



State of Louisiana Office of the Governor

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
Plantation Ballroom
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767
Phone: (225) 344-2920
June 5, 2024
9:00 A.M

APPROVED
9/26/2024

I. Call To Order

The quarterly meeting of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency & Prevention Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024; by Ms. Vie Eve Martin-Kohrs.

II. Roll Call

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

Board members and their representatives in attendance:

Mr. Randy Aguillard; Ms. Claire Daly; Ms. Vi Eve Martin-Kohrs , proxy for Ms. Marcella Elliott, Ms. Sarah Kohrs, and Ms. Gina Womack; Mr. Travis Johnson; Mr. William "Tim" Dearmont, proxy for Ms. Billie Giroir and Ms. Dana Menard; Dr. Stephen W. Phillippi; Dr. Darrell L. Renfro; Mr. Kenneth R. Tramble and Ms. Leslie York-Jackson.

LCLE staff in attendance:

Ms. Martha Addison; Ms. Autumn Blache; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Mr. Demetrius Joubert; Ms. Ayanna McCain; Ms. Donna Ritchie; 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 , proxy for Ms. Dawn Hawkins and Ms. Callie Peloquin, Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc., Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. and Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Jody Moreau, Jefferson CJCC and Metropolitan District; Ms. Lisa James Brown and Ms. Kevinn Poree, New Orleans, City of/ Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

Guests or representatives in attendance:

Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, Bossier District Attorney's Office; Ms. Athena Gieger, Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.; Ms. Kim Young, Hearts of Hope; Ms. Keshana Murphy, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Incorporated; Ms. Cheryl Wooley, Many, Town of; Mr. Larry Hill, Nola Upfitting, LLC.; Ms. Monica Taylor, Office of Human Trafficking; Ms. Hope Lafleur, Rapides Parish Police Jury; and Mr. Joseph Harris, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Mr. McDearmont, seconded by Ms. Daly. There were no objections; the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

A. Consideration of minutes from the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board meeting dated March 20, 2024.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the March 20, 2024; Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Mr. McDearmont, seconded by Ms. Daly. There were no objections; the motion passed.

B. Other Old Business

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for any other old business and there was none.

V. New Business

A. Consideration of JJDP Allocations

District 1 - Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc.

Representative: Mr. Jeremy Edwards

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
7442	1	JF (2022)	Many, Town of	School Resource Officer	\$29,928
New	1	JF (2021)	Volunteers for Youth Justice	Youth Diversion Program	\$11,828
District 1 Total Allocation					\$41,756

District 2 - North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.

Representative: Mr. Brian Shoemaker

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	2	JF (2022)	Unallocated	TBD	\$24,752
District 2 Total Allocation					\$24,752

District 3 - Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.**Representative: Mr. Jeremy Edwards**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	3	JF (2021)	Rapides Parish Police Jury	Truancy Reduction Program	\$22,082
New	3	JF (2022)	Rapides Parish Police Jury	Truancy Reduction Program	\$23,526

District 3 Total Allocation \$45,608**District 4 - Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.****Representative: Ms. Amanda Bourque**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
7447	4	JF (2022)	Hearts of Hope	Child and Youth Trauma Intervention Program	\$25,218

District 4 Total Allocation \$25,218**District 5 - Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.****Representative: Ms. Amanda Bourque**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	5	JF (2022)	Unallocated	TBD	\$47,370

District 5 Total Allocation \$47,370**District 6 - Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.****Representative: Ms. Amanda Bourque**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	6	JF (2022)	Unallocated	TBD	\$24,801

District 6 Total Allocation \$24,801**District 7 - Jefferson CJCC and Metropolitan District (METLEC), Inc.****Representative: Ms. Jody Moreau**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	7	JF (2022)	Unallocated	TBD	\$43,642

District 7 Total Allocation \$43,642

District 9 - City of New Orleans/Office of Criminal Justice Coordination**Representative: Ms. Kevinn Poree**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	9	JF (2022)	Unallocated	TBD	\$26,078
District 9 Total Allocation					\$26,078

District 8 - State Level**Representative: Mr. Demetrius Joubert**

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	8	JF (2021)	26th Judicial District Attorney's Office	Governor's Conference	\$35,000
New	8	PREA (2021)	Caddo Parish Commission	Project New Eyes	\$11,569
7418	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Compliance Monitor	\$122,658
7424	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	RED / JDAI Coordinator	\$122,657
7547	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	JJDP Advisory Board	\$20,000
New	8	PREA (2022)	Terrebonne Consolidated Government	JJDP PREA	\$11,569
District 8 Total Allocation					\$323,453

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP Allocations in Globo. A motion was made by Mr. Aguillard, seconded by Ms. Jackson. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Dr. Phillippi asked Mr. Joubert how much FY22 money would be leftover after the approval of the above listed allocations and he answered that there would be \$187,000 left. Mr. Joubert also stated that they would receive the full FY23 amount and that he was not sure how much they would be receiving for FY24 since they were found to not be in compliance.

B. Consideration of JJDP (JF) Applications**District 1 - Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc.****Representative: Mr. Jeremy Edwards**

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
8044	1	JF (2022)	Many, Town of	School Resource Officer	\$29,928
8084	1	JF (2021)	Volunteers for Youth Justice	Youth Diversion Program	\$11,828
District 1 Total Application					\$41,756

Dr. Phillippi inquired about the attributing factors to such a high success rate with the new SRO, School Resource Officer. He wanted to know if his success was attributed to skills, personality, personal charisma, all of the above or something else. Chief Wooley, the rep., noted that she felt it was a combination of all the above. The SRO is the first person to interact with the kids. He is youthful and very skilled as he continues to take classes on domestic violence and sexual assault. Mr. Johnson asked if there was some kind of formal interview done to see if the child and the SRO were compatible. Chief Wooley stated that no, there is not, but that the SRO is probably one of the first positive experiences with an officer that many of these students have had. The town is small which makes him familiar with the kids as he works with them personally every day and on a long-term basis. He works with the kids mental and physical barriers and because of his effort they have seen a decrease in fights by 15%. Dr. Phillippi recommended that maybe the SRO could speak at the Governor's Conference.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed District 1 JJDP Applications with the above mentioned recommendations. There was a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Daly. There were no objections; the motion passed.

Abstention:

Mr. McDearmont abstained on Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Agency, Inc.

District 3 - Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. Representative: Mr. Jeremy Edwards

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
8050	3	JF (2022)	Rapides Parish Police Jury	Truancy Reduction Program	\$23,526
8080	3	JF (2021)	Rapides Parish Police Jury	Truancy Reduction Program	\$22,082
District 3 Total Application					\$45,608

Ms. Daly questioned why the program started with second grade instead of kindergarten. The representative, Ms. Lafleur, answered that the data collected from the courts and the officers indicated that there was a need in the area of second through fourth grade for truancy. Ms. Daly stated that the data presented was not really measurable to see an outcome of kids in school and less truancy and that she would like to see some form of measurable outcomes added to the application. Mr. Johnson asked if a data collection process accountant monitors the programs efficiency. Ms. Lafleur mentioned that they are currently partnered with the school board and the school board does not measure these cases in totality but instead on a case referred and accepted bases. It is also mentioned that they can start measuring these cases on their own on a quarterly basis. Ms. Daly also recommended for the families to be placed on plans and that some type of partnership with community services be obtained. Ms. Lafleur mentioned that the local Community Cares Organization is already branched out into so many services geared more towards mental health facilities for adolescents. There are not many community services available but the program will reach out to explore what else might be available to the parents and kids needs in an effort to decrease the truancy cases.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed District 3 JJDP Applications with the above mentioned recommendations. There was a motion made by Dr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Tramble. There were no objections; the motion passed.

District 4 - Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc. Representative: Ms. Amanda Bourque

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
8092	4	JF (2022)	Hearts of Hope	Child and Youth Trauma Intervention Program	\$25,218
District 4 Total Application					\$25,218

Dr. Phillippi questioned if the Trauma Cognitive Behavior Therapist was certified. The representative, Ms. Young, answered that yes, they are. Dr. Phillippi inquired about the outcomes and why there was only a 70% completion rate of the program. Ms. Young stated that it is very difficult for these kids to finish the program due to a lack of communication from the parents and them just dropping off. Another problem is that a lot of the human trafficking kids run away. Also, it is a very rural area and if they are sent to a detention center it is not a detention center in the 16th Judicial District because they do not have one. They are being sent all over the state which makes it hard to track them. Dr. Phillippi asked how these outcomes were measured. Ms. Young mentioned that there is a beginning, middle, and end assessment between the therapist and the parents discussing behavior improvements or impediments. Dr. Phillippi suggests that he would like to see more improvement in the marked behavior details in this project. Ms. Young acknowledges this request and also notes that the therapist has been trying to get more involved with the court system to try and demand therapy so that the adults are held accountable for keeping their children in the program from the beginning to the end.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed District 4 JJDP Applications with the above mentioned recommendations. There was a motion made by Dr. Phillippi, seconded by Mr. Johnson. There were no objections; the motion passed.

District 8 - State Level

Representative: Mr. Demetrius Joubert

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
7990	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	JJDP Advisory Board	\$20,000
7991	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	RED / JDAI Coordinator	\$122,657
7992	8	JF (2022)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Compliance Monitor	\$122,658
8075	8	PREA (2022)	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	JJDP PREA State Level 2021-2022	\$11,569
8106	8	PREA (2021)	Caddo Parish Commission	Project New Eyes	\$11,569
8121	8	JF (2021)	26th Judicial District Attorney's Office	Governor's Conference	\$35,000

District 8 Total Application \$323,453

Ms. Jackson asked if Terrebonne was seeing a lot of sexual offender situations between the staff and the juveniles. The representative, Mr. Harris, answered that no, they had not, but there had been some cases in the parish. Mr. Harris stated that because of this, they wanted to take the opportunity to educate the staff and the juveniles on those kinds of situations. Ms. Jackson questioned if they already had cameras on the premises and if they were using these funds to try and get more. She also inquired on how the cameras are being maintained. Mr. Harris stated that they already had cameras and that they were trying to get more to cover the areas of the facility that were high-trafficked areas and not already being covered. He mentioned that the funds would be used to update some of the old cameras as well as purchase some of the new ones.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed District 8 JJDP Applications as presented. There was a motion made by Mr. Aguillard, seconded by Ms. Daly. There were no objections; the motion passed.

C. Consideration of JJDP (JF) Increases

District 8 - Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Original Award	Increase Award Requested	Revised Award Requested
6293	8	JF (2020)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Compliance Monitor	\$68,146	\$766	\$68,912
7418	8	JF (2021)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Compliance Monitor	\$70,236	\$500	\$70,736

Increase Award Total **\$1,266**

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed District 8 JJDP Increases as presented. There was a motion made by Ms. York-Jackson, seconded by Mr. Tramble. There were no objections; the motion passed.

VI. Reports

A. Federal Issues/Updates

Mr. Joubert mentioned the 50th Anniversary of Title II Conference would be being held in Washington D.C. in November. The RED conference will be held in Seattle in October.

B. Juvenile Justice Federal Programs

Ms. Martin-Kohrs also noted that she, Mr. McDearmont, Mr. Renfro, and Mr. Vincent all just returned from the Coalition Conference in D.C. and they all found it to be very informative and beneficial.

C. Governor's Conference and RED Committee Reports

Mr. Vincent stated that the RED, Title II, solicitation due date is August 5th. Ms. VEMK presented the Governor's Conference report in place of Ms. Menard. You may find the report attached.

VII. Other New Business

There were no new business.

VIII. Next Meeting - September 25, 2024 Location: West Baton Rouge Conference Center

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Submitted by: Ayanna McCain