the DOJ for approval with the Kansas JAG application around June 2024.

In response to questions, Ms. Maska said historically the Plan subcommittee is comprised of staff from the respective Council member agencies. Ms. Maska asked Council members to email her the names of the people who will serve on the Plan subcommittee. Once the subcommittee is formed, the subcommittee members will decide which additional stakeholders should also be represented on the subcommittee.

New Business

Chairperson Whitten suggested the Council meet in February or March 2024 to receive a status update on the Plan.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Director Mattivi made a motion to adjourn at 2:23 p.m. and Chairperson Whitten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor of the motion.