

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR 10-14-13-VIOLENT CRIME COORDINATION COUNCIL (VCCC)**

Council members in attendance: David Voigt; Cari Gerlicher; Chris Benson; Jim Jensen; Kip Carver (for Rich Stanek); Mike Goldstein; Ken Reed (for Tom Smith); Gordon Ramsey; Drew Evans (for Wade Setter); Matt Bostrom; Melvin Carter.

**DPS staff:** Mona Dohman; Mark Dunaski, Kristin Lail; Brian Marquart; and Tricia Hummel

**Guests:** Don Rothstein; Mark Myrant, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; Sgt. David Arcady, Grand Junction, Colorado Police Department; Cathy Perme and Nichole Cook.

**Absent:** William Hutton, Janee Harteau, Manuel Guerrero, Bill Ziegler, Hector Garcia and John Gross.

**Location:** Grandview Lodge, Nisswa, Minnesota.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Jim Jensen called the meeting to order at 11:05

**Action on 8/14/13 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve minutes, Dan Bostrom and seconded by Cari Gerlicher. The motion carried.

**Action on Agenda:** VCCC business meeting will be staggered to accommodate retreat speakers arrival from out of state. Motion to approve agenda by Ken Reed and seconded by Bostrom. Motion Carried.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### **Community Engagement Committee**

Jim Jensen reported the committee met at Hector Garcia's office and selected South East Minnesota as the first community roundtable pilot site since the Chicano Latino Affairs Commission has staff in Rochester and the VCCC Chair is a member of that task force. Preliminary meetings with the two groups were planned for November.

#### **Data Committee**

Drew Evans highlighted progress on the DOC gang data entry and Don Rothstein noted areas where clarification is needed. An advisory group will be convened with gang experts from metro law enforcement agencies. Recommendations are welcome.

#### **Professional Standards Committee**

Cari Gerlicher noted that second audit site visits had been conducted at all the provisional funded task forces and there were no significant findings noted in draft reports. Brian Marquart is working closely with the field auditor to review findings, translate the guidelines manual and discuss best practices. Final reports will be posted on the Office of the State Auditor website later this month and visits to another group of 6-7 task forces will be scheduled through January.

There was a brief discussion about increases in task force insurance coverage and Matt Bostrom provided materials from the league of Minnesota Cities. Brian Marquart forwarded materials to task force commanders for consideration.

### **Governance Committee**

Kristin Lail noted that the governance committee had not recently, but that members track emerging issues and potential legislation through their professional organization. Bills on medical marijuana and opiate overdose prevention are expected in the next session. Any legislative feedback generated by the synthetics subcommittee could be recommended through the Governance Committee. Additional hearings were scheduled in the twin cities later this fall and included a tour of the BCA lab.

The VCCC business meeting was suspended at noon for lunch and a presentation on the Illinois Task Force Evaluation by Illinois Criminal Justice Authority Research Director, Mark Myrant. The business meeting reconvened at 1:45pm.

### **Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Update**

Commissioner Dohman recognized former Chair Ken Reed for his leadership in establishing the Violent Crimes Coordinating Council and development of the gang criteria.

### **Statewide Commander Update**

Brian Marquart attended board meetings and met with every commander in the seven task forces with provision funding. He concentrated on the certification process, operations best practices, prior audit issues and previous weaknesses from other site visits. Other activities included:

- 3M drug disposal in coordination with BCA and MCPA
- BCA Field Drug Testing Training targeted as task force investigators
- Sentencing guidelines proposed changes to controlled substance cases
- ACISS system for local task forces
- SSAS Steering Committee and Opioid work group.
- Presentation at the Minnesota Association for Recovery and Chemical Health conference.

Marquart will be attending a tribal listening session sponsored by the Department of Corrections in November and also the California Narcotics Officers Association meeting in Reno, Nevada with representatives from MSANI.

### **Grant Administration Update**

Kristin Lail confirmed that the 2014 Task Force Funding Recommendations reviewed at the October meeting were being implemented. Based on the statewide commander follow-up with task forces with provisional funding, 22 would be funded at the same amount. She will also be following up with BCA and OJP leadership about funding a new gang analyst position, possibly with federal Justice Assistance Act (JAG) funds. Unallocated state grant funds will be discussed at the December VCCC meeting.

An ad hoc committee to plan the 2015 RFP will be convened in January. Cari Gerlicher, Hilary Caliguiri Mike Goldstein and Kip Carver volunteered to serve. Other volunteers are welcome.

**New business**

There was no new business discussed.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Gerlicher and seconded by Reed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. The afternoon session included a presentation on medical marijuana in Colorado and a demonstration of the BCA ACISS system and gang module. The second day of the retreat focused on updating the VCCC strategic framework and tactical action plan.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Lail, Office of Justice Programs.