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VAWA Implementation Committee
Summary Minutes
June 10, 2015
2:00PM-3:30PM
Criminal Justice Council Conference Room
10th Floor - Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Committee Members Present: Hon. Vincent Poppiti; Hon. Robert Coupe (*via phone*); Stephanie Hamilton; Maria Knoll, Esq; Josephine Maclaine (*via phone*)

CJC Staff Present: Maureen Monagle; Christian Kervick

Public Attendees: Tim Brandau (*CHILD Inc*); Zainab Shah (*WPD*); Katlyn Speikman (*WPD*); Katie Wolinski (*AOC*); Amy Quinlan (*AOC*)

The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2015 meeting:

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. 2014 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)-(VOTE Required)

Per the Committee's instructions, the CJC staff met with the two agencies eligible for the SASP Funds. The CJC staff held a meeting with the leadership at the YWCA-SARC and ContactLifeline, Inc.

The agencies were informed of the total amount available under the FY2014 SASP award. Delaware's award is for \$272,885.00; the CJC retains 5%, leaving \$259,241 available for the passthru for services. Amounts were determined, and the agencies were asked to submit the paper "CJC Subgrant Application" forms, so the Committee can review proposed projects and amounts.

Chris Kervick, the Executive Director of the CJC addressed the Committee. He did explain that during the meeting with the agencies, it was a difficult discussion with the agencies to come to an agreed upon amount. The CJC offered \$8,000 of the CJC's administration. This offer was made to facilitate the distribution discussion. When the CJC received ContactLifeline's application, there was concern of the raise applied to the Executive Director's position. Knowing the discussion staff had to maintain crucial services, and what the CJC was willing to contribute, CJC had concerns with the proposed use of those funds.

After further review and discussion of both proposals, a motion was made to approve the YWCA's application at full amount of \$156,241. Motion was approved.

A motion was made to approve the ContactLifeline's proposal, less \$8,000 the CJC offered from the administrative funds. ContactLifeline is approved for \$103,000.

The Committee's recommendations' will be presented to the Council for final approval.

3. 2014 DV Fund-

The 2014 DV Fund was made competitive last fall. The Committee made the recommendations during the December meeting. CLASI and DVLS were approved and recommended for funding. Two proposals were not selected during that time and a small balance of \$29,623 remained. Committee directed staff to work with CHILD Inc and La Esperanza to work with both agencies to determine how the balance could be distributed between the two proposals.

Maureen informed the Committee that there were several administrative changes in La Esperanza during the past months. The Interim Executive Director and the Board were reviewing internal structure and finances. This had delayed any movement for a discussion to negotiate the balance between CHILD Inc and La Esperanza.

Maureen informed La Esperanza of some concerns and they agreed to withdraw from discussion. Her recommendation to the Committee is that she be permitted to work with CHILD Inc to discuss the concerns from their original proposal; and they be considered for a two year project under the balance.

A motion was made to allow CJC Staff to work with CHILD inc to make revisions to the application submitted for the 2014 DV Fund. CHILD Inc will submit a revised application for the Committee to review during the next meeting. Motion was approved.

4. FFY2013 STOP Grant:

The FFY2013 Stop Grant has a balance in the 5% for the benefit of the Courts. Maureen reminded the Committee that this funding does not have to go TO a Court; that federal change is with the FFY2014 and beyond.

The CJC staff had been working with the AOC over the past several months, waiting to see how/if they would like to use the funds. Staff shared concerns with delaying the obligation of these funds any further, and offered a suggestion. The DVCC's Treatment Subcommittee has been discussing the Certified Batterers Treatment programs for several months. Concerns have been made by some of the Judges, they are not ordering many offenders to the programs, and have concerns has to the effectiveness and the different models (different lengths; different costs, etc). Commissioner Coupe, who is Chair of that subcommittee provided more information about the discussions raised the past few months.

Maureen and Ellie Torres, Executive Director of the DVCC have had several discussions about possible evaluation of the certified programs. The AOC is in agreement that this would be a good use for the funding.

Maureen did seek guidance from the OVW Attorney and STOP Program Manager to see if this is an allowable project under the Court funds. Maureen suggested the Committee consider utilizing the Court funds to support a project of the DVCC to do an evaluation of the Certified Batterer Treatment Programs. A motion was made inviting the DVCC to submit a proposal for the Court funds (\$45,000) to evaluate the Batterer Treatment Programs. Motion was passed.

5. FFY2014 STOP Formula Grant- Update:

Maureen said she would provide the Committee with the funding recommendations for the 25% to Law enforcement projects during the next meeting.

The remaining balances that are still pending further discussions with appropriate agencies are the PREA allocation and the 5% that must go TO the Courts.

The PREA allocation is pending review of the DOC needs to ensure compliance with PREA. PREA funding must still be used according to the performance objectives under STOP. CJC will continue to wait for DOC to determine appropriate needs.

Amy Quinlan from AOC addressed the Committee. There have been several discussions on the possible use for the 5% to the Courts. Ideas that have been generated as possibilities have been technology needs; training needs, etc. They've also discussed if the STOP funds could be utilized to enhance or supplement the Discretionary Grant funds the AOC currently receives from OVW for the VASE project. The AOC will continue to work with CJC staff to discuss possible uses. Hopefully, a proposal can be submitted for review at the next Committee meeting.

Maureen reminded the Committee of the balance in the NPO Victim Services category. The \$60,000 must go towards the federally required sexual assault set-aside (new under VAWA2013). Staff asked the Committee if the CJC can post the competitive solicitation. Staff's recommendation was for the goal to have the Committee's recommendations ready for the DVCC and CJC meetings in September. A motion was made to post the solicitation for NPO Victim Service programs to meaningfully address sexual assault. Motion was approved.

6. Federal Grant Update:

- **SASP Formula Grant Update:**

- **FY2012 (\$233,227):** Federal grant received a one time extension until January 31st. Closeout was pending OVW approval.
- **FFY2013 (\$238,908):** Funds fully obligated and awarded. This grant is scheduled to close July 31, 2015.
- **FFY2014 *\$272,885):** discussed above

- **STOP Formula Grant Update**

- **FFY2012 (\$887,639):** End date 6/30/16 (2nd extension granted). All funds have been obligated.
 - **FFY2013 (\$869,733):** The CJC received a first extension. The new end date is 6/30/16; the balance in court funds was discussed earlier (agenda item #4).
 - **FFY2014 (\$913,366):** Federal end date is 6/30/16. CJC cannot request an extension until 90 days prior to end. The Committee was made aware of the balance earlier (agenda item #5)
7. **New Business** (*not an agenda item*): Chris Kervick asked to speak to the Committee. He wanted to inform them of a letter he received from Rep. Sean Lynn and Senator Patricia Blevins. The letter was asking the Criminal Justice Council “restore” funding they believed was “cut” from Community Legal Aid Society, Inc (CLASI). This was not an accurate description of funding decisions made when the FFY2014 STOP funds were made competitive last fall. CLASI has not received STOP funding since FFY2010 (VW10-211); that subgrant ended 9/30/13.
Chris wanted to make the Committee members aware the CJC would be providing more details in the response to this request. The Chair asked staff to provide a cheat sheet with the details and specifics of that program.
8. **Other/Public Comment:**
No public comment was made during this time

Without anything further, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Monagle