

COMBAT Commission Meeting

Jackson County Missouri
January 12, 2023, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Larry Beaty, Mark S. Bryant, Arimeta DuPree, Alfred Jordan, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Lanna Ultican, Elizabeth Williams

Also Present:

Luis E Ortiz, Jean Peters Baker, Jennifer K. Dameron, Vince M. Ortega, Dawna J. Shumate, Tammie Jordan, Joseph Loudon, Keron E. Hopkins, Shannon Bobo, Carol Facklam, Jay D. Haden, Justin Horton

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mark Bryant motioned to approve August 11, 2022, meeting minutes; Elizabeth Williams seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

COMBAT Director, Vince Ortega

- COMBAT Strategic Plan Completed for 2022-2027
 - Began with surveys from COMBAT administrative staff, Legislators, Commissioners, and other key stakeholders.
 - Contains new mission, vision and value statements as well as set long-term goals.
 - Established Priorities
 - Raising Awareness in the Community
 - Collaboration with Funding Partners
 - Measure and Demonstrate Effectiveness
 - Enhancing Technological Resources
 - Goals
 - Increase STRIVIN referrals – with Kansas City Police and Independence Police departments – Have already met with these two department's Chief's and both are fully engaged and utilizing the STRIVIN online referral system.
 - Increase community engagement.
 - Facilitate greater collaboration among law enforcement agencies and COMBAT-funded departments. This continues to build at a rapid pace.
 - COMBAT continuing to raise awareness about Fentanyl and the risks through means of social media postings, information on COMBAT's website, as well as a Brochure.

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- Jackson County Drug Task Force-
 - The Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of approximately 2 grams of Carfentanil. Detectives arrested the seller immediately after the transaction recovering additional Carfentanil. Field tests confirmed the presence of Carfentanil. The suspected Carfentanil was sent to the laboratory for further testing.
 - Veterinarians use Carfentanil to anesthetize large animals and it is an analogue of fentanyl. Carfentanil is reportedly 100 times stronger than fentanyl.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budgeted funding recommendation to be discussed for Approval by the Commission for Treatment, Prevention, STRIVIN and Law Enforcement School Based Initiatives.

- All funding proposals –
 - Explained the funding application timeline and processes, which include the metrics scoring system.
 - The amounts and how COMBAT arrived at the amounts for the agencies
 - Agencies receive a score based on outside reviewer, site visits, and monthly reports.
 - All scores are averaged into a final score.
 - The final score determines the recommended funding amount as well as compliance standards met.
 - Additional information from the applications regarding the agencies' services provided was requested and discussed
- Prevention Agency's recommended funding was presented and discussed
 - Discussion was raised regarding the agencies not chosen for funding. It was explained that they didn't meet compliance requirements for funding and/or scores.
 - A motion was made and seconded by Larry Beaty for approval of \$5,487,327 for the budget for the 2023 Prevent Agency's recommended Funding.
 - All were in favor: Larry Beaty, Mark S. Bryant, Arimeta DuPree, Alfred Jordan, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Lanna Ultican, Elizabeth Williams.
- Law Enforcement Agency's Recommended Funding presented and discussed
 - General overview of the agencies was discussed
 - Lone Jack Police Department is a new agency.
 - Maximum paid is \$75,000 for one officer per 1000 students. A maximum of four officers to a single police department. However, no department was funded for over three officers for the 2023 year.
 - COMBAT requires that the funded Officers be multi-trained to handle, truancy issues, CIT, teaching, SORs and conducting Active Shooter Training.
 - Reason for amounts funding was discussed. Semester activity reports, demographics, number of students taught are required and collected for statistical purposes and accountability.

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- A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Arimeta DuPree for approval of \$1,435,367 for the budget for the 2023 Law Enforcement Agencies that were recommended by staff for funding.
- All were in favor: Larry Beaty, Mark S. Bryant, Arimeta DuPree, Alfred Jordan, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Lanna Ultican, Elizabeth Williams.
- Treatment Agencies recommend for 2023 Funding were presented and discussed
 - Funding all but two agencies: Freedom Recovery Foundation and ReStart
 - A motion was made by Arimeta DuPree and seconded by Alfred Jordan for approval of \$3,906,300 for the budget for the 2023 Treatment Agencies recommended by COMBAT staff for funding.
 - All were in favor: Larry Beaty, Mark S. Bryant, Arimeta DuPree, Alfred Jordan, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Lanna Ultican, Elizabeth Williams.
- STRIVIN Hubs Requested Funding
 - Hubs funded agencies are responsible for coordinate resources in high crime neighborhoods to reduce violence and drug abuse.
 - It was suggested that at least one commissioner could do a few site visits. Some of the commissioners attend all the hub meetings.
 - A motion was made by Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Larry Beaty for approval of \$1,448,289 for the budget for the 2023 STRIVIN Hubs COMBAT staff recommended Funding.
 - All were in favor: Larry Beaty, Mark S. Bryant, Arimeta DuPree, Alfred Jordan, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Lanna Ultican, Elizabeth Williams.

Meeting format: It was recommended that future meetings be held on site as well as via Zoom

STRIVIN Referral Program Dashboard – Presented by COMBAT Crime Analyst, Shannon Bobo

- Presentation of the dashboard and methods to view statistics and explanations were provided of meaning of different statics categories.
- Current referrals submitted is 560 with average age of referee is 31. 68% of the referrals submitted were successfully completed.
- Breakdowns by various statistics such as by race, zip code, age groups, organizations, severity level
- Select all reporting statistics by hub agency, by organization.
- It was recommended that the dashboard be shown in the beginning of the budget meeting
- It was suggested and confirmed that COMBAT compare spending and statistics to other comparable areas such as St Louis County.
- Dashboard available via link: <https://combat-geospatial-hub-jacksoncomo.hub.arcgis.com/apps/3e27cf2d103d417e82a2bf7f254ccbac/explore>

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MOTION

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next meeting is February 9, 2023, 10:00 AM