



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 July 12, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Council Members in Attendance

Justin Whitten, Governor's Designee and Chairperson

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

Stephanie Smith, 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

Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance

Erica Haas, Attorney

Jill Stewart, Financial Officer

Jamie Bowser, Director of Operations

Julienne Maska, Administrator

Welcome

Chairperson Whitten called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. At Chairperson Whitten's request, Ms. Maska called roll and all members were present; therefore, Chairperson Whitten said a quorum existed.

Approval of March 5, 2024, Minutes

Chairperson Whitten asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes and asked for a motion to approve. No edits or comments were made. Director Mattivi made a motion to approve the March 5, 2024, minutes, Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kansas Statewide Strategic Plan

Ms. Haas provided an overview of the strategic plan and a description of the process used by the Subcommittee to update the Kansas Statewide Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan), Five-Year Plan, Federal 2024-2028 Funding. Ms. Haas discussed the technical assistance from the National Criminal Justice Association in developing and administering the stakeholder survey. Director Mattivi recommended incorporating the 2023 Kansas Crime Index data, recently released by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), into the Strategic Plan.

The Council discussed the findings of the stakeholder survey and the three priority areas as well as the greatest needs identified by the stakeholder groups. The Council determined that crimes against children should be included with the third priority of intimate partner violence.

Chairperson Whitten moved to accept the Strategic Plan including the addition of crimes against children under the third priority and the 2023 crime data. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2025 State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Solicitation

Ms. Haas discussed the updates to the 2025 JAG Solicitation noting the amount of available funds for grant awards, the inclusion of the new priorities based on the Strategic Plan, the new Death in Custody Reporting Act language, and the due date of August 15, 2024, for receiving applications.

Director Mattivi proposed that the Council consider making civil asset forfeiture reporting mandatory for applicant agencies, enhancing enforcement mechanisms. He also recommended that agencies failing to comply should explain the obstacles they face in submitting the necessary data. Chairperson Whitten concurred, noting a connection between this requirement and the existing criminal offense and history data mandate.

Director Mattivi made a motion to add the civil asset forfeiture reporting to the 2025 JAG Solicitation. Colonel Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council also discussed whether agencies who received a 2024 JAG subgrant award achieved the objectives as they proposed and if the projects demonstrated results. It was determined to include specific language in the solicitation to have this information included in the application.

Secretary Zmuda made a motion to approve the 2025 JAG Solicitation as amended. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of the 2024 Federal JAG Application

Ms. Stewart presented the narrative for the 2024 Federal JAG application. She explained the federal JAG solicitation has not been received; however, there are no anticipated changes to the narrative requirements from previous years. An updated statistical section of the narrative was presented based on the KBI 2023 Crime Index data. The narrative will also include the approved Strategic Plan priorities.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Council will meet October 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to review and approve the 2025 JAG applications. Secretary Zmuda made a motion to adjourn. Director Mattivi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.