

Drug Commission Meeting
March 14, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm
Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
Legislative Chambers
Minutes

Present:

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Lanna Ultican
James Witteman, Jr.
Gloria Fisher

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young, COMBAT
Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services
Michael Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Theresa Galvin, County Legislator
Brittany Brown, Legislative Aide
Gina Piccinini, ReDiscover
Joe Piccinini, Director of Corrections
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Ofc
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Joan Dickey, COMBAT
Laci Beavers, Communications
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Dan Cummings from the Drug Task Force reported that the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) presented the Drug Task Force with the Best Cooperative Effort Award in 2016. The Drug Task Force recovered a total of 22 guns, 13,000 lbs. of methamphetamine, and \$50,000. Lanna Ultican asked what happens to the money that is confiscated. Dan replied that it's in the Jackson County court system and will go to the school district.

Major Tye Grant of the Kansas City Police Department wasn't at the meeting due to a homicide/narcotics investigation briefing but Vince stated that he will discuss the last three months homicides related to narcotic trafficking at the next meeting.

There was no report from the Prosecutor's Office.

Jim Witteman moved to approve the February minutes; Gloria Fisher second; motion passed.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Prevention Requested Funding

Stacey presented the recommendation of \$1,642,777 for Prevention Renewal Funding. A majority of the agencies this year had proposals for violence reduction/prevention. Stacey discussed the rationale behind the recommendations. Under the new COMBAT electronic reporting system, it became apparent that some programs are seeing only participants as opposed to clients. Jim Witteman asked for an explanation of the difference between participants and number served. Stacey stated that participants are people that are seen sporadically while number served are clients seen regularly in a program. Jim Witteman also asked about the scoring for Prevention Renewal. Stacey explained that since these are renewal proposals, not new ones, the review was all internal. The scoring was three points each for invoicing, reporting, and programming.

Gloria Fisher moved to approve the 2017 Prevention Renewal recommendations to be forwarded to the Legislature; Lanna Ultican second; motion passed. The recommendation included reducing the Kansas City Crime Commission funding by 50%; COMBAT staff was directed to meet with the agency to determine if their program can be strengthened and amended later.

Stacey asked to reserve \$50,000 will be used for a Neighborhoods project. So far, it is apparent that most neighborhood groups desire COMBAT assistance in funding cameras in their neighborhoods, that can assist the police in crime identification. Jay stated that the county is not authorized to buy cameras as this is considered a capital expense. Staff will work with neighborhood groups to determine an appropriate recommendation for a Neighborhoods project.

Joan and Stacey visited Journey to New Life, the Treatment agency discussed last month. They would like COMBAT to support a counselor. Stacey hopes to have a proposal for the Drug Commission to look at by next month from this agency. The Kansas City Assessment and Triage Center, formerly known as the Crisis Center, is also requesting support for a case manager (COMBAT funded this program in 2015).

Jaime suggested that COMBAT schedule funded agencies to present at Drug Commission meetings. Commissioner Gene Morgan agreed that this was a good idea; he suggested that Stephanie and Judge Locascio of the Assessment Center and Sister Rose of Journey to a New Life be invited to present.

Upcoming for 2017

April 29th: DEA Drug Take Back Day

October 17th: COMBAT Awards; Speaker Willie Akins; will take place from 6-7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM