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Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Crime Commission Funding Panel Emergency Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
4:00 p.m. CDT

Conference Call
Phone Number: 888.820.1398
Code: 7339691#

The Commission Funding Panel convened on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. CDT telephonically. The meeting was centered at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska in the 5th floor conference room of the Crime Commission. The Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star were contacted and provided notice of this meeting.

I. Call to Order – Cassy Blakely, Chair of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. CDT by Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Chair, Cassandra Blakely.

Blakely stated that the Crime Commission's Funding Panel is holding an emergency meeting today, March 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. CDT in order to disperse the remaining 2016 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid. The reason for this emergency meeting is due to deobligated funds that were discovered after the 2016 funds had been awarded; when the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Chief learned of this error, it was discovered that there were actually \$7,396 that had not been allocated. This error was unforeseen and not known to the Commission Funding Panel at the time of the initial allocation of 2016 funds. This meeting is being held so that these remaining funds can be allocated in time so that applicants may have reasonable time to appeal a final funding decision before the Crime Commission Board on Friday, May 6, 2016, and so that the awarded applicants may have appropriate time to respond to contingencies and begin the project period on July 1, 2016.

Blakely stated this meeting is being held telephonically and will only address this item today—no other business will be conducted.

Blakely noted that any news media who have filed with the Crime Commission have been notified of this meeting.

II. Open Meetings Law Advisement – Blakely

Blakely informed the group that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, as amended by LB898, is located in the Crime Commission conference room where the conference call is centered.

III. Roll Call – Kennedy for Blakely

Members Present: Cassandra Blakely, Ray Norris, Joe Hewgley

Staff Present: Cindy Kennedy, Danni McGown

IV. Introductions – Blakely

Blakely initiated group introductions.

V. Approval of remaining funds in the 2016 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program

Blakely explained that remaining monies in the amount of \$7,396 were identified and are able to be distributed to the applicants for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Enhancement [EB] Program. Of the Enhancement applications, there are six that did not receive their full request for funding. All six applicants who did not receive their full request were denied a portion of funding for very specific reasons such as equipment, training, etc. Blakely stated that the task is to disburse the remaining dollars in a fair and reasonable manner among the six remaining applicants.

Kennedy stated that Blakely's comments were correct. Of the thirteen enhancement applicants, six were reduced and for very specific reasons that were uniform and listed as a denial on each summary comment sheet. Kennedy explained the various options for distributing the remaining funds, and asked that justification be provided for the decision.

Conversation ensued regarding an even apportionment for the remaining funds among the six applicants who were reduced, given all six applicants were reduced for specific reasons. This option would allow money to be allocated in an equitable manner.

Motion

A motion was made by Blakely and seconded by Norris to allocate the remaining Community-based Juvenile Services Aid funds equally amongst the EB applicants who were not funded at their full requested amount, unless they choose to not receive the additional funds. If any applicant denies the additional allocation, then the remaining dollars will be equally allocated among those remaining applicants who were not funded at their full requested amount.

Voting in favor: Norris, Hewgley, Blakely. Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

No old business given the meeting will only discuss the items on this agenda.

VIII. New Business

No new business given the meeting will only discuss the items on this agenda.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

X. Adjournment

Motion

***A motion was made by Blakely and seconded by Norris to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Kennedy

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Chief, Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program
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