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### SCIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING October 22, 2024

The SCIP Advisory Board met Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, at 10:00am in the Lancaster Room at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### I. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Bryan Tuma, Crime Commission Executive Director. The following people were in attendance: Corey Steel, Captain Lance Rogers, Deb Minardi, Daryl LaPointe, Dr. Richard Weiner, Michelle Nunemaker, Melanie Kirk, Anthony Clowe, Drew Bigham.

**Absent:** Sheriff Terry Wagner

**Staff Present:** Chris Carlile, Amy Hoffman, Gabi Hernandez, Maya Stout, Marcella Johnson

#### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

##### *Motion*

*A motion was made by Dr. Richard Weiner and seconded by Captain Lance Rogers to approve the minutes of the Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program meeting of April 30, 2024. Motion carried by acclamation.*

#### III. Review of JAG/SCIP Survey Results

Requirements of the Byrne JAG and SCIP programs are to have a state enforcement. A survey was created and distributed out to practitioners, behavioral health and law enforcement. Executive Director Bryan Tuma and Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly traveled around Nebraska in the early summer of 2024 to meet with law enforcement agencies to conduct listening sessions. Sessions were to determine what issues these agencies are being faced with and resources that are needed by these agencies. The most common

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issues mentioned were mental health, juvenile crisis mental health intervention, and the lack of mental health resources. The Nebraska Attorney General, Mike Hilgers traveled around Nebraska to conduct listening sessions and received the same results. The issues arise from those sessions were if the Nebraska Legislature could be involved or find partners to resolve problems in the state. Many agencies lack resources in technology and data sharing along with mental health and substance misuse. County jails are becoming the treatment center and are lacking beds for people needing treatment. Some jurisdictions are collaborating with behavioral health services but in the greater Nebraska, lack of resources due to time and distance to receive services. Law enforcement retention has been a struggle throughout Nebraska. Community-based crime prevention could be through Byrne SCIP and can see how to interact with schools. Some ideas were being able to integrate resources, connect law enforcement and other programs to help support initiative in schools.

#### **IV. Direct Submissions and Competitive Solicitation per the Nebraska SCIP Program Plan**

Grant solicitation will be announced around December 18, 2024 for those who are interested in applying. Applications will be open for six weeks with a deadline around January 30, 2025. The staff will review the applications to determine the eligibility and priority areas. BJA will have to approve the subawards for the final determination.

The board will need to determine this solicitation will either be competitive and/or direct submissions. Competitive applications will be submitted in AmpliFund. Direct submissions will be by invitation only and submitted to the NCC mailbox. Invitation only will be determined by the board and if the applicants will align with the specific criteria of Byrne SCIP.

Examples of funding could be used for is mental health, crisis intervention, crisis intervention team concept, training for law enforcement using technology of the facility, data systems and data sharing, helping incarcerated juveniles, implement problem-solving courts and gang intervention strategies.

The NESCIP Board determined to have direct submissions for the first two year project period.

#### **V. Establish Priority Areas**

Due to the board's uncertainty on the priority areas, the members designated a subcommittee consisting of NESCIP board members including the NESCIP Board Chair, who will meet to determine the priority areas that will be approved for the entire NESCIP Advisory Board.

#### **VI. New Business**

No new business.

#### **VII. Public Comment**

No public comment.



## VIII. Questions

NESCIP Board Chair, Bryan Tuma asked if there is any experience with mental health practitioners going into jails to provide services. Michelle Nunemaker answered that a program exists to help with funding, but the problem is not allowed to pay for youths in detention due to the statute. It is allowable to pay for adults who are in detention. Bryan followed up by asking if a program called "Stepping Up" from Sarpy County could be implemented and if the board could look into as a strategy to work.

Dr. Richard Weiner asked if the issue for law enforcement for filling in vacancies is recruitment, retention, or both for keeping officers in the field. Captain Lance Rogers responded that the main issue for filling in vacancies is recruitment. It may be generational or once people enter law enforcement who would leave after so many years due to not what was expected. Dr. Richard Weiner followed up by asking why people are not being recruited to which Captain Lance Rogers responded that in 2020, law enforcement took a huge hit across the country, which changed the view on law enforcement. The military and fire departments have recruitment issues as well. Retention is difficult to keep officers more than eight years. Corey Steel stated agencies want people who have law enforcement experience which could be part of the issue.

Corey Steel asked if the SCIP grant would need current evidence-based programs or could try something new. Chris Carlile responded that it can be either. A follow up question was on the specifications, and allocations of the SCIP grant which Chris Carlile responded that it would be up to the priority areas determined by the NESCIP Advisory Board and the allocations are determined by the agencies based on the allocations of the SCIP grant.

## IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Carlile  
Director of Justice Programs

