

State of Louisiana

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DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
Plantation Ballroom
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767
March 19, 2025
1:30 P.M.

APPROVED
6/4/2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board was called to order at 1:36 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025; by Chairman Carlos Stout.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Autumn Blache conducted the roll call and a membership quorum was present.

Board members and their representatives in attendance:

Mr. Bradley Burget, Permanent designee for Mr. Zachary Daniels; Sheriff Mark Herford; Lieutenant Colonel Treone Larvadain, Permanent designee for Colonel Robert Hodges; Mr. Sam King, proxy for Chief Joseph Merrill; District Attorney Jimmy Lestage, proxy for District Attorney Billy Joe Harrington; Mr. Brian Shoemaker, proxy for Sheriff Zane "Mike" Tubbs; and Chairman Colonel Carlos Stout, proxy for Ms. Kristy Miller.

LCLE staff in attendance:

Ms. Martha Addison; Ms. Autumn Blache; Mr. Jonathan Cazelot; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Ms. Elke Crooks; Ms. LaShinna Gauthier; Ms. Linda Gautier; Ms. Shelita Henry; Mr. Demetrius Joubert; Ms. Brittany Onezine; Ms. Donna Ritchie; Ms. Tiffany Robichaux; Mr. Ingram Scott; Ms. Melanie Vick; and Mr. Raymond Vincent.

District Directors and their representatives in attendance:

Mr. Jeremy P. Edwards and Mr. Casey Palombo, Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc. and Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. David Rigdon and Mr. Brian Shoemaker, North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, Southwest District Law

Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Kevinn Poree and Ms. Lisa James Brown, New Orleans, City of / Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

Guest and their representatives in attendance:

Chief Michael Hardy and Ms. Heather Fontenot, Abbeville, City of; Mr. Josh Hardy, Kaplan, City of; Chief Anna LaPointe, Erath, Town of; Mr. Craig Richard, Deridder Police Department; Mr. Andrew Esterly and Mr. Scott Broussard, Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government; Mr. Ryan Hill, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights; Mr. Curtis Nelson, Louisiana District Attorney's Association; Mr. Brian Shoemaker, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office; Ms. Michael Raymond, New Orleans Juvenile Court; Mr. Olie Godwin, Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office; Dr. Clarence Bickham, Ms. Kaelyn Charbonnet, Ms. Gail Audric, Mr. Brian Davis, and Ms. Ashley Sinceno, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; Mr. Brian Shoemaker, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office; Ms. Angela Patin, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office; Mr. Payton Dinger, St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office; Ms. Betty Brown, Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office; and Ms. Ashley Adams, Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by District Attorney Lestage. There were no objections; the motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of minutes from Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Meeting dated December 4, 2024.

Colonel Stout called for a motion to accept the December 4, 2024; Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by Mr. Burget. There were no objections; the motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Allocations FY2022 & FY2023**

DISTRICT 5:

Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.

Representative: Dawn Hawkins

1 FY23 Allocation totaling \$83,062

- 1. Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.**

Law Enforcement Program

\$83,062

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 5 BJAG Allocation as presented. A motion was made by District Attorney Lestage, seconded by Sheriff Herford. There were no objections; the motion passed.

DISTRICT 8:

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (State Level)

Representative: Ingram Scott

1 FY22 Allocation Totaling \$15,000

1. Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office

Targeting Illegal Substances

\$15,000

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 8 BJAG Allocation as presented. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by Mr. King. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Abstention:

Colonel Stout abstained on Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

DISTRICT 9:

City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination

Representative: Kevinn Poree

3 FY23 Allocations totaling \$215,875

1. Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

The Children's Defense Team

\$66,759

2. Orleans Parish District Attorney

Juvenile Diversion

\$104,116

3. Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

OPJC Programs Strive to Revive

\$45,000

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 9 BJAG Allocations as presented. A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by Sheriff Herford. There were no objections; the motion passed.

B. Increase Requests – Ingram Scott

1. None

C. Waiver Request – Ingram Scott

Grant Staff requests approval of all Agency Waiver Requests requested, received, and reviewed by LCLE Staff.

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve all agency waiver requests requested, received, and reviewed by LCLE staff. A motion was made by Mr. Burget, seconded by Sheriff Herford. There were no objections; the motion passed.

D. Consideration of Applications

All applications are being approved, pending final program review by LCLE staff.

All applications will be allowed pre-award cost.

* Denotes Byrne JAG – Less than \$10,000 Grant

DISTRICT 2:

North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.

Representative: David Rigdon

2 FY23 Applications totaling \$111,763

1. Subgrant ID: 8455

Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office

Street Reduction of Violent Crimes - \$2,661

Representative: Deputy Betty Brown

2. Subgrant ID: 8458

Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office

Metro Narcotics HIDTA / DEA Task Force - \$109,102

Representative: Brian Shoemaker

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 2 BJAG Applications as presented. A motion was made by District Attorney Lestage, seconded by Mr. Burget. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Abstention:

Mr. Shoemaker abstained on Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office.

DISTRICT 4:

Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.

Representative: Amanda Bourque

9 FY23 Applications totaling \$215,905

1. Subgrant ID: 8427

Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office

Street Reduction of Crimes - \$30,000

Representative: Ashley Adams

2. Subgrant ID: 8428*

Evangeline Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.

Law Enforcement Programs - \$49,696

Representative: Amanda Bourque

3. Subgrant ID: 8429

St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office

Street Sales Disruption - \$20,000

Representative: Payton Dinger

4. Subgrant ID: 8434

Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office

Targeting Controlled / Illegal Substances - \$26,000

Representative: Carlos Stout

5. Subgrant ID: 8438

Abbeville, City of

Reduction of Street Crimes - \$22,771

Representative: Chief Michael Hardy

6. **Subgrant ID: 8440***
Erath, Town of
Law Enforcement Programs - \$8,356
Representative: Anna LaPointe
7. **Subgrant ID: 8444**
St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office
Crime Activity Patrol - \$11,000
Representative: Angela Patay
8. **Subgrant ID: 8447***
Kaplan, City of
Law Enforcement Programs - \$9,466
Representative: Josh Hardy
9. **Subgrant ID: 8457**
Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government
Targeting Computer and High Tech Crimes - \$38,616
Representative: Scott Broussard

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 4 BJAG Applications as presented. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by Lieutenant Colonel Larvadain. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Abstention:

Colonel Stout abstained on Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

DISTRICT 5:

Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.

Representative: Dawn Hawkins

1 FY23 Application totaling \$83,062

1. **Subgrant ID: 8439***
Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.
Law Enforcement Program - \$83,062
Representative: Dawn Hawkins

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 5 BJAG Application as presented. A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by District Attorney Lestage. There were no objections; the motion passed.

DISTRICT 8:

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (State Level)

Representative: Ingram Scott

1 FY22 & 1 FY23 Applications totaling \$515,000

1. **Subgrant ID: 8445**
Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office
Criminal Justice Technology - \$15,000
Representative: Carlos Stout

- 2. Subgrant ID: 8461**
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
Criminal Records Improvement – \$500,000
Representative: Ingram Scott

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 8 BJAG Applications as presented. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by Lieutenant Colonel Larvadain. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Abstention:

Colonel Stout abstained on Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

DISTRICT 9:

City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination
Representative: Kevinn Poree
3 FY23 Applications totaling \$215,875

- 1. Subgrant ID: 8448**
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights
The Children's Defense Team - \$66,759
Representative: Ryan Hill
- ~~**2. Subgrant ID: 8450**~~
~~**Orleans Parish Juvenile Court**~~
~~OPJC Programs Strive to Revive – \$45,000~~
~~Representative:~~
- 3. Subgrant ID: 8454**
Orleans Parish District Attorney
Juvenile Diversion – \$104,116
Representative: Olie Godwin

Colonel Stout called for a motion to approve the above listed District 9 BJAG Applications as presented. A motion was made by District Attorney Lestage, seconded by Sheriff Herford. There were no objections; the motion passed.

During the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board Meeting on March 19, 2025, the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (Subgrant ID: 8450) District 9 BJAG Application, the board voted to table the item for further consideration.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4, 2025

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Colonel Stout called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Sheriff Herford, seconded by District Attorney Lestage. There were no objection; the motion passed. The meeting of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Tiffany Robichaux