

Drug Commission Meeting
December 12, 2017, 12:00-2:00pm
Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, 9th Floor, Kansas City, MO
Court En Banc
Minutes

Present:

James Witteman, Jr.
Keith Querry
Lanna Ultican
Gene Morgan
Melesa Johnson
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Dr. Joseph Spalitto

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Chief Byron Price, Drug Task Force
Capt. Daniel Graves, KCPD
Michael Mansur, JACO Prosecutor Office
Alfred Jordan, County Legislator
Theresa Galvin, County Legislator
Brittany Brown, Legislative Aide
Ashley Burke, Assistant to County Executive Office
Teesha Miller, PDMP
Tammie, Jordan, COMBAT
Joan Dickey, COMBAT
Carol Lillis, COMBAT
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

Additions to Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Gene Morgan moved to approve the November minutes, Lanna Ultican seconded, motion passed.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Jean Peters Baker had nothing to report.

Capt. Daniel Graves from KCPD had nothing to report. He asked that KCPD be advised as to what the Drug Commissioners would like to see from them.

Chief Byron Price had nothing to report, however, Dan Cummings reported that they are currently working on budgets. They are open to suggestions from the Drug Commission about what they would like to see from the Drug Task Force as well.

Old Business:

RFP Timeline and Process

Vince Ortega told the Drug Commissioners that COMBAT's funding timeline has changed. COMBAT's funding process has been postponed because of the Purchasing Department's priority of RFPs for the Jail. The RFP's should be posted by the end of December or beginning of January. COMBAT will adjust the timeline accordingly. Funding will still be on a calendar date and payments should be out around the end of March or beginning of April. The February date will change as well for the Drug Commissioners to review the RFP's.

New Business:

Jay Haden from the County Counselor's Office reported that the Legislature adopted an ordinance about COMBAT moving under the Prosecutor's Office. The County Executive has 10 days to review it. He can either sign it or veto it. If he does decide to veto it, the Legislature can override the veto. Some of the changes involved were that the Drug Commissioners will be paid \$400 per meeting and the Jackson County Prosecutor will appoint the director.

2018 Job Training and Readiness Skills Anti-Violence RFP

Seven proposals were turned in for the 2018 Job Training and Readiness Skills Anti-Violence RFP. Out of those seven proposals, only six were complete. Some of the requirements in the RFP were cognitive behavior skills, life skills, conflict resolution, and job readiness. Ad Hoc Group Against Violence and Westside Housing were chosen for the 2018 Job Training and Readiness Skills Anti-Violence RFP based on the scores received from 4 evaluators, population served, program, and area. Ad Hoc Group Against Violence was chosen based off their scores and also because it's a smaller organization and can be more hands-on with the clients. Westside Housing was chosen because of their scores and because they are in a hotspot area. Also, they work with the Latino population. Jim Witteman asked what the goals of this RFP were. This RFP will offer full-time employment (career jobs), soft skills and cognitive behavior therapy (CBT). County Legislator, Alfred Jordan, stated that the Cognitive Behavior Therapy will help change the client's way of thinking. Gene Morgan was pleased to hear that CBT is involved.

Lanna Ultican asked if those who were not picked could re-apply for funding. Vince responded that they can in the new RFP's.

Ad Hoc Group Against Violence population is African American males, aged 18-24. Westside Housing population is Latino and veterans. Mike Mansur asked can they do referrals from NOVA clients and they can. Jean Peters Baker asked if Vince knew the number that they can serve. Ad Hoc Group Against Violence can serve 40 clients and Westside Housing can serve 20 clients.

Gene Morgan motioned to approve funding for Ad Hoc Group Against Crime in the amount of \$149,231.00 and Westside Housing in the amount of \$50,769.00, Lanna Ultican seconded, recommendation passed.

Application Process

There was a discussion about the difficulties in going through the Purchasing Department and how it slows down the process and timeline. Tammie Jordan said we didn't have to go through Purchasing before and how COMBAT does the same thing as Purchasing but we can do it electronically and it's time stamped through the email. We also keep track of who's late, we give them receipts, and we don't have to do paper copies. She also mentioned that it would only take an hour to complete the COMBAT application. Jean Peters Baker pointed out that when the RFP's go through the Purchasing Department, the COMBAT staff isn't allowed to help those applying for funding through the process. Lanna Ultican asked if we can have a video to show people how to do it. Vince responded that we could. Keith Query asked why we go through the Purchasing Department. Tammie responded that Stacey made the decision to go through the Purchasing Department. Alfred Jordan stated that there needs to be further discussion about this and to have everyone at the table. Keith Query asked what Purchasing role was. The Purchasing Department is used for oversight and to standardize how everyone is treated. Jay Hayden mentioned that people can only make minor revisions going through Purchasing but no significant changes. Jean Peters Baker would like Vince to find out what good government practices would be lost if we didn't go through Purchasing and she asked if there are some protections that can be layered in. The Drug Commissioners would like a presentation of how COMBAT's application process and Purchasing's application process are alike.

Announcements:

Joan Dickey is retiring at the end of this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.