

**COMBAT Commission Meeting**  
**November 12, 2020, 10:00-12:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Larry Beaty  
Dr. Joseph Spalitto  
Arimeta Dupree  
Lanna Ultican  
Mark Bryant

**Also Present:**

Vince Ortega, COMBAT  
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor  
Jennifer Dameron, Prosecutor's Office  
Chief Bob Muenz, Drug Task Force  
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office  
Major Derek McCollum, KCPD  
Major Mark Folsom, KCPD  
Mike Mansur, Prosecutor's Office  
Theresa Galvin, Jackson County Legislator  
Henry Chapman, Prosecutor's Office  
Sara Barnes, Cornerstone of Care  
Jacqueline Williams, Cornerstone of Care  
CharCarol Fisher, Cornerstone of Care  
Jim, Truman Medical Center  
Dawna Shumate, COMBAT  
Holli Crowley, COMBAT  
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT  
Keron Hopkins, COMBAT  
Joseph Loudon, COMBAT  
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

There was a brief tribute or moment for Gene Morgan.

**Minutes Approved:**

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve October meeting minutes; Arimeta Dupree seconded; motion passed.

**Discussions:**

**Legislature Ordinance to Repeal the COMBAT Formula Percentage Funding Pie**

Jean Peters Baker mentioned that the legislature created an ordinance to repeal the COMBAT formula percentage funding pie and they changed the amount of money that should go to the emergency fund. Jean Peters Baker normally keeps 5% in the emergency fund, but the legislature decided to change it to 7%. She is also working on a discussion about putting the Prosecutor's Office money into other funding. She believes that the Prosecutor's office should

be funded through other sources. Jean Peters Baker does not believe that the Legislature Ordinance had a lot of support. Vince explained that COMBAT money was originally used for drug enforcement, however, COMBAT and the police would like to use it for violent crime, community policing, or more law enforcement training. Jean Peters Baker believes that the money spent on government expenditures should be used on programs like treatment and prevention. She also believes that COMBAT should be able to regulate how that money (government expenditures) is spent through legislation. Jean Peters Baker explained that there were a lot of missing parties at the table when the legislature made the ordinance to repeal the COMBAT formula percentage funding pie.

### **Reports from Ex. Officio:**

Major Derek McCollum reported that there are 160 homicides to date, 482 cases presented to the Prosecutor, 56 non-fatal shootings, 430 drive-bys year to date, 210 firearms recovered in October, and 364 year to date narcotics related arrests. There were 54 lbs. of Cocaine seized, 227 lbs. of Meth seized, 2,358 lbs of Marijuana seized, 29 lbs of Heroin seized, and 31 lbs. of Fentanyl seized. They are seeing a spike in Marijuana and Fentanyl pills. The Fentanyl pills that are being found are very dangerous because they are being mixed. They have also been monitoring the bus stations.

Chief Bob Muenz reported that they have a few detectives in quarantine. They had an investigation in Lee Summit where 4 people were indicted. And another case from 2018 were a grand jury indicted someone on conspiracy to distribute.

### **New Business:**

#### **Approval of 2021 Agency Funding Allocation Amounts**

##### **Prevention Funding**

Vince explained that COMBAT combined grant match and prevention (anti-violence and anti-drug) together which totaled \$3,592,122.72. STRIVIN was also included in the Prevention funding. There was a combat internal score that included monthly reports and site visits along with the outside reviewer scores. Vince stated that based on their scores COMBAT attempted to give agencies the amount of money they requested. The agencies in green applied but they were not in compliance.

Lanna Ultican motioned to approve Prevention funding in the amount of \$3,592,122.72; Dr. Joseph Spalitto seconded; motion passed.

##### **Treatment Funding**

Vince again explained that there was a COMBAT internal score that included monthly reports and site visits along with the outside reviewer scores of the Treatment agencies funded. Based on their scores COMBAT tried to give them the amount of money they requested. The agencies in green applied but they were not in compliance.

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve Treatment funding in the amount of \$3,995,780.32; Lanna Ultican seconded; motion passed.

**Law Enforcement School Based Programs**

Vince mentioned that there was a new police agency that applied, Buckner. COMBAT averaged what a police officer makes throughout the county which averaged \$75,000 and based the funding on an officer per student ratio. We funded one officer per 1,000 students up to 4 officers, the only exceptions were Grandview and Buckner who had funding requests under \$75,000, and they were both funded at their requested amounts.

Arimeta Dupree motioned to approve Law Enforcement School Based programs in the amount of \$1,511,835.80; Lanna Ultican seconded; motion passed.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**Follow-Up:**

Chief Bob Muenz and Major Derek McCollum will follow-up on sending the monthly stats on drug reports after the COMBAT Commission meeting.

Chief Bob Muenz will follow-up with his DARE office to give an update to the COMBAT Commission.

**Announcements:**

The next COMBAT Commission meeting is TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.