

Drug Commission Meeting
February 3, 2015
Minutes
1:30-3:00 p.m.

Present:

Gene Morgan
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Querry
James Witteman
Anita Russell
Marva Moses

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young
Vince Ortega
DaRon McGee
Laci Beavers
Tracy Jordan
Jim Nunnelly
Theresa Galvin, Jackson County Legislature
Dawn Hickman, Jackson County Legislature
Deputy Chief Cheryl Rose, Kansas City Police Dept.
Chief Brian Price, Oak Grove Police Dept.
Jean Peters Baker, Jackson County Prosecutor
Caleb Clifford, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office

The February meeting of the Jackson County Drug Commission convened at 1:30pm. Motion to approve the November 2014 minutes by Jim Witteman; second by Anita Russell, motion carried.

Update from Kansas City Police Department and Jackson County Prosecutor's Office

Vince Ortega introduced Deputy Chief Cheryl Rose from the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) who is now responsible for the Investigations Bureau. He also presented Chief Brian Price from the Oak Grove Police Department, who, with the passing of Chief Herb Soule, is now the Chair of the Jackson County Drug Task Force. Both were acknowledged as ex-officio representatives to the Drug Commission and invited to present in the future if they desire. Dr. Spalitto asked Deputy Chief Rose if it would be an aid to police operations to have another lab devoted to analysis for drug cases. She stated that while it is true that the biggest backlog is in drug cases, she would prefer additional funds to contract out more testing of drugs as well as laboratory work for other cases. She stated that the new KCPD Crime Lab will not open until the Fall of 2016; however, even before this lab is finished, additional funding would allow testing to be contracted out to labs across the country that have excess capacity.

Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker was also present and discussed funding for two new prevention projects that are being requested in her office. One would allow the Prosecutor's Office to provide victim's services, including moving witnesses to new locations if necessary. The other would support a Homicide Review project under the leadership of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Criminal Justice department. The two projects would total \$180,000 but a funding source has not been identified. At this time there are insufficient funds in COMBAT's Prevention budget in addition to the second year renewals from the 2013 RFP.

Old Business

Gang Initiative

Vince Ortega updated the Commissioners on the status of the operations of the Gang Intelligence Officer. He stated that through this project 600 active gang members have been identified, and many

cases have been assisted through ability to identify gang members. For 2015 the Prosecutor has agreed to provide funding for the Gang Intelligence Officer.

Low Performing Agencies

Stacey Daniels-Young reported on the conclusions from the meeting with Commissioner Gloria Fisher to develop better ways for COMBAT to monitor agency performance, especially that of new agencies funded by COMBAT or those that are struggling. Commissioner Fisher suggested that with the increased monitoring COMBAT will be performing through monthly site visits and reports, we will be aware more quickly when agency performance and progress is not meeting expectations. Therefore, we will be able to respond quickly when poor performance is noted, including cancellation of contracts if warranted. Commissioner Marva Moses suggested that new or low performing agencies also have the opportunity to be paired with a high performing agency for mentoring as an interim step.

Funding Proposals

The COMBAT recommendations for 2015 Prevention, Grant Match and Treatment funding were presented. Specific questions regarding the rationale behind the funding recommendations were discussed, including why some agencies were recommended by COMBAT Administration for discontinued funding. Three of the agencies that were newly funded in 2014 are being recommended for discontinuation due to lack of acceptable performance. One long-standing Prevention agency is being recommended for phasing out due to the fact that the agency is no longer responding to current needs of the populations COMBAT serves. The Drug Commission voted to approve the Prevention renewal funding plan, motion by Marva Moses, second by Keith Querry, motion carried. The Grant Match recommendation was approved: motion by Keith Querry, second by Dr. Joe Spalitto, motion carried. The Treatment proposals were approved: motion by Marva Moses, second by Anita Russell, motion carried. A request will also be made to the Legislature to approve extension of 2014 contracts for which significant funds remain. These amounts have been considered in the allocations for 2015.

The Drug Commission was informed of the latest developments regarding the need for Residential Treatment beds for women. Although this year's COMBAT Treatment RFP included an emphasis on agencies that could provide safe, secure, drug free housing for those undergoing intensive outpatient treatment, only two proposals addressing this service were received. These two proposals were scored by independent evaluators at a level lower than the Drug Commission's standard for funding so they were not recommended for funding. A meeting will be convened to discuss recommended actions for COMBAT to respond to this crisis, to include the Drug Commission Chair, as well as representatives from the Jackson County Drug Court and the County Executive's Office. Stacey Daniels-Young has begun to visit agencies that provide the services described as Peer Housing and Supervised Housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Drug Commission Meeting
March 10, 2015
Minutes
1:30-3:00 p.m.

Present:

Gene Morgan
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Querry
James Witteman
Anita Russell
Marva Moses
Gloria Fisher

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young
Vince Ortega
DaRon McGee
Laci Beavers
Tammie Jordan
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Jim Nunnelly
Deputy Chief Cheryl Rose, Kansas City Police Dept.
Major Dave Bosworth, KCPD
Capt. Stephenie Price, KCPD
Capt. Todd Paulson, KCPD
Linda Netzel, Director of KCPD Regional Crime Lab

The March meeting of the Jackson County Drug Commission convened at 1:30pm at the Downtown Jackson County Courthouse. Motion to approve the February 2015 minutes by Dr. Joe Spalitto; second by Anita Russell, motion carried.

Update from Kansas City Police Department

Deputy Chief Cheryl Rose and Major Dave Bosworth of the Kansas City Police Department presented the monthly drug statistics report which had been presented to the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners. Highlights of the report were: Patrol possession of narcotics arrests for 2014 were 23% higher than in 2013, although Narcotics and Vice Division narcotics arrests were decreased by 5%. While the amount of cocaine (both crack and powdered) recovered was 49% lower in 2014 than in 2013, the amounts of methamphetamine and heroin were increased (the amount of heroin retrieved, 68 pounds, represents an increase of 198%). One major difference in the way methamphetamine is being sold today is that much of this drug is coming into the area from California and Mexico, which is illustrated by the 25% decrease in 2014 clandestine lab responses. The situation with heroin was reported as becoming more serious: Heroin is now available for about \$15-20 per hit , and to date there have been 14 deaths from heroin overdoses in the Kansas City area. The department is also dealing with edible marijuana being brought into the area in mailed parcels, from Colorado.

KCPD is working closely with the new Jackson County Drug Prosecutor in implementing new guidelines for Drug Court. As requested in February, Linda Netzel, Director of the Regional Crime Lab, was present to discuss the backlog in drug analysis. She stated that the backlog is about nine (9) months; current contributions to the backlog are loss of staff and the cancellation of a program that had been funded for 10 years by HIDTA (the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area). When asked how the backlog is affecting the Jackson County Drug Court, Ms. Netzel reported that in the past, Drug Court required positive lab reports before someone could be accepted into Drug Court. With the backlogs increasing, the lab is working with the Prosecutor's Office on a new work flow that will involve new technology that can scan suspected drugs in the field for a more reliable presumptive test. The new work flow will hopefully allow the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to send many cases directly to Drug Court without full laboratory analysis reports.

High Risk Offender Update

Vince Ortega stated that he will be able to give a detailed report next month with updated information.

Treatment Update

DaRon McGee has volunteered to work with the COMBAT Treatment program. He presented a statistical report of the COMBAT Treatment programs, showing that 5,813 persons were recorded as receiving services funded by COMBAT in 2014. He answered questions about the report and identified areas to address to make sure we have complete data from all agencies and recipients. The Commissioners were very pleased with the receipt of this information and urged us to make sure the information is widely available to the public.

DaRon also reported that at a recent meeting of Treatment providers convened by the Missouri Western Regional Department of Mental Health, it was announced that the Kansas City Regional Release Center would be converted into a Minimum Security Prison in September. Gene Morgan stated that this was the original purpose of the facility but in the past it included a work release component; the current plans as described by DaRon are to remove that component. The Commissioners asked DaRon to get additional information on this issue, as the removal of the services provided by the Release Center will mean that those re-entering society from correctional centers will no longer have an opportunity to look for jobs and receive other services during their transition.

Mission Update

Laci Beavers reported that at a recent Communications review of all Jackson County Department websites, it was noted that the Mission statement on the COMBAT website was dated, and does not adequately match COMBAT's operations (e.g., there is no reflection of the expansion of the violence programs we are currently conducting). Laci suggested that a Vision statement be created which is shorter than the Mission statement adopted by the Drug Commission in 2010, which would still adequately convey the purpose of COMBAT and be more memorable. Laci asked for volunteers will meet with her to discuss creating a vision and updating the Mission, if necessary. Marva Moses, Venessa Maxwell-Lopez, and Dr. Joseph Spalitto volunteered to participate; Jim Witteman will chair the group. Laci will contact these members with a recommended plan of action.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06. The next meeting, on April 14, will be scheduled at a COMBAT agency which will be determined.

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
De La Salle Education Center
3737 Troost Ave.
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present

Gene Morgan
Anita Russell
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Querry
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Vanessa Maxwell-Lopez

Also Present

Stacey Daniels- Young
Dan Cummings
Greg Apperson
Brent Morris
Lilly Angelo
Tammie Jordan
DaRon McGee
Laci Beavers

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

Mark Williamson gave an introduction and welcome to DeLaSalle Charter High School, where the meeting was hosted. He explained how the alternative school functions and what role it serves to students and the community.

Dr. Spalitto motioned to approve the March Minutes; Marva Moses seconded; motion carried.

Report from Jackson County Drug Task Force

Officer-in-Charge Dan Cummings gave an update on the current status of drug distribution and crime in Eastern Jackson County. Officer Cummings explained that 90 percent of the times, drugs in surrounding counties are coming in from outside of Jackson County, specifically the Kansas City, MO area (as well as KC Kansas) which serve as major distributions points for Mexican cartels.

Although the presence of Meth Labs has been greatly reduced in Jackson County, Methamphetamines coming from Mexico continue to present a huge problem in the area and make up a significant portion of local drug trafficking. At present, most of Kansas City's "black tar" heroin (the preference in this area) is being exported outside rather than staying within the city. While heroin is not as serious of an issue in this area as it is in the St. Louis area, it is a growing market in Jackson County, regularly being transported after arriving in Kansas City to Chicago, Iowa, Ohio etc. Heroin is extremely addictive and poses a special risk to anyone who has been previously addicted to painkillers. Law enforcement is increasingly finding meth and heroin being sold in the same locations.

The Mexican drug cartels have clearly identified a vacuum created by the reduction of Meth in the area and are finding various ways to fill it. Every drug that has been recovered in the last two years has been traced from Mexico (with the exception of marijuana and PCP from California). Two post death

investigations have lead back across the Mexican border, but once the border is crossed, it is in the hands of the Mexican authorities. In Jackson County, the Drug Task Force can work with the roots of the drug organizations within the area to identify local drug kingpins, their contacts, and shipment resources in the immediate area and then pass on intelligence to the federal agencies to deal with on a higher level.

OIC Cummings stated that the unique cooperation between law enforcement agencies has helped Jackson County become one of the most effective task forces in the country. This is an important positive change, as Jackson County law enforcement has become notably more cohesive over the last several years. Collaboration and knowledge sharing between agencies is a huge asset, as information is power. When asked if the DTF model could be duplicated in other parts of the state, it was stated that there has been discussion about whether Jackson County's model could be adopted by other areas with urban core. While it is possible, any area would likely have to experience similar growing pains and it might be a difficult operation in a place like St. Louis that is trying to coordinate between 86 law enforcement agencies.

Kansas City's current partnership with St. Louis law enforcement is reportedly case specific with no one unified source. Efforts are underway to streamline relationships to make them as effective as possible.

Greg Apperson on Opiate Use and Changes with MO Mental Health Services

Chief of Addiction Services from the Department of Mental Health, Greg Apperson discussed a growing trend in people seeking treatment for the abuse of prescription drugs. These are the same people who are at risk for getting cut off from access to these expensive medications and switching to heroin use. Many calls come from people going through withdrawal symptoms, which most hospital ER's don't see as emergencies. Recent cutbacks on public facilities for inpatient care have intensified this problem. Residential bed cutbacks have also had a negative impact. Apperson is working with COMBAT in an effort to try and use funding to use current COMBAT agencies to provide supplemental beds.

Apperson also discussed the long term strategy for rebuilding mental health services in Missouri. According to Apperson the state is facing a real problem, with no short or simple answer. Currently there is no funding for the mental health coalition. Moving forward, integration within organizations and support communities is key. We want to harness coalitions' and people's willingness to work together for the common good. The Federal Access to Recovery grant has been renewed for 3 years and provides additional support. The incorporation of faith based communities also seems to be a good vehicle to present it to the legislature and demand more

Probation and Parole with Brent Morris and Lilly Angelo

Brent Morris and Lilly Angelo provided information on the transition of the KC Police Center into the Kansas City Reentry Center: a 450 bed, minimum security center for Kansas City citizens only. The Reentry Center will allow prisoners to work and or go to treatment during the day and return to prison at night. This new model is driven in part by the fact that Missouri currently has its highest prison population of all time. Currently, the staff is finding placement and housing for 266 people of the KC Police Center. The goal is to find them placement by July 31st. The new facility will have an honor dorm with 60 beds for prisoners who volunteer and work in the community. The center will have a fence (but not be entirely fenced in) and will have an extended recreational area with basketball courts, a walking

trail, etc. The only higher security area will be the sally port. Mental health services will be provided through Horizon as they are now, but outside organizations may also begin to provide services. Overall, the Kansas City Reentry Center will be aimed at people who have done well in similar institutions where the custody level is low and medical and mental health scores range from about 1-2.

Treatment Update with DaRon McGee

DaRon recapped the Quarterly Treatment Meeting held last week at Truman Medical Center. He explained that all agencies were represented and that the main points covered were the transition to monthly reporting, the need for more accurate reporting (particularly on drug of choice), and First Call's upcoming training sessions. DaRon has sent out evaluation surveys to all the agencies and is awaiting their feedback.

Prevention Annual Report with Tammie Jordan

Tammie Jordan presented and gave a brief review of the 2014 Annual Prevention Report. Some of the major summary points were that COMBAT funded a total of 50 prevention agencies that served a total of 13,966 new clients and 11,904 participants. Eighteen percent of new clients had witnessed violence, 14% were victims of violence, 5% had been convicted of a crime, 1% were currently in a gang, 6% smoked cigarettes, 4% used illegal drugs, and 5% felt in danger at home. The most commonly served age group was 6-12 year olds at 38.39% and the most commonly served ethnicity group was African-Americans at 54.02%. Tammie was praised for the professional quality of her work and the useful and the value of the information.

Mission, Goals, and Objective Update

The committee is hoping to have a statement of the vision for the organization by next month

New Business

Upon request from the Drug Commission, DaRon McGee gave an update on Marijuana related bills in the Missouri Legislature. There are two bills currently facing the legislature: one that legalizes marijuana and allows the state to tax it and another that legalizes only medical marijuana. The medical marijuana bill is judged by members DaRon interviewed from the Missouri House to be far more likely to actually reach the floor for a vote. While they think it is likely to pass in the House, it is judged unlikely to pass in the senate. Our main role is always to protect the youth. States that have legalized marijuana in any capacity have given minors increased access, medical marijuana is a point of entry for full legalization. Once we know the date that the bill will go to the floor, we can encourage others to contact their representatives and lobby on behalf of our position. Some Drug Commissioners feel that Missouri holds an important role in the debate on legalization, and that the way Missouri swings on the issue will influence the country. After much discussion, it was agreed that it always be the role of the Drug Commission to protect youth. In the case that any legalization becomes a reality, the Drug Commission feels that awareness and strong parenting needs to be part of our prevention strategy.

Upcoming Events and News

- Ruskin Heights COMBAT Canvassing Bay Water Park, 7100 Grandview Rd, Kansas City, MO
- Article naming Jackson County Drug Task Force the Missouri Tax Force of the Year for the 4th Year in a Row

- Employees of the month—Tammie and Laci were both celebrated at a luncheon sponsored by the County Executive as Employees for the month during 2014
- Article on Judge Susan Watson of Eastern Jackson County and Independence Youth Court

Announcements

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015, Downtown Courthouse

The meeting was closed at 3:43pm

**Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Downtown Courthouse Legislative Chambers
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Present

Gene Morgan
Anita Russell
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Querry
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fischer
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez

Also Present

Stacey Daniels- Young
Capt. Stephanie Price, Kansas City Police Dept.
Mary Marquez, Family Court
Dr. Pam Behle, Family Court
Paul Arena, Legislative Auditor's Office
Jay Hayden, County Counselor's Office
DaRon McGee
Laci Beaver
Theresa Galvin, County Legislature
Candise Lutz, Legislative Aide

The May Drug Commission Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm

Keith Querry motioned to approve the minutes from April 2015. The motion was seconded by Anita Russell. The April 2015 minutes were approved with corrections to the spelling of Venessa Maxwell-Lopez's name and the motion passed.

Report from Captain Stephanie Price of the Kansas City Police Department

Captain Price discussed how the KC Metro-meth unit only accosted 15 meth labs in 2014, which is down from an upwards of 60, a few years ago. She explained that this is mainly due to the fact that most meth is now being brought in from Mexico. This seems to confirm what the drug task force stated during the last meeting. Also in line with last month's drug task force report, Captain Price stated that interdiction is seeing a sharp increase in heroin. Her department is working with drug courts and counselors to deal with the epidemic. Local law enforcement has also started trying dealers with heroin overdose deaths, which carries a charge of involuntary manslaughter with mandatory 20 year sentence. According to Price, two perpetrators have been two successfully convicted so far. Price also said that the legalization of marijuana in Colorado has led to an influx of food laced marijuana items, butane honey oil (an extraction of marijuana with much more potent THC content) and marijuana wax. These are all possible topics of discussion for the Treatment Law Enforcement Summit on June 18th.

Mary Marquez, Deputy Court Administrator, & Dr. Pam Behle Family Drug Court

Deputy Court Administrator and Dr. Pam Behle came and discussed the progression of Family Drug Court: aimed at families where drug use is the primary reason for abuse. They explained that they discontinued their juvenile drug court to discourage experimental adolescence users (the majority) from being exposed to adolescence patients involved in much harder drugs who actually needed to be in

recreational facility (who were the minority). They found that they were actually creating a bigger problem. One of the biggest benefits of Family Drug Court is judicial oversight and responsive, quick changes in placement. They found this was not so of juvenile court, where such constant oversight and court hearings actually seemed to push youth further into the system. Today, Family Drug Court uses parenting technique courses, the Love & Limits program, formal drug/ risk screenings, diversion classes, and the Night Lights probation program to help children directly. As a whole, Family Drug Court has moved from a more correctional concentration (in the early 90s) to a more treatment based institution.

Old Business

Mission, Goals, and Objectives: Focus staying on mission statement from 2010

The commissioners discussed the idea of renaming the commissioning. There is some concern that The Jackson County Drug Commission might not be the most appropriate and fully comprehensive name with the committee doing so much work with violent crime, drug related or otherwise. Jay Hayden has previously drafted document to change name to COMBAT Commission = to be distributed to the committee for review, additions, and edits. Deputy county councilor Jay Hayden also noted how the committee needs to be specific in how it defines violent crime. During today's Mission, Goals, and Objectives meeting it was decided that the committee would like to overall the language of the ordinance in the Mission Statement. The committee will develop a new mission statement a week in advance of next month's meeting.

New Business

Paul Arena Legislative Auditor Office

Paul Arena explained his process of visiting COMBAT agencies to look at their performance statistics, make observations of various programs, evaluate their efficiency and report back to the legislator. Arena will be visiting 9-10 agencies this summer and will make these reports available to the commissioners. Stacey Daniels-Young has also requested copies of the 2014-2013 reports. 2015 agency reports should be received by October in time for 2016 recommendations.

Upcoming Events

May 29th: Independence Canvassing, June 3rd: Mid-Year Strategic Collaboration Meeting 1-4pm at the Kauffman Foundation, May 21st: South KC Center of Commerce Monthly Luncheon at the Concord Cultural Center 11:30-1pm

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Historic Courthouse on 112 W Lexington in Independence, MO. Starting in September meetings will move to 1:30pm to accommodate Gene Morgan's class schedule

Marva Moses motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm and James Witteman seconded.

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Downtown Courthouse Legislative Chambers
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Gene Morgan
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Querry
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fischer
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez

Stacey Daniels- Young, COMBAT
Vince Ortega, COMBAT
DaRon McGee, COMBAT
Joan Jockel, COMBAT
Mike Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Caleb Clifford, Prosecutor's Office
Major Dave Bosworth, Kansas City Police Dept.
Sgt. Allen Kintz, Blue Springs Police Dept.
Officer Charlie Waites, Blue Springs Police Dept.
Officer Teri Klote, Blue Springs Police Dept.
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Theresa Galvin, Jackson County Legislator
Candise Lutz, Legislative Aide

The June Drug Commission Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Additions to the Agenda

There were multiple additions to the agenda, including the review of responses to questions from last week's Midyear Strategic Collaboration Event. These items require no action.

KCPD Report from Major Dave Bosworth: The second addition was a report from KCPD's Major Dave Bosworth. Major Bosworth told the commission that local drug seizures are up (cocaine 19%, marijuana 15%, heroin 103%) along with total narcotics purchases, up 13% total. There has, however, been a decrease in the occurrence of clandestine Methamphetamine labs discovered and the department has recently ended a federal investigation on PCP that is expected to result in indictments.

Blue Springs DARE and City Blue Springs & You: Sgt Allen Kintz of the Blue Springs Police Department gave a comprehensive overview of two COMBAT funded initiatives out of Blue Springs. COMBAT currently funds the entire Blue Springs DARE program, teaching in 11 schools, providing over 500 presentations a year. Blue Springs also has officers in two middle schools, across 14 different classrooms with its CLEEO program. In addition to education about drugs, the CLEEO curriculum also provides information on dating, domestic/relationship violence, and safe technology use. From there, Blue Springs puts officers in high school who help build off CLEEO lessons and portray police officers in a different light to help form better relationships with kids. Marva Moses in particular expressed interest in seeing the tracking/ data on these older age groups. Through the City of Blue Springs & YOU (its Youth Outreach Unit), additional services are provided such as clinical sessions and case management for families and kids (who are often self-enrolled). They also offer more recreational activities such as Girls on Fire, which focuses on taking care of yourself, building confidence, and making good decisions.

Update from Prosecutor's Office: Caleb Clifford provided a brief update on the Prosecutor's Office, including the recent recognition of County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker's violence crime reduction program. The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) featured KC NoVA among the eight most innovative crime reduction strategies in the nation. As part of these efforts, Mr. Clifford recapped the progress of Teens in Transition (now in its sophomore year), a summer training program that targets NoVA referred adolescents most likely to become part of the cycle of violence, providing them with life skills preparation, substance prevention, and paid service learning. Clifford also informed the Commission that a gang "call out" would be taking place in the community this week, and that if there was interest, the drug commission could participate in future call outs.

Approval of the May 2015 Minutes

Gloria Fischer moved to accept the minutes as submitted; James Witteman second; motion carried.

Old Business

Mission, Goals, and Objectives: James Witteman informed the committee that the Mission, Goals, and Objectives setting will be pushed back until next month. A meeting with Cathy Jolly is necessary.

High Risk Offender- Vince Ortega: The high risk offender identification feature is being added to the mapping process. Once COMBAT has a GSI mapper, it will be ready to incorporate this fully. Now that the system is set up fully, COMBAT wants to use it more expertly and may want to have a separate vendor who can provide this level of expertise and in depth information. COMBAT might wish to turn to an outside resource if it is in the budget. In theory, more efficient tracking could actually be more cost effective in the long run.

New Business

The committee discussed the possibility of having a meeting dedicated specifically to forming a policy statement on the possible legalization of marijuana.

Midyear Collaborative Event Questions: Based on the feedback from the collaborative event, it seems our organizations are most interested in seeing some kind of sortable drop down menu or real-time map of COMBAT agencies, more time dedicated to collaborative meetings and events, and greater emphasis on treatment and prevention providers at future meetings.

Upcoming Events

- Independence Canvassing- rescheduled to June 26 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Fire Station # 3 Independence, MO.
- Treatment Law enforcement summit June 18 1:00-300 p.m. Concord Cultural Center (Drug Commissioners invited and encouraged to attend).

Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday July 14, 2015 Downtown Courthouse 415 E. 12th Street Kansas City, MO 2nd Floor Legislative Chambers

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Downtown Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
2nd Floor Legislative Chambers
1:00- 3:00 pm

Minutes

Present

Gene Morgan
Dr. Joe Spalitto
Keith Query
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fisher
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez

Also Present

Stacey Daniels- Young
Major Dave Bosworth, Kansas City Police Dept.
Lori Stipp, Family Court
John Fierro, Mattie Rhodes
Dia Matthews, Mattie Rhodes
Andrea Buford, Swope Health Services
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Paul Arena, Legislative Auditor's Office
Sgt. Michelle Machinus, Mo. National Guard
Tammie Jordan
Vince Ortega
DaRon McGee
Joan Jockel

The July Drug Commission Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: Report from ex-officio member Major Dave Bosworth, Kansas City Police Department

Approval of the June 2015 Minutes: The Minutes were approved with correction to the spelling of Gloria Fisher's name; Jim Witteman moved approval, Gloria Fisher seconded; motion carried.

Report from Ex-officio Member, Kansas City Police Department Major Dave Bosworth: Major Bosworth reported on "Flakka" or Alpha PVP, a new variation of synthetic drug which has found its way to the United States from China, where it was originally used as a research chemical. It is easily accessible through the internet and is cut with other substances such as rat poison and fertilizer. This new synthetic causes violent reactions, and while it has yet to be seen in the Midwest, it has been seen in other parts of the country, such as Florida. It has received recent publicity in national media outlets. Synthetics in general are on the decline in Jackson County and haven't been seen by law enforcement in over 18 months, but authorities will remain alert for Alpha PVP.

Special Guest

Lori Stipp, Assistant Director, Legal Services, Family Court: A new Jackson County Data Information Sharing System for juveniles is being put in place to help track gangs such as Swag Nation. This program

will allow information sharing between police departments and provide more accurate data on juveniles with a criminal records to ultimately help better treat, refer, and intervene with them.

This project addresses the fact that currently, juveniles who are encountered by police for suspected criminal behavior are often released without recording of information and assessment by Family Court. The new database will require that juveniles who commit felonies are properly screened at Family Court (with less lag time between the report and follow up action) and entered into a formal system. The database is meant to collect intelligence information, not individual criminal histories. It will be under the authority of the Jackson County Sheriff and the information collected can be held for five years (the system is automatically designed to purge information at the required time). At the moment, the total cost of the database is being absorbed by IT. A user friendly prototype of the database has been shown to police agencies.

Juveniles with non-felony charges will continue to have the option to go through Youth Court or any other juvenile diversion program.

Old Business

High Risk Offender Initiative (HROI) Vince Ortega: A High Risk Offenders Meeting was held today to discuss options for tracking career criminals (including juvenile tracking). The HROI is cooperating with NOVA as some of their gang targets overlap with COMBAT High Risk Offenders so that the two can now work together without duplicating efforts.

Mission, Goals and Objectives Update- Commissioner Jim Witteman: Commissioners Spalitto, Maxwell- Lopez, Moses, and Witten will convene prior to the next two meeting from 12:30am- 1:30pm to work on mission, goals, and objectives and have a document for the Commission by September.

New Business

Trauma Training for New COMBAT Funded Agency Staff

COMBAT is seeking authorization from the Drug Commission to request that the Legislature approve COMBAT funding of Trauma Training for new staff at COMBAT supported agencies. In 2014, COMBAT required all funded agencies to send at least one staff person to the Trauma Training that was being presented by Truman Medical Centers, funded by a combination of mental health funders. COMBAT is requesting up to \$1,500.00 for this person, at the reduced cost of \$40 per person now that Truman no longer has the original grant. At the South Kansas City Planning meeting convened by COMBAT earlier this summer Hickman Mills School District (HMSD) expressed interest in Trauma Training so we will be making four (4) slots available for their use. (HMSD has also asked for support in constructing a comprehensive Trauma plan; we are working with Truman Medical Center to assist in this.)

Commissioner Marva Moses inquired whether there are ways to work Trauma Training into COMBAT's standard operations and funding, ensuring that every COMBAT funded agency has at least one staff member with Trauma training. She suggested that to institutionalize the training, we could include a requirement that at least one staff member of all funded agencies have Trauma Training, or include

plans for how they will secure this training. It was also suggested that COMBAT investigate the possibility of online Trauma Training, employee led trainings and eventually work toward all agencies having back-up trauma counselors.

Motion by Jim Witteman; second by Marva Moses; motion carried.

Second Amendment for Treatment Services to Mattie Rhodes

John Fierro, Executive Director of the Mattie Rhodes Center, appeared before the Commission to discuss his request to extend the allowed dates for expenditure of the agency's 2014 remaining Treatment funds until September, 2015. The \$30,000.00 remaining at the end of 2014 has already been extended for six months. Mattie Rhodes is one of the only agencies in Jackson County to offer substance abuse services in Spanish. The agency was without a counselor for six months which resulted in not spending their appointed 2014 funding, but they now have a fully transitioned counselor. The bilingual counselor, Dia Matthews, was present and addressed the group.

Commissioner Gloria Ortiz moved to recommend the extension of Mattie Rhodes Center's 2014 Treatment funds to September 30, 2015, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Spalitto; motion was carried with full support from the Commission.

Funding of Room and Board Beds to Healing House

COMBAT is asking for the recommendation of the Drug Commission to fund Room and Board beds for Treatment purposes in the amount of \$70,000.00 to Healing House of Kansas City from the 2015 Anti-Drug Sales Tax fiscal year. These funds were reserved for the purpose of finding a solution to the shortage of residential beds caused by the closing of this component of Swope Health Center's Imani House. COMBAT has worked with Swope Health and the Missouri Department of Mental Health to devise this plan. After staff from COMBAT, Swope Health and the Department of Mental Health visited several potential sites, it was determined that the best solution could be devised by contracting with Healing House (who had participated in the COMBAT Treatment RFP released for 2015 funding) to provide Room and Board beds while clients undergo Intensive Day Treatment at Swope Health Services. Andrea Buford, Clinical Director of Behavioral Health at Swope Health Services, described to the Drug Commissioners how she had participated in reviewing multiple possible housing programs and found that Healing House was the most "homey" for clients, but was also stringent enough for Level I treatment clients who are new to treatment and need more structure.

The Department of Mental Health has agreed to fund the cost of the Intensive Day Treatment at Swope Health if COMBAT funds the Room and Board costs at Healing House. Under the plan, up to ten (10) clients per month who are referred to Swope Health for usual Residential services will be housed at Healing House and transported to Swope Health at least five days per week, for eight (8) hours per day. The other time will be spent, supervised, at Healing House, in appropriate recovery activities.

Commissioner Maxwell-Lopez entered a motion to recommend the funding of \$70,000.00 to Healing House, second by Commissioner Witten. The motion was carried with full support from the Commission.

Updates

South Kansas City Neighborhood Planning

The first South Kansas City Neighborhood Planning meeting was held on June 25, 2015. It was attended by representatives from several neighborhoods, the superintendent of the Hickman Mills School District, and Major Karl Oakman of South Patrol, along with COMBAT agencies who either work in South Kansas City or are interested in working in the area. Newly appointed Family Court Commissioner William Jackson and Drug Commissioner Marva Moses were also in attendance. Vince Ortega gave the Crime Mapping presentation. Strategies to address the crime were discussed, and priorities that could be agreed upon. Juveniles, crime, and truancy were identified as some of the primary problems. One of the main take away assignments was to find an area where these adolescents can be held, processed, assessed and given follow up services when apprehended by police. The group will meet again in the next few weeks.

Notes from the Treatment and Law Enforcement Meeting, held June 18, were also distributed.

Marijuana Policy Statement: In addition to providing the Commission with multiple scholarly articles, Dr. Spalitto presented a draft of a marijuana policy statement that he asked to be considered by the Commission for later presentation to the Jackson County Legislature. Several Commission members agreed that the Drug Commission should at least state their opinion on recreational marijuana legalization. Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor, advised the group that if they are going to formally discuss creation of such a statement they should place the topic on the agenda of an upcoming meeting that will be held here in the Downtown Courthouse, and that since the Commission is appointed by the County Executive, it should first be presented to him. Commissioners Venessa Maxell-Lopez, Dr. Joe Spalitto and Marva Moses volunteered to work on the statement for discussion at the September meeting.

Upcoming Events

Kansas City Canvassing- July 24, 2:00- 4:00 pm

Next scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 Amethyst Place, 2740 Troost, KCMO

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Amethyst Place, 2740 Troost, Kansas City, MO
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Corrected Minutes

Present

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fisher
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez
Anita Russell

Also Present

Stacey Daniels- Young
Kim Davis, Amethyst Place
Amethyst Place Client
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Michael Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Judge Joseph Locascio
Vince Ortega
DaRon McGee
Laci Beavers

The August Drug Commission Meeting was unofficially called to order at 1:30pm with a welcome and presentation from Kim Davis, Executive Director of Amethyst Place, a COMBAT funded Treatment facility that provides transitional housing. The presentation included a story by a resident, who recounted her drug history (including having been arrested at DART houses) and her later commitment to Treatment. She is now considered an Amethyst Alumnus but still lives on the premises and helps women in their adjustment to drug free living on their progression to sobriety and independence.

The Drug Commission Meeting was officially called to order at 1:55 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the July 2015 Minutes: The Minutes were approved, with motion to approve by Jim Witteman; second by Marva Moses; motion carried.

Report from Ex-officio Member, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, Michael Mansur: Mr.

Mansur presented in-depth information on the Prosecutor's Office involvement in the No Violence Alliance (NoVA). In addition to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, NoVA's partners include the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the mayor of Kansas City, the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole and the University of Missouri-Kansas City as researcher and evaluator. KC NoVA aims to bring the community and law enforcement together to actively communicate and engage to reduce violence. This strategy for violence reduction follows similar successful models used across the nation, with impressive successes seen in reducing homicide.

Mr. Mansur reported that those targeted for NoVA services have been found to have a history of about 500 times the national murder rate. NoVA uses police intelligence to analyze the relationships among criminals, mapping offenders and their associated groups. Key members of those networks will be invited to meet with KC NoVA leaders and their partners, including community leaders and the faith-based community. At those "Call-Ins," those invited will be asked to stay away from violence. Offers to connect them to social services will be made. If those invited do not avail themselves of help and participate in future violence they will attract the swift attention of NoVA's law enforcement. The program has an upcoming "Call-In" for those that are being targeted for NoVA involvement either because of their past involvement in violent crime, or their association with those who are so involved, where they will be invited to hear about the intent of NoVA, their risk for arrest and the availability of services that can help them change their lives. The Drug Commissioners will be able to attend this Call-In on August 25, 6:00 p.m. if they like; the location will be verified before that date.

KC NoVA began in January 2013. Its 2014 evaluation will be completed before the end of this year. There is some interest in launching a similar effort targeting those involved in domestic violence.

Old Business

Mission, Goals and Objectives Update- Commissioner Jim Witteman: Commissioner Witteman reported that the task force working on this project met immediately before the Drug Commission report, and will have a recommendation for the Commission to entertain at the September meeting.

No additional reports were given due to the number of special presentations under New Business, and the need to adjourn in time for a tour of the facility.

New Business

Crisis Center: Judge Joseph Locascio, Kansas City Municipal Court Judge, presented the concept of establishing a Crisis Center focused on the amelioration of drug related arrests and emergency room services being used by those suffering primarily from substance abuse and mental health issues. He reported that in 2014 alone 8,190 admissions were recorded via the emergency room for those who actually were suffering from substance abuse and mental health problems that did not warrant hospitalization. Additional clients suffering from similar problems were directly delivered to the Regional Correctional Center and the Jackson County Detention Center, where they were housed for these problems instead of receiving appropriate treatment. Judge Locascio stated that approximately a year ago a summit was convened with the participation of the Regional Hospital Association and public safety officials to discuss the problem. A later study was completed by OrgCode Consulting to determine the best ways of ending the revolving door between hospitals, police, courts, ambulance and others social services that assist street-involved persons.

By now, the consortium of those planning a response to the problem also includes officials representing mental health and substance abuse providers who see the problem every day, representation from the Missouri Department of Mental Health, of the City of Kansas City, and COMBAT.

The recommended Crisis Center is meant to provide two sets of services: 1.) A Sobering Unit whereby those obviously suffering from substance abuse and/or mental health problems can be legally diverted by police or fire to the Crisis Center's Sobering Center services, where they will be able to detox for up to 23 hours—if it is found that they need medical services they will be sent to a hospital emergency room; and 2.) A Stabilization Unit which can keep a person for up to four (4) days. During this time, the person will receive an Intake Assessment, coordinated access to the appropriate behavioral health care service provider for a next day appointment, coordination for medical care if needed (including care for those expressing suicidal or homicidal ideation), and stabilization.

Judge Locascio reported that requests for funding from five (5) specific hospitals affected by the problem in Kansas City, area philanthropic organizations interested in health, the Missouri Department of Mental Health, and the City of Kansas City have been discussed and interest and commitments have been promising. He stated that the reason for appearing before the Drug Commission today is to request Planning funds toward a two-year pilot from Jackson County COMBAT in the amount of \$100,000.00. Over the next year a Request for Proposals will be released to determine an agency to operate the requested services. However, the Mid-America Regional Council has agreed to serve as fiscal manager of the project. Questions included the exact benefit to Jackson County, and if the focus is on Kansas City? Judge Locascio stated that during the pilot period the focus is on Kansas City as this where the overwhelming bulk of such

calls occur. After the pilot, interest from Eastern Jackson County law enforcement will be investigated.

A request was made from the commissioners to discuss the need that the Jackson County Sheriff has for such services. The participating hospitals were asked to be named; they include St. Luke's, St. Joseph's, Truman Medical Center, Research Medical Center and North Kansas City, all of whom will be asked to provide funding toward the effort. An Advisory Council will be created consisting of funders such as the REACH Health Foundation, the Kemper Foundation, the Hall Family Foundation, Chief Berardi from the Kansas City Fire Department and the Jackson County Community Mental Health Center Board of Trustees. While the Health Care Foundation has made a commitment to of interest as a funder, they will not participate in the Advisory Council (nor will COMBAT if we are a funder, citing conflict of interest).

A motion to approve the use of \$100,000.00 from COMBAT 2015 Treatment funds for the Crisis Center was made by Marva Moses; second by Gloria Fisher; motion carried.

Mapping Presentation - Vince Ortega: Vince presented the result of violent crime mapping, using information from eight (8) law enforcement jurisdictions in Jackson County. The resulting map produced violent crime Hotspots throughout Jackson County. The map also shows the relative violent crime Hotspots in individual cities, showing that violent crime exists throughout the County. COMBAT plans to select three of the Hotspots with the greatest violent crimes for a pilot program whereby we will plan with community members, local police, school districts, neighborhood and faith-based groups for community generated solutions to use to reduce violent crime in the Hotspots. The availability of the crime mapping will allow us to evaluate the effectiveness of these community based partnerships.

Upcoming Events

COMBAT picnic, Tower Park, September 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

COMBAT Awards, Plaza Library, October 8, 5:30 p.m.

Next scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 Downtown Courthouse Legislative Chambers, 415 East 12th Street, 2nd Floor

COMBAT Drug Commission Meeting

September 15, 2015

1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Present:

Dr. Joseph Spalitto

Keith Querry

James Witteman, Jr.

Marva Moses

Gene Morgan

Anita Russell

Venessa Maxwell - Lopez

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young

Daron McGee

Laci Beavers

Jodi McDaniel

Major Dave Bosworth

Cathy Jolly

Jay Haden

Mark Sieltman

Legislator Theresa Galvin

The September 15th Drug Commission Meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M

Approval of the Minutes:

After reviewing the Minutes, Dr. Joseph Spalitto noticed his name was listed as present at the August 11th Drug Commission Meeting, however, he was not present. Judge Locascio was not listed as present but did appear before the Commission in August. Motion to approve the August 11, 2015 Drug Commission Meeting Minutes as corrected was made by James Witteman, Marva Moses second; motion passed.

Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions made to the agenda.

Ex-officio Drug Commission member Major David Bosworth, Kansas City Police Department

Major David Bosworth, Narcotics & Vice Division, stated they have been very busy as there have been many recent murders and the number of homicides has risen compared to this time last year. He stated those involved in the drug dealing business are at higher risk of being murdered than others. Major Bosworth then spoke about the use of heroin and how it has risen—last year KCPD recovered 35 pounds; already this year they have recovered 85 pounds. He stated that the price of heroin has also gone up due to traffickers not wanting to enter Kansas City because the police have had much success in seizing it before it is distributed,

therefore the use is higher in the outlying/suburban areas of the metropolitan area and not so much in the urban core. St. Louis still records more heroin overdoses than does Kansas City. He warned that Indiana has seen an HIV outbreak where 170 people have been infected due to sharing needles while using heroin, a trend that health officials in the metropolitan area are watching. The number of meth-labs has gone down 60% in Jackson County from last year. On the other hand, KCPD has recovered a lot of meth and heroin coming from Mexico.

New Business:

Integration of Crime Mapping and 2016 Pilot

Stacey Daniels-Young spoke about how COMBAT plans to integrate Crime Mapping into 2016 operations. Under the leadership of Deputy Director Vince Ortega, Crime Mapping was originally used to target the high crime areas and the neighborhoods that were the best candidates for COMBAT canvassing after recommendation by area Law Enforcement agencies. Stacey stated that Vince and the county's GIS staff worked with the statistics to rate the intensity regarding violent crime in various areas. The Crime Mapping, presented to the Drug Commission at the August meeting, identified 18 violent crime hotspots in Jackson County rated by intensity.

Stacey presented to the Commissioners two ways that COMBAT plans to use this information. One involves the use of newer strategies in COMBAT funded programs, in which agencies would use the crime mapping information and update their programs. She stated that COMBAT is still committed to evidence based programs, but we are challenging agencies to upgrade their programs with new strategies that focus on the problems that are occurring today, and utilize the crime mapping information to address high crime areas or replicate conditions seen in lower crime areas.

Cathy Jolly spoke about the second way in which COMBAT will use the Crime Mapping information, in a Pilot Plan which is focusing on three intensely rated high crime areas: South Kansas City, Northeast Kansas City, and an area in Independence. These are the highest violent crime areas on the Crime Map. She stated COMBAT will strategize with neighborhood leaders, schools, and law enforcement to determine which COMBAT resources would be most effective in a violent crime reduction plan in these areas. As far as South Kansas City (Ruskin area) goes, COMBAT has already begun work in this area, with specific strategies suggested by KCPD's South Patrol, the Hickman Mills School District, neighborhood and faith based representatives, as well as COMBAT agencies willing to provide services in this area to make it a safer place. Stacey also informed the Commission of a meeting in Independence that COMBAT held with representatives from the Independence Police Department and Comprehensive Mental Health Services, an agency funded by COMBAT to provide both Treatment and Prevention services in Independence. Stacey stated that we would like to have the Pilot Program approved by the Drug Commission for recommendation to the Jackson County Legislature, with up to \$100,000.00 allocated for programming in each hotspot, for a total of no more than \$300,000.00. Dr. Spalitto asked can we go about getting the additional \$300,000.00 from COMBAT funds for the pilot; Stacey replied that the funds can be requested from the

Legislature for allocation from unexpended Anti-Drug funds which were not spent by agencies from their COMBAT awards. Gene Morgan stated that targeting these areas is going to be a good idea. He asked Stacey if COMBAT was still in the process of identifying these agencies that would be funded and she replied that COMBAT will identify proposed agencies for funding based on those that the planning groups agree are most needed in cooperative efforts for violent crime reduction in their areas. Cathy asked the Commission if they would consider formally approving this concept. Marva moved to adopt the concept; Dr. Spalitto seconded the motion; concept approved for adoption. Additional discussion concerned whether areas for emphasis can be changed in the future and how to accomplish multi-year funding if needed. Stacey and Cathy discussed how it is planned that the needs will be assessed annually and that although funding is allocated on a yearly basis, we will ask the Legislature for at least one additional year if it is indicated as needed.

Discussion on marijuana:

Dr. Joe Spalitto, Venessa Maxwell-Lopez, Keith Querry, Marva Moses and Anita Russell all stated interest in serving on a Work Group to propose language for the Drug Commission to consider regarding a statement on Marijuana. Venessa was asked to convene the group, which will send out proposed language before the Commission is asked to discuss the statement at a future meeting.

Old business

Drug Commission Mission statement –

Jim Witteman presented a New COMBAT Mission Statement drafted by the subgroup that worked on this task:

Jackson County COMBAT strives to ensure a strong, safe community for its residents free from the dangers of illegal drugs and violent crime through the use of prevention education, treatment services and support of the criminal justice system.”

The subgroup also recommends a return to the “COMBAT Commission” as the name for the commission. Jim and his committee will go over the County Code Chapter 93 which deals with COMBAT and prepare the language for modifications. Dr. Spalitto motioned to accept the mission statement as written, Anita Russell second; motion passed.

High risk Offender

Vince Ortega was absent, so there was no high risk offender update.

Connections update

Daron McGee presented an update from the COMBAT Connections database through July 2016. This update showed several statistics from COMBAT Treatment Agencies and their performance on several measures. There have been a total of 4,158 people served as of July, with more males being served than females. Daron went through the statistics for drug use and gave a breakdown on drugs used. There was a discussion about the use of PCP and several other drugs

being used. There were questions about the low number of drugs used reflected in the reports of several agencies, as well as unclear reporting about Drug Court referrals. DaRon was asked to work with the Connections contractor to investigate these discrepancies and ensure the data are being accurately reported and reflected. He will give an update when these questions have been answered and corrections made.

Upcoming Events

Stacey spoke about the COMBAT biannual picnic that will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 77th and Holmes at Tower Park. She described in detail all of the attractions that will be available to Jackson County residents of all ages, including a petting zoo, face painting, free food, live music, resources and giveaways. COMBAT will also be providing free bus passes donated by the KC ATA and free shuttle from Jackson County Parks and Recreation to nearby parking for those attending the picnic.

The Commission also asked about the upcoming COMBAT Awards program, which is scheduled for October 8, 5:30, at the Plaza Library in Kansas City.

Announcements:

The next Drug Commission Meeting will be held October 13, 2015 at the Independence Boys & Girls Club located at 315 S. Leslie St., Independence, MO 64050 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

Commissioners who attended the NoVA "Call-in" discussed this event. Jim Witteman asked if there will be another occasion for commissioners to attend a Call-in (they are held approximately every three months).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

COMBAT Drug Commission Meeting

October 13, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Present:

Gene Morgan
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Keith Querry
Marva Moses
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fisher
Anita Russell
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young
Vince Ortega
Tammie Jordan
Laci Beavers
Jodi McDaniel
Captain Stephanie Price – KCPD
Omar Reed – Prosecutor's Office (KC NoVA)
Susanne Ancona, Prosecutor's Office
Derrick Toms – Campfire
Leslie Vohs – Campfire
Chief Chris Soule – Sugar Creek PD

There were some corrections made to the September minutes. Keith Querry had been listed as a member of the subgroup appointed to craft a Drug Commission statement on marijuana but he is not a member. Venessa Maxwell Lopez was listed as the Chair however Dr. Joseph Spalitto was in fact appointed Chair. After the corrections were made, Dr. Spalitto moved to approve the September minutes; Anita Russell second; motion carried.

Ex-officio KCPD representative Captain Stephanie Price was present to follow up on the discussion that Major Dave Bosworth presented to the Drug Commission in September. She stated that so far this year ninety pounds of Heroin and \$1,000,000.00 in cash has been obtained. The number of meth labs has dropped 60 percent this year. She stated that the Kansas City Interdiction has been expanded to cover Jackson County, Platte County and Clay County. All of the officers are dual trained in interdiction. She stated that one concern that she has is the lag time between encountering a person under the influence of a drug and getting them into treatment. She stated that if the person is on drugs, jail is not what is needed, they need treatment but if they cannot immediately get them into a treatment facility they are more than likely turned back out on the street. Stacey stated that the treatment facilities that are funded by COMBAT take those who are coming from law enforcement as priority over anyone

else. Vince stated that one of the problems may be the time it takes to get results back from testing. Keith Querry asked if the Independence testing lab has been taken over by the state. Vince confirmed that it has not.

Old Business

High Risk Offenders Update

Vince Ortega updated that we now have Deputy Detective Sydney Anderson from Intelligence working in the jail obtaining information. So far he has reported on four gang related homicides and human trafficking coming from Chicago. Vince stated that he has monthly meetings with the Prosecutor's Office and NoVA where a lot of good information is being obtained.

He also updated on the Juvenile Family Court database which uniforms the way juveniles are being processed. Some have just been going to Youth Court instead of Family Court so there is no information to be found on them. He stated that the overall goal would be to put these juveniles in COMBAT prevention agencies instead of sending them to jail.

Connections Update

Stacey informed the Drug Commission that COMBAT staff met with the Connections Vendor last week after pulling some specific agencies and finding consistent errors in the data. She stated that the vendor that is now working on COMBAT Connections is new but is fixing some of the flaws that were left behind. This should be completed next month.

Revision of Administrative Monitoring Processes

Stacey stated that since COMBAT changed how the agencies report from quarterly to monthly, we have really been able to keep up with the agencies better. It is easier to catch errors and possible fraudulence. Stacey reported that Tammie has noted that some agencies have been duplicating information from month to month and also agencies that in fact are not conducting any program in some months. One agency was brought to discussion regarding whether a process can be adopted whereby COMBAT Administration can suspend funding if warranted by adopted guidelines. Venessa Maxwell-Lopez suggested that the Drug Commission adopt language authorizing suspension of payments toward contracts in the COMBAT Drug Commission policies and procedures. Stacey suggested that a sub-meeting should be conducted to discuss the necessary language. The three board members that volunteered to work on this project were Gene Morgan, Venessa Maxwell-Lopez and Gloria Fisher. Gene suggested that Jay Haden also be present at this sub-meeting.

Revised Application Schedule

Stacey informed the Drug Commission that the Treatment Renewal is now posted, the Prevention RFP should be ready for posting by Purchasing in two weeks and the Grant Match Application will be posted by the end of October 27 as well.

New Business

Sugar Creek D.A.R.E. Program

Chief Chris Soule from the Sugar Creek Police Department discussed his plans to initiate the D.A.R.E. Program in the Sugar Creek Schools. Chief Soule has been with the Sugar Creek Police Department for 20 years. He explained to the Drug Commission that all of the officers in Sugar Creek are CIT trained. He has an officer that goes to the Independence Schools and conducts the A.L.I.C.E. Program which teaches students and teachers what to do if an intruder comes into the school. He currently has two Officers that are currently attending D.A.R.E. training in Mississippi. He is requesting that COMBAT reimburse \$1,000.00 of the \$3,000.00 that was paid for this training. Marva Moses moved to reimburse Sugar Creek with the entire \$3,000 for the training; Keith Querry second; motion carried. Keith Querry then motioned that COMBAT add Sugar Creek Police Department to the COMBAT funded D.A.R.E. program for 2016; Anita Russell second; motion carried.

Remaining 2015 Prevention Funds

Stacey brought to the attention of the Drug Commission the fact that funds are remaining in the 2015 Prevention account. First, she described the situation of Shooter's Touch, for which \$20,000.00 was originally allocated. The organization was unable to secure a fiscal agent until recently. She asked the Drug Commission if they felt it was wise to still give the \$20,000 to this agency for the remaining two months of the year for their program now that they have a fiscal manager secured and are requesting the funds. It was suggested by the Drug Commission that the agency reapply for the funds next year.

Omar Reed from the Prosecutor's Office and NoVA was introduced. He explained what the Teens in transition (TNT) of NoVA was and how successful the organization has been in working with youth that are part of gangs. He then introduced Derrick Toms and Leslie Vohs from Campfire Boys & Girls Program. They explained a program that they think would benefit the TNT group, stating that it is a 16 week session which will run two days a week. They will have two sets of 8 different students coming once per week. The youth that will be attending will be chosen from ArtsTech and they will be students that are involved in the NoVA program. These are At-Risk Youth that have been in the criminal justice system. They will receive the CampFire leadership program. Campfire is requesting \$7,184 for the program to serve the TNT youth, which will include incentives to encourage better attendance. Dr. Spalitto motioned to approve funding for Campfire; Jim Witteman, Jr. second; motion carried.

Stacey then presented to the Drug Commission discussions that COMBAT has had with the Hickman Mills School District whereby Hickman Mills will initiate a pilot program to secure Trauma Training using a model similar one the Kansas City School District is using. She asked that the remaining Prevention funds be allocated for this purpose. The Drug Commission asked if the remaining \$12,000.00 could serve as a start for this project.

2016 Prevention Planning

Stacey stated that COMBAT is wanting to make a change in how we go about funding Prevention programs to fund. Guidelines for specific target areas of emphasis have been developed. In addition, programs that have been funded for more than five years will no longer be funded unless they result in great impact that could not be achieved for Jackson County otherwise.

There were no upcoming events or announcements. The meeting adjourned to a tour of the Independence Boys & Girls Club and the MAMM studio.

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Historic Courthouse, 112 Lexington, Independence, MO
1:30-3:30 pm.

Present:

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Marva Moses
Anita Russell
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez
James Witteman, Jr.

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young
Vince Ortega
Daron McGee
Jodi McDaniel
Major David Bosworth, KCPD
Dan Cummings, Officer-In-Charge, Jackson County Drug Task Force
Chief Bryon Price, Chair, Jackson County Drug Task Force

The Drug Commission meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Keith Querry in the absence of Chair Gene Morgan.

Minutes

After reviewing the Minutes from the October Drug Commission meeting, Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve the minutes; Anita Russell second; motion carried.

High Risk Offender Update (HRO)

Vince Ortega spoke about the HRO Initiative stating that Detective Sydney Anderson is working inside the Jackson County Detention Center to obtain information that can be used to identify gang members. Vince stated that Det. Anderson is receiving pertinent information about homicides, assaults and contraband. Stacey inquired whether a monthly update is prepared on the information that Det. Anderson is obtaining. Vince replied that Det. Anderson compiles weekly and monthly logs about his findings.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Major David Bosworth of the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) reported that in 2015 there have been 24 confirmed heroin overdoses in Kansas City compared to the 18 at this time last year. He reported that the KCPD Interdiction team has obtained 92 pounds of heroin so far this year which is a 57% increase from last year. He stated that methamphetamine is up 18% this

year, with KCPD having obtained 323 pounds. Major Bosworth stated that the KCPD Drug Unit is working with the Jackson County Health Department on obtaining statistics on their findings and on the Health Department's efforts to heighten Public Awareness about heroin. He stated that he will make sure to inform COMBAT of the next scheduled meeting.

Officer-In-Charge Dan Cummings from the Jackson County Drug Task Force reported obtaining seven and a half kilos of heroin from a Mexican Cartel. Twenty-four people have been indicted from the Cartel and meth, cocaine and heroin were also recovered. He stated that they have also confiscated marijuana edibles within the area, with a THC content of 30-40%. Methamphetamine potency measured has recently been measured at 102%, which is obviously very dangerous.

Connections

Stacey spoke about COMBAT Connections stating that we have found that the corrections needed for COMBAT's reporting still have not been made to the database. However, data obtainable by the Treatment agencies appears to be accurate.

Revision of Administrative Monitoring Processes

Three Drug Commissioners, Gene Morgan, Venessa Maxwell- Lopez, and Gloria Fisher, were the participants in the subgroup to discuss COMBAT Administrative issues on Tuesday, December 17, 2015. They decided to add to **Guidelines for COMBAT Funded Programs to Assure Accountability** under the reasons for **Suspension, Termination and Disqualification** an item G:

(G) An organization has failed to comply with the scope of work of contracted services.

Deputy Chief County Counselor Jay Haden suggested that all of the items that discuss reasons for **Suspension, Termination and Disqualification** be added to the contracts with providers.

Upcoming Events

Stacey informed the Drug Commission that COMBAT will be holding an Open House at the COMBAT Office on Friday, December 18, for Jackson County employees and any other interested parties to view the COMBAT remodeled space and learn about COMBAT.

There were no other announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Jackson County Drug Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Villa Guadalupe Campus, Academia de Ninos Elementary
5123 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO

Minutes

Present:

Gene Morgan
James Witteman, Jr.
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Keith Querry
Anita Russell
Lanna Ultican
Marva Moses
Gloria Fisher
Venessa Maxwell-Lopez

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young
Vince Ortega
Tammie Jordan
Daron McGee
Laci Beavers
Jodi McDaniel
Dan Cummings, Jackson County Drug Task Force
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Caleb Clifford, Prosecutors Office
Captain Stephanie Price, Kansas City Police Department

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Stacey Daniels-Young introduced the new Drug Commissioner, Lanna Ultican, and provided the Commissioners with a copy of her resume. Ms. Ultican then said a few words about herself in introduction.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Dan Cummings, Officer-in-Charge of the Jackson County Drug Task Force gave an update on the Jackson County Drug Task Force Executive board which consists of all Jackson County Police Chiefs excluding Kansas City. He described their monthly meetings as informational, stating that he basically updates the Chiefs on drug statistics. James Witteman asked if there were any jurisdictions that do not participate in this meeting and Dan explained that Greenwood usually does not participate and Buckner has just recently began attending.

Captain Stephanie Price presented the December report from the Kansas City Police Department. She stated that all statistics and trends are pretty much the same as presented at the last Drug commission Meeting. There haven't been any recent giant seizures or busts. KCPD is continuing their work with Public Health and they have been on the steering committee regarding "What to do about Heroin Overdose Deaths?" There have been 24 confirmed Heroin Overdose deaths in Kansas City this year; KCPD is still waiting on the toxicology report for 11 more that they believe are Heroin related as well which will lead to a total 35. She stated that K2 is making a comeback with youth. Gene Morgan inquired about KCPD working with the Health Department in an effort to increase public awareness. Stephanie explained the reason behind that partnership was the increase in the amount of Heroin overdose deaths. She stated that the Health Department was more concerned about HIV and AIDS due to the sharing of needles however, KCPD is more concerned about capturing the dealers and in order to do so they need the specifics that the Health Department can provide. There are several deaths that are just ruled as an overdose and not specified as to the type of overdose; now when the Fire Department receives a call to go out on an overdose related death, KCPD receives an email to go out to the scene to collect that data. This is very helpful when it comes to gaining the information needed to capture the source.

Captain Price also expressed concern about the time it takes to get individuals the treatment they need to hopefully prevent these overdoses. Stacey suggested that the Heartland Center for Behavioral Change be contacted in cases where the police have strong reason to suspect heroin use as this agency is very adept with dealing with this type of addiction and usually takes clients in quickly.

Caleb Clifford from the Prosecutor's Office spoke about Drug Court. He stated that the process from the time an offender is arrested to the time they are charged is very time consuming, and the reason for the long wait time has been due to the turnaround time for drugs to be analyzed. The Prosecutor's Office is hopeful that a solution has been found to reduce this timeframe, increasing the likelihood that more can take advantage of Drug Court. Dr. Spalitto asked if the new East Patrol Division has a lab in it, Stephanie replied that there is a lab located at the site of the new East Patrol Division. She stated that KCPD has a new instrument that they have tested called the TruNarc. This is a \$25,000 piece of equipment that can produce test results in under one minute, and can see through all bags except paper bags. She stated this device has helped tremendously in closing cases. Stephanie explained that 97% of the cases that are being held are waiting on lab results. Dan Cummings stated that Independence was one year behind in their cases due to not having received lab results, with TruNarc they closed this gap within one day.

Administrative Monitoring Process

Gene Morgan moved the Administrative Monitoring Processes up on the Agenda. First, Stacey provided the Drug Commission two correspondence letters to and from Connections to Success. The second document reflected the final update to the Guidelines for COMBAT Funded Programs with the incorporation of an option of "Suspension".

Stacey went on to discuss the issue at hand regarding Connections to Success (CtS). The Grant Match proposal submitted by CtS stated that they would be conducting services in the Raytown Area (Stacey recounted that this was in response to a request in the Grant Match application for services in underserved areas of Jackson County, including Raytown. Stacey stated that COMBAT had discovered that Connections to Success was, in fact, not conducting services for this program in Raytown. Tammie Jordan stated that during a meeting she and Stacey had with the agency on July 29, 2015, CtS admitted to not providing services at the time in Raytown but combining the program with one held in their Midtown office. In their follow-up correspondence they stated that they were holding services in the Raytown Probation and Parole office. Stacey asked the Drug Commission if they would like Connections to Success to appear before the commissioners to dispute COMBAT's decision to suspend their funding. The Drug Commission directed COMBAT staff to ask for verification of sign-in sheets for the time in question before finalizing action of suspension. They also pointed out that the proposal stated that the program would be offered in the Raytown area, which technically could include Kansas City.

High Risk Offender

Vince updated that he is working on the Juvenile Crime Database and will have more information on that at the next meeting.

Connections Update

Daron McGee provided the Drug Commission with a year-end statistical analysis report. This report showed that COMBAT served more Treatment Clients this year than last year. However, demographic information is still not broken down for unduplicated clients, which will need to be corrected before next year.

2016 Applications

COMBAT received 30 Grant Match Applications this year. It is anticipated that the Prevention RFP will tentatively be posted on December 15th and will be due back January 19th. The reviews will not be returned until at least the end of January which is going to cause funding to be delayed.

Stacey stated that since COMBAT is looking to fund new programs this year and that if any agency has been funded by COMBAT for five (5) or more years, she is proposing to give them a three (3) month period to close their program out and a nine month funding period for the new programs. Gene stated that he felt it would be better for the agencies to get a full year to close out so they will have time to find either an alternative funding source, a new program that meets the new criteria or new employment for staff who had been assigned to programs that are closing out. Marva suggested COMBAT give the agencies the help they need to either receive other funding or close the program. Marva motioned to approve the 3 month extension for the Grant Match Programs; Anita second; motion carried. There was a similar vote having to do with Prevention programs. Marva motioned to approve a three (3) month

extension for Prevention programs that are closed out due to funding of new programs; Gloria second; motion carried.

Upcoming Events

COMBAT's Open house will be held Friday December 18th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The Treatment Meeting with Law Enforcement will be Thursday December 10th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Samuel Rodgers Health Center.

Announcements

The next Drug Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 12, 2016 at the Jackson County Courthouse Downtown Legislative Chambers from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.