

COMBAT Emergency Commission Meeting

April 10, 2020, 2:00-3:00 PM

Conference Call

888-398-2342

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Minutes

Present:

Larry Beaty
John B. Boyd
Arimeta Dupree
Gene Morgan
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Dr. Joseph Spalitto

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor
Jennifer Dameron, Prosecutor Office
Dawna J. Shumate, COMBAT
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Keron Hopkins, COMBAT
Holli Crowley, COMBAT
Joseph Loudon, COMBAT
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT
Miriam Henny, Executive's Office

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Minutes Approved:

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve March minutes; Dr. Kelvin Walls seconded; motion passed.

New Business:

COMBAT COVID 19 Emergency Treatment Funding Recommendations

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic, Jean Peters Baker and Vince Ortega decided to use the 2020 allocated Treatment and Prevention fund balance to assist COMBAT agencies with additional emergency funding to defray the unanticipated costs caused by the COVID-19 crises.

COMBAT staff recommended funding Benilde Hall at \$25,000, Guadalupe Center at \$2,379, Sisters in Christ at \$4,500, Sheffield Place at \$5,000, Comprehensive Mental Health at \$1,000, Healing House at \$17,903.00, Welcome House at \$15,986, Heartland Behavior at \$18,043, Cornerstone of Care at \$41,867, and ReDiscover at \$5,500. The total recommended funding amount is \$137,178.

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve funding these Treatment agencies in the amount of \$137,178.; Dr. Kelvin Walls seconded; motion passed.

Discussions:

John B. Boyd asked how many agencies could apply. Vince informed him that the emergency funding for Treatment was opened to all the COMBAT Treatment funded agencies that ended

yesterday, April 10th, 2020 by end of day. Jean Peters Baker mentioned that she has asked Prevention agencies to apply and their deadline is next Wednesday, April 15th by end of the day. Jean Peters Baker and Vince stated that we may have to do more emergency funding due to COVID 19 pandemic in the near future.

Gene Morgan asked where the \$424,220 in Treatment came from. Vince stated that COMBAT funded most of the Treatment agencies at their full requested amount for 2020 and we still had that balance remaining. Gene asked what would have happened to the money if we weren't using it for COVID 19. Vince stated that the money would have been transferred and used for 2021 funding.

Announcements:

The next COMBAT Commission meeting is April 17th at 2:00 PM via conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.