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Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition

May 21, 2010

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
300 West Adams, 2nd Floor (Conference Room)
Chicago, Illinois 60606
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

▶ Call to Order

I. Meeting Minutes: July 27, 2009

**II. FFY05 Through FFY08 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Plan
Adjustments**

▶ Adjourn

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MINUTES

JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION

Monday, July 27, 2009
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
300 West Adams, 7th Floor (Conference Room)
Chicago, Illinois, 60606

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) met on Monday, July 27, 2009, in the Conference Room of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, located at 300 West Adams, 7th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Co-Chairman Leofanti (via teleconference) called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. Associate Director John Chojnacki of the Authority's Federal and State Grants Unit (FSGU) called the roll. Other JCEC members and designees present were: Rodney Ahitow, Patricia Connell, Barbara Engel, John Lucas for Sheriff Mark Curran (via teleconference), Diane Walsh for the Honorable Curtis Heaston (via teleconference), Steven Kossman, Kirk Lonbom for Director Larry Trent (via teleconference), and Wayne Straza. Also in attendance were Authority Acting Executive Director Jack Cutrone, Authority Program Supervisor Mike Carter, and other Authority staff members.

Acting Executive Director's Comments

Acting Director Cutrone said that he wanted to inform the members of the JCEC on some of the juvenile programs that we at the Authority are funding through the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Programs that have received funds so far are being administered through a series of grants to the Department of Human Services (DHS). He said that these programs include funding to Community Youth Services (CYS), The Communities for Youth (CFY), The Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services (CCBYS), Crossroads, which has no acronym, Delinquency Prevention, Release Upon Request, Unified Delinquency Intervention Services (UDIS), and Youth Build. He said that the Authority is also continuing to fund the Juvenile Intervention Service Center of the Chicago Police Department, and the Safe Neighborhoods Program. He said that all of the programs he references had fund designations approved by the Budget Committee.

Acting Director Cutrone said that the Authority has received requests for consideration of proposals from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). He introduced requests pending introduction to the Budget Committee and that some proposals were still subject to evaluation. One proposal is a request from the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) for funding to cover the shortfall for its St. Charles Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program. Another proposal is to fund the creation of a ten-bed transition center in to serve St. Clair County's Juvenile Transition Center Program.

Acting Director Cutrone said that the largest request from IDJJ was to hire 33 aftercare staff; including 20 aftercare agents, two supervisors and three clerical staff to implement DJJ aftercare system in Cook County. The hiring of the aftercare agents will substantially reduce the caseloads ratios in the Cook County region.

Minutes of the May 12, 2009 JCEC Meeting

Mr. Ahitow moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 JCEC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straza and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

FFY05 – FFY07 JABG Plan Adjustments

Acting Director Cutrone noted that the July 23, 2009 memo was part of the package that was mailed to the members and the July 24, 2009 memo was emailed to the members the morning of the meeting; he apologized for the delay of the latter memo.

Designation Reductions

Program Supervisor Mike Carter said that there was approximately \$50,000 in federal fiscal year 2005 funds that needs to be programmed since those funds expire in November of 2009. He also said that The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority (IVPA) notified staff approximately two weeks ago that it will be returning \$144,220 in JABG FFY05, FFY06, and FFY07 funds that it had intended to use for the Safety Networks Program. He said that the IVPA would like to return the \$144,000 because it will receive \$1 million for Safety Net Works via the ARRA funds designated to it, thus this JABG designation would add burdens to reporting requirements and the IVPA doesn't have resources to report on these dollars.

Recommended Designations

Mr. Carter said that staff recommended designating a total of \$21,958 in FFY05 lapsed JABG funding to the Authority's Research and Analyst Unit (R&A). R&A will use these funds for three one-day seminars throughout the state on Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) for school administrators, social workers, and teachers. These seminars will commence this fall and end prior to the FFY05 fund expiration date.

Mr. Carter said that staff recommends designating \$30,000 in FFY05 JABG funds to the DHS to contract with a youth network council to provide court and law enforcement personnel training.

Mr. Carter said that staff recommends designating \$45,347 in FFY06 JABG funds to the Macon County States Attorney's Office to develop a truancy court program in conjunction with Decatur's McArthur High School.

In response to a request by Ms. Connell for more detail about the truancy court program, Mr. Carter said that last year the Macon County States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the junior high schools in the area, set up a program to identify junior high students who had ten absences or more per year for the last two years. Those absences would be unexcused if the school did not receive a valid reason why the students were absent. Once identified, those students would appear in front of a peer jury who would hear the students' reasons for why they've been absent. An intervention program, including peer mentors, is set up to try to get these students to stay in school. On average, students in this program have had absences decrease from about ten per year to about 2.5 per year.

Ms. Connell asked whether this program sought to funnel students into a real court situation.

Mr. Carter said that such action was beyond the scope of this particular program.

Ms. Connell moved to approve the recommendations described in the memo. Mr. Ahitow seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old / New Business

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Straza moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ahitow seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition Members

FROM: John Chojnacki, Associate Director, Federal and State Grants Unit

DATE: May 21, 2010

RE: **FFY05 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program**
FFY06 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program
FFY07 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program
FFY08 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program

This memo describes proposed adjustments to the FFY05, FFY06, FFY07 and FFY08 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) plans.

Designation Reductions

The following table details FFY05, FFY06, and FFY07 funds returned to the Authority. FFY05 figures are provided for informational purposes only as those funds have expired. Staff recommends that the FFY06 and FFY07 funds be made available for future programming.

DESIGNEE / PROGRAM	REASON FOR LAPSE / RESCISSION	FFY05	FFY06	FFY07
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority / Restorative Justice in Schools Seminar	Contractual costs were less than originally budgeted for.	\$7,979		
Illinois Department of Human Services / Juvenile Accountability	Conference cancelled due to speaker's inability facilitate conference.	\$4,405		
Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice / Parole Re-Adjustment	Contractual expenses were less than originally anticipated.	\$6,651		
Oak Park / ENUF	Program expenses were less than originally budgeted.	\$1,370		
East St. Louis / Juvenile Offender Monitoring	Personnel expenses were less due to employee being out sick.	\$1,488		
Champaign County / Information and Record Sharing	The program did not start as quickly as anticipated / lack in referrals sent to JCAI.		\$9,139	
Cook County State's Attorney's Office / Project Reclaim	Equipment purchases could not be made by end of period of performance.		\$27,709	
Chicago Police Department / Juvenile Intervention Service Center	Personnel were forced to take 12 unpaid furlough days 2009. This was not in place when the grant was implemented. This resulted in a lapse of \$6057.73. Also, subcontractor experienced personnel issues and vouchering problems resulting in a lapse of \$6749.00.		\$12,807	
Kane County / Kane County Juvenile Accountability Initiative	Contractual expenses were less than originally anticipated.		\$134	
Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice / Parole Re-Adjustment	Two staff vacancies.		\$13,709	
Peoria County / Anger Management Services for Juvenile Probationers	Funds declined.			\$11,761
DuPage County / Juvenile Justice Center Care Manager	Lower than expected number of referrals for the year.			\$12,395
TOTAL RETURNED		\$21,893	\$63,498	\$24,156

Recommended Designations

City of Evanston: \$31,000

Staff recommends designating a total of \$31,000 in FFY07 funds to the City of Evanston. The Evanston Police Department, in partnership with the Evanston Youth Services Program, operates an established community service program that provides counseling services for juveniles who have committed no more than two minor criminal offenses. These counseling services require parental participation. Juveniles are required to provide service hours at a community-based vendor. These partners provide a victim-centered response to crime that allows the victim, the offender, their families, and other representatives from the community to address the criminal act and its consequences. The program intends to hold juvenile offenders accountable to those affected by their criminal acts.

These funds will be used to contribute toward the salary of a youth services advocate.

Macon County Teen Court: \$46,000

Staff recommends designating a total of \$46,000 in FFY07 funds to the Macon County Teen Court for the purpose of continuing its Truancy Court program. Macon County and Decatur Public Schools have been indicated on state “watch lists” for lack of attendance, poor test scores, and other lacking standards. Macon County reports that statistics show that when juveniles are not attending school regularly, they are more likely to be involved in delinquent and criminal activity; thus, their court system is seeing increasing juvenile related caseloads. In 2008, the Macon County State’s Attorney’s Office has implemented a Truancy Court and in 2009, with JABG funds, they expanded that Truancy Court into a high school.

The Truancy Court serves as a diversion program for truant minors and aims to divert youths and their parents from the judicial system. A Truancy Court coordinator and case manager collaborate with the appropriate school staff to identify chronically truant students through data collection and analysis. Once these students are enrolled into Truancy Court, they will be referred to the appropriate services that Macon County has to offer in efforts to identify the reason for truancy, increase the students’ school attendance, strengthen family ties, and educate the students about social awareness. One of the mandated sanctions in Truancy Court is to attend “Creating Lasting Family Connections” classes, administered by Heritage Behavioral Health Center.

These funds are used primarily for personnel and class costs.

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice: \$250,916

Staff recommends designating a total of \$250,916 (\$68,141 in FFY06 lapsing funds and interest earned and \$182,775 in available FFY08 funds) to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) for the purpose of continuing its Parole Readjustment Program. Illinois's most serious, chronic, and violent youthful offenders are placed under the control and supervision of the IDJJ. The IDJJ continues to maintain high standards in institutional programs, management, and operations despite crowding, limited program space, and outdated facilities.

The Parole Readjustment Program targets male technical parole violators from the northern region who have been classified as medium-security youths. This program aims to improve youth re-entry to communities through a comprehensive package of assessment, programming, pre-release, and post-release processes designed to address the specific needs of the violator population. IDJJ will provide case management, intake/orientation, assessments, and re-entry planning at IYC Joliet. The program provides post-release program monitoring and case management services. Participants will have a one-week orientation phase, followed by a nine-week programmatic regimen, concluding with an intensive two-week pre-release/re-integration period.

These funds will be used primarily for continued contracting with TASC for programmatic services.

Summary of Available FFY06 - FFY08 Funds

The table below describes currently available funds, assuming the adoption of the recommendations described in the memo above by the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition and the Budget Committee:

Available Funds	FFY06	FFY07	FFY08	Total
Local	\$0	\$221,777	\$281,402	\$503,179
State / Discretionary	\$0	\$342,656	\$147,843	\$490,499
Total	\$0	\$564,433	\$429,245	\$993,678
Expiration Date	11/26/10	11/26/10	5/31/11	

Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.