

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
May 7, 2004

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Friday, May 7, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in the library of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska. Legal notice of the meeting was published April 23, 2004 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:40 a.m., it was decided that the Executive Director's report would be covered while awaiting the arrival of the Chair. The following members were **in attendance**: Scott Arnold, John Becker, Charles Brewster, Jon Bruning arrived at 9:45, William Brueggemann, Harold Clarke, Scot Ford, Paul Leseberg, Don Overman, Peter Pirsch, and William White. **Members excused**: Susan Jacobs, Gary Lacey, Kathy Moore, Tom Nesbitt, James Riskowski, and Thomas Warren. **Staff members present**: Allen Curtis, Steve Lamken, Nancy Steeves, Bruce Ayers, Jennifer Tomrdle, Monica Miles Steffens, Pat Dessel and Barbara McCreight. **Also present**: Howard Kensinger, Legislative Fiscal Office.

Presentation of Plaque

Curtis thanked Bill White and presented a plaque to him in appreciation of his years of service to the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Allen Curtis presented the Executive Director's report.

- T Jennifer Tomrdle was introduced to the Commission. Jennifer was hired as a Federal Aid Administrator for the victim grants program.
- T Members were provided complimentary copies of the 2004 Criminal Justice Directory.
- T Budget cuts to the operations budget and aid programs were reviewed. The Commission has received 4 budget cuts for the 01/02 to 04/05 budget period. Aid programs were cut \$451,543 and the operations budget was cut \$302,763 over this period of time. These cuts led to the loss of 2 positions. Due to the budget cuts and the problems with the new financial computer system, the Commission staff will not be able to take on any new projects without obtaining additional new resources.

Curtis noted any future cuts will directly impact the Commission.

Bruning arrived at the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

T Curtis reviewed legislation efforts this session.

- LB 928 was introduced to provide for automatic revocation of law enforcement certifications for those officers convicted of felonies. The bill was not passed this session but will be pursued again during the next session.
- LB 1162 was introduced by Senator Mines and when passed included:
 - 1) Municipalities and counties will not have to pay tuition for Basic law enforcement training until January, 2007. PSAC may forego tuition.
 - 2) The reporting of traffic stops was extended for two more years. The legislation also created an advisory committee within the Commission which is to meet quarterly to review the data. No appropriation was designated. Curtis stated the data collected is limited, descriptive data which doesn't give much additional information.
 - 3) Prohibits Douglas County Sheriff's Office from having a reserve program.

Bruning said the public policy position is that they do not want untrained persons carrying guns and acting as a law enforcement officer.

T Curtis asked for 2 volunteers to serve on the Grant Review Committee. The committee reviews applications for Drug and Violent Crime, Victim Assistance, and Violence Against Women Act grant funds.

T Curtis reviewed the funding status of the Crime Victims Reparations Program. He noted \$200,000 in funds has been lost since fiscal year 01/02. The state will also lose federal funds which require state funds as a match. The program ran out of funds the end of April. The statute requires that the director of DAS be notified when funds are depleted. The Commission also presented this information to the Appropriations Committee during the legislative session but no response was received. The CVR Committee will be considering funding options at their meeting this afternoon.

T The Attorney General filed misdemeanor charges against Greg Swan, Keya Paha Sheriff, for official misconduct, improper use of a police vehicle, and failure to become certified as a law enforcement officer.

T The Commission will partner with Health and Human Services (HHS) to pursue a federal "Access to Recovery" SAMHSA grant which would provide \$6 million a year for 3 years to provide drug treatment for people in the criminal justice system. Individuals would receive vouchers for treatment. This would be a key component in working with the Community Corrections Council. The federal government will award the funds in October.

At 10:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

A motion was made by Brewster and seconded by White to approve the following minutes: Crime Commission meeting of January 30, 2004; Police Standards Advisory Council meetings of January 21st, February 18th, and March 17, 2004; Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee and Grant Review Committee's joint meeting of April 2, 2004; County Attorneys Standards Advisory Council meeting of April 16, 2004; and Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice meeting of March 26, 2004. The motion was affirmed by unanimous acclamation.

Bruning noted the minutes of the Jail Standards Board meeting of January 16, 2004 and Community Corrections Council meetings of February 13th and March 12th, 2004 were provided to members.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Steven Hauser Case

Curtis reported that all briefs have been filed with the Supreme Court for the Steven Hauser case. Curtis reported it would most likely take a year or more before a decision is rendered.

NEW BUSINESS

Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center

1. Annual Approval of Law Enforcement Academies of the Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln Police Department, and the Omaha Police Department

John Becker reported on the inspections of the training academies of the Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln Police Department and Omaha Police Department. He stated based upon submitted materials and inspections of these academies, PSAC recommended

renewal of the annual certification of the three academies.

Motion

A motion was made by White and seconded by Brewster to renew the annual certifications of the training academies of the Lincoln Police Department, Omaha Police Department, and the Nebraska State Patrol. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch and White. Pirsch recused himself from voting in regards to the certification of the Omaha Police Department's training academy. Motion carried.

2. Applications for Instructor Certification/Recertification

John Becker presented PSAC's recommendations on 2 requests for general instructor certification, 8 requests for professional instructor certification, 2 requests for professional instructor recertification, and 1 request for legal certification. He noted PSAC determined that the individuals met the qualifications for the perspective certifications with the exception of the areas listed for Jamie Keatts, Washington County Sheriffs Office, and Brian Jackson, Lincoln Police Department.

Motion

A motion was made by Brewster and seconded by Clarke to grant instructor certification per PSAC's recommendations as follows: General Certification for Jamie J. Keatts, Washington County Sheriffs Office (except areas 108, 110, 211, 309, & 310); Professional Certification for Clifford W. Chaffee, Lincoln Police Department; Forrest Dalton, Lincoln Police Department; Jason Hellmuth, Lincoln Police Department; Brian L. Jackson, Lincoln Police Department (except areas 208 & 311); Valerie L. Kinghorn, Lincoln Police Department; Donald Scheinost, Lincoln Police Department; Dennis Scott, Lincoln Police Department; and Jeffrey Urkevich, Lincoln Police Department; Professional Recertification for Guadalupe J. Lopez, IV, Lincoln Police Department, and Robert H. Kawamoto, Lincoln Police Department; and Legal Certification for Martin Conboy, Omaha Police Department. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, and White. Pirsch recused from voting on the certification of Martin Conboy, Omaha. Motion carried.

Review and Receive Public Comment on Nebraska's 2004-2008 Drug and Violent Crime Strategy

Bruning noted the Commission would next review and take public comment on Nebraska's 2004-2008 Drug and Violent Crime Strategy after a brief introduction by Nancy Steeves. Steeves noted that several community meetings were held across the state in the fall of 2003 to identify communities' problems with drugs and violent crime. It was determined that no changes were required of the strategy and that support for previously identified programs should be continued. These programs include criminal records improvement, multi-jurisdictional task forces, treatment, alternatives to incarceration, demand reduction, training, and improvement of the court system.

Steeves stated that President Bush has proposed allotting \$423 million for a JAG (Justice Assistance Grants) program and merging the Byrne and Local Law Enforcement Block grant programs into this new program. If adopted, this award amount would represent one-half of the funds currently allotted for the Byrne and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs. There could also be changes in how the funds are distributed.

Overman praised the programs funded with Byrne grand funds and suggested members contact their senators to urge full funding support for the Byrne program. He noted cutting the funds would be devastating to the State's current efforts.

Steeves concurred that the Byrne program is one of the better grant programs in terms of positive outcomes. She noted Nebraska has remained focused, has instituted a balanced approach, and has leveraged funding through partnerships with federal, state and local agencies.

Report on Compliance with 2003 Continuing Legal Education Requirements for County and Deputy County Attorneys

Curtis reported on the annual compliance by county and deputy county attorneys with the 2003 continuing legal education requirements. Curtis reported the Commission received requests for waivers from twenty county or deputy county attorneys who were notified that they were out of compliance with their 2003 CLE requirements. All other county and deputy county attorneys met their 2003 annual requirement for training. The County Attorneys Standards Advisory Council recommended that waivers be granted to the 20 county/deputy county attorneys listed. Curtis noted by granting waivers, the deficit number of hours will be added to the individual's 2004 requirements.

Motion

A motion was made by Pirsch and seconded by White to grant waivers for the 2003 continuing legal education requirements to Charles Hamilton, Adams County; Michael Long, Antelope/Madison Counties, Ted S. Griess, Clay County; Amber Hegarty, Dakota County; Douglas Palik and J. Leef, Deuel County; Martin Conboy and Stacey Hultquist, Dodge County; Michael Guinan, Matthew Kuhse, Tom

Kangior, Leigh Ann Retelsdorf, and Jennifer Stevens, Douglas County; Kay Tracy, Hall County; George Vinton, Hooker County; Joseph Hurd and Michael Long, Madison County; Stephen Twiss, Merrick County; Greg Ariza, Sarpy County; and Warren Arganbright, Thomas County. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Operating Instruction #2, “Commission Organization, Committee Assignments and Meeting Procedures”

Curtis reviewed the proposed amendments to Operating Instruction #2, “Commission Organization, Committee Assignments and Meeting Procedures” which was amended to outline the functions of the Community Corrections Council as it relates to the Crime Commission. The Crime Commission provides administrative and budgetary control to the Council as defined in Neb.Rev.Stat. §47-622. Curtis stated the Commission fully supports the mission of the Council. By sharing resources, the state has avoided the costs of creating a new department. In order to clarify the relationship, duties, responsibilities, and authority of and between the two positions as directors, he and Linda Krutz signed a memorandum of understanding March 25, 2004. The MOU was attached to Operating Instruction #2.

Motion

A motion was made by White and seconded by Overman to adopt the amendments to Operating Instruction #2, “Commission Organization, Committee Assignments and Meeting Procedures” as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion passed unanimously.

Award of \$13,457 in General Funds to Nebraska Crime Stoppers

The Commission next considered the award of general funds to Nebraska Crime Stoppers. Curtis stated for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, \$13,457 in state general funds was appropriated to the Crime Commission to be utilized for the operating costs of the statewide Crime Stoppers Program.

Motion

A motion was made by Pirsch and seconded by Ford to approve disbursement of \$13,457 in general funds to Nebraska Crime Stoppers

for fiscal year 2004/2005. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of General Funds to Knox County

Curtis stated \$21,970 in general funds was appropriated to the Crime Commission to be utilized for police operating costs for law enforcement services and jail operating costs for counties with Indian reservations. Knox County is eligible to receive the funds.

Curtis stated that Knox County passes funds to the village of Santee which has hired a certified police chief. The state must provide services to the tribe as long as they do not retrocede. The Omaha and Winnebago Tribes have retroceded and now contracts with the state and gets assistance from the federal government for law enforcement services.

Bruning stated that cross deputization agreements are difficult issues for his office to deal with and difficult situations to manage.

Motion

A motion was made by Clarke and seconded by Arnold to award general funds in the amount of \$ 21,970 to Knox County for law enforcement services and jail operating costs. Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of 2003 Violence Against Women Act Grant Funds

The Commission next considered requests for \$1,071,000 in 2003 Violence Against Women Act grant funds. This amount represents \$83,000 less than the amount available last year. The Commission received 18 applications which requested \$434,632 more than the funds available. The funds are to be used at the community level to improve coordinated response to women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and to hold offenders accountable.

All applications were first reviewed by a Staff Review Committee which included LaVonna Evans; Sarah O'Shea, Director, and Tara Muir, Legal Advocacy Coordinator, for the NE Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition; and John Lehotyak, Director of the Omaha Victim/Witness Unit and representative for the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime (NCVC). Their recommendations were then considered jointly by the Grant Review Committee and VAWA Advisory Group.

Nancy Steeves noted the mailout included summary comment sheets for each grant

application which outlined the funding recommendations of the Grant Review Committee and the Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee. The mailout also included the minutes of the April 2nd joint meeting.

Grant #03-VAWA-713, Saunders County Attorneys Office, was recommended for denial because it was poorly written and not well planned. Commission staff will work with Saunders County to help them develop a plan for the next funding cycle.

The funding recommendations for grant #03-VAWA-707, NE Attorney General's Office, was increased by \$15,000 at the suggestion of Colonel Nesbitt, NE State Patrol. He noted the need for investigators under the Attorney General and recommended that \$15,000 be moved from the Staff Review Committee's recommendation for the State Patrol grant (#03-VAWA-711) to the Attorney General's grant.

Steeves requested that any motion require that special conditions and contingencies stated on the summary comment sheets must be addressed before any funds are released.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brueggemann and seconded by Leseberg to accept the following funding recommendations and contingency stipulations of award as outlined by the Grant Review Committee and the Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee for the \$1,071,000 in 2003 Violence Against Women Act grant funds:

AWARD:

- \$ 203,000 to grant #03-VAWA-700, Lincoln - Lancaster County Justice Council, "A Coordinated Response to Reducing Domestic Violence" (Lincoln)***
- 79,200 to grant #03-VAWA-701, Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program, "Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program" (North Platte);***
- 28,900 to grant #03-VAWA-702, Project Response, Inc., "Criminal Justice Project" (Auburn);***
- 24,300 to grant #03-VAWA-703, Center for Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Survivors, "Coordinated Response System for DV/SA Center" (Columbus)***
- 50,750 to grant #03-VAWA-704, Haven House Family Services Center, "Enhancement of Dakota County Coordinated Response Team" (Wayne);***
- 38,457 to grant #03-VAWA-705, Crisis Center, Inc., "Coordinated Community Response Team" (Grand Island);***
- 42,690 to grant #03-VAWA-706, Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center (SASA), "Adams County Domestic Violence Team" (Hastings);***

76,790 to grant #03-VAWA-707, NE Attorney General's Office, "Attorney General's Prosecutorial Response to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault";
26,900 to grant #03-VAWA-708, Sandhills Crisis Intervention, "Victim Assistance" (Ogallala);
88,500 to grant #03-VAWA-709, Family Service, "Sarpy County Coordinated Response Team" (Bellevue);
230,000 to grant #03-VAWA-710, Omaha Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Greater Omaha, "Omaha Domestic Violence Coordinated Response IX";
30,000 to grant #03-VAWA-711, Nebraska State Patrol, "Nebraska Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program";
32,800 to grant #03-VAWA-712, Bright Horizons, "Madison County Community Response Team" (Norfolk);
31,720 to grant #03-VAWA-714, Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault, "Coordinated Response: Intervention Advocate" (Fremont);
27,028 to grant #03-VAWA-715, The S.A.F.E. Center, "Five County Coordinated Community Response" (Kearney)
29,365 to grant #03-VAWA-716, Family Service, "Cass County Coordinated Response Team" (Bellevue);
30,600 to grant #03-VAWA-717, Parent-Child Center, "Community Response for Dawson and Gosper Counties" (Lexington); and
TO DENY: grant #03-VAWA-713, Saunders County Attorney's Office, "Project Domestic Violence" (Wahoo).

Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of Juvenile Services Act 2004 Grant Funds - \$ 593,750

Monica Miles Steffens thanked Bill White for his years of service on the Coalition. She also thanked Charles Brewster for agreeing to serve on the Coalition.

She stated the Commission had received 55 applications for all three juvenile grant programs. The Legislature appropriated \$ 593,750 in Juvenile Services grant funds to the Crime Commission. Applications for these funds totaled \$1.6 million. She noted there were several applications for new programs, some did not fall within the scope of the funds. Several new programs would have received funding recommendations if adequate funds were available. Due to the loss of Title V funding, funding was directed more at prevention programs such as diversion, mentoring, and after-school programs.

Miles Steffens stated that a pilot evaluation project with Hank Robinson, University of Nebraska-Omaha, will provide program outcome information that will be useful in the future as programs pursue grant funds.

Note: Following the meeting it was determined that only \$587,812 in Juvenile Services grant funds was available for award, not \$593,750. The Commission will be asked at its next meeting to approve a reduction in award for these Juvenile Services grant programs.

Motion

A motion was made by Overman and seconded by Leseberg to accept the Coalition's funding recommendations and contingency stipulations of award as outlined for the \$ 593,750 in 2003 Juvenile Services grant funds as follows:

AWARD:

- \$ 33,750 to grant #04-JS-402, Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) Partnership, "Jefferson County Juvenile Justice Council Juvenile Services" (Fairbury);**
- 16,308 to grant #04-JS-403, Active Community Team of Saunders County, "Juvenile Mentoring" (Wahoo);**
- 20,555 to grant #04-JS-405, Seward County Bridges, "Seward County After School Clubs and Mentoring" (Seward);**
- 40,500 to grant #04-JS-406, Sidney Public Schools, "Youth as Resources/Support Through Intervention" (Sidney);**
- 26,438 to grant #04-JS-407, Camp Fire USA Midlands Council, "Action Pact South" (Omaha);**
- 37,427 to grant #04-JS-408, YWCA of Adams County, "After School Zone" (Hastings);**
- 20,000 to grant #04-JS-410, Sherman County, "Youth Prevention and Diversion" (Loup City);**
- 50,000 to grant #04-JS-413, Cedars Youth Services, "Central NE Wraparound" (Lincoln);**
- 22,000 to grant #04-JS-419, Ord School District #5, "Ord After School Program" (Ord);**
- 31,000 to grant #04-JS-423, Lancaster County, "Community Intervention Team -CIT" (Lincoln);**
- 26,250 to grant #04-JS-424, Lancaster County "Project SEEK" (Lincoln);**
- 19,200 to grant #04-JS-428, Lancaster County, "Minority Outreach Diversion" (Lincoln);**
- 62,447 to grant #04-JS-429, Lancaster County, "Youth Excelling in School" (Lincoln);**
- 47,000 to grant #04-JS-431, Lutheran Family Services, "Sexually Aggressive Children Program" (Omaha);**
- 45,000 to grant #04-JS-432, Lutheran Family Services, "Four County Mentoring" (Lincoln);**
- 30,500 to grant #04-JS-433, Otoe County, "Otoe County Stars**

Project” (Nebraska City);

31,000 to grant #04-JS-434, Cuming County, “Juvenile Diversion Coordinator” (West Point);

34,375 to grant #04-JS-435, Omaha Fire Department, “Juvenile Fire Setter Diversion” (Omaha);

and TO DENY:

grant #04-JS-400, The Partners Network, Inc., “Partnering for Successful Diversion” (Omaha);

grant #04-JS-401, Garfield County, “GLW (Garfield, Loup and Wheeler Counties) Juvenile Services” (Burwell);

grant #04-JS-404, Active Community Team of Saunders County, “Saunders County Out of School Initiative” (Wahoo);

grant #04-JS-409, Dakota County Interagency Team (DCIT), “Positive Youth Development” (Dakota City);

grant #04-JS-411, Dawes County, “Dawes County School Resource Officers” (Chadron);

grant #04-JS-412, Cedars Youth Services, “Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Diversion Services” (Lincoln);

grant #04-JS-414, Gage County, “Gage County Truancy Prevention & Intervention Project” (Beatrice);

grant #04-JS-415, Girl Scouts Homestead Council, “Studio 2B-Movin to a New Beat” (Lincoln);

grant #04-JS-416, All Our Kids, Inc., “Bright Futures Partnership” (Omaha);

grant #04-JS-417, Winnebago Tribe of NE, “Winnebago Native Youth Posse Project” (Winnebago);

grant #04-JS-418, Crete Public School, “Crete Cardinal Zone” (Crete);

grant #04-JS-420, Western Community Health, “Smart + Parents” (Chadron);

grant #04-JS-421, Fillmore County Good Beginnings, “Fillmore County Family Support Services” (Geneva);

grant #04-JS-422, TeamMates, “TeamMates Mentoring Program” (Grand Island);

grant #04-JS-425, YWCA of Lincoln, “Survival Skills Program - Boys Only Group” (Lincoln);

grant #04-JS-426, Bellevue Public School Foundation, “Sarpy County Education Program” (Bellevue);

grant #04-JS-427, Lancaster County, “Family Accountability Model” (Lincoln); and

grant #04-JS-430, Lutheran Family Services, “Project Positive Prevention” (Lexington).

Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion passed unanimously.

Award \$ 661,385 in 2003 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Title II Grant Funds

The Commission next considered requests for 2003 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Title II grant funds. Miles Steffens stated federal funds in the amount of \$661,385 were available for award through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Funding recommendations of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice were reviewed. Requests totaled \$1.1 million. The Coalition's step down funding policy was used and some programs will be phased out next year which may allow for funding of new programs.

The Title II formula grant funds are used for Nebraska's three year plan which focuses on staying in compliance with the OJJDP Act and other priorities selected by the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice. These priorities include substance abuse, disproportionate minority confinement, and programing for rural areas. Programs funded included alternatives to detention, diversion, tracker, juvenile assessment center, compliance monitoring, DMC coordinator, and money to the tribes.

Miles Steffens noted several of the grant programs were highlighted at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association's recent conference.

Motion

A motion was made by Arnold and seconded by Leseberg to approve the Coalition's funding recommendations and contingency stipulations of award as outlined for \$661,385 in 2003 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II grant funds as follows:

AWARD:

\$ 41,000 to grant #03-JJ-03, Buffalo County, "Buffalo County Juvenile Diversion" (Kearney);

30,000 to grant #03-JJ-08, Family Services, "Probation Tracker Program" (Omaha);

16,000 to grant #03-JJ-09, Merrick County, "Juvenile Services/Diversion Coordinator";

33,000 to grant #03-JJ-11, Omaha Tribe, "Mark of Honor Therapy Program" (Macy);

34,250 to grant #03-JJ-12, Sarpy County, "Sarpy County Assessment Center" (Papillion);

48,750 to grant #03-JJ-14, Cedars Youth Services, "Youth as Resources" (Lincoln);

85,000 to grant #03-JJ-15, Nebraska Boys Ranch, "Community Continuum of Care" (Alliance);
43,786 to grant #03-JJ-17, Nebraska Crime Commission, "Compliance Monitoring";
61,769 to grant #03-JJ-18, University of NE-Omaha, "Disproportionate Minority Confinement/Evaluation Project";
183,795 to grant #03-JJ-19 and \$8,535 to 02-JJ-18, Douglas County, "Juvenile Assessment Center" (Omaha);
36,000 to grant #03-JJ-20, Otoe County, "Otoe County Juvenile Diversion" (Nebraska City);
39,500 to grant #03-JJ-21, Cedars Youth Services, "Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Diversion Services" (Lincoln); and

TO DENY:

grant #03-JJ-01, Chase County, "Chase County Juvenile Services" (Imperial);
grant #03-JJ-02, Winnebago Tribe, "Substance Abuse Specialist" (Winnebago);
grant #03-JJ-04, Cuming County, "Juvenile Diversion Coordinator" (West Point);
grant #03-JJ-05, Lancaster County, "Mental Health & Substance Abuse Evaluation" (Lincoln);
grant #03-JJ-06, Lancaster County, "The Hub-Transitional Living" (Lincoln);
grant #03-JJ-07, Lancaster County, "Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court" (Lincoln);
grant #03-JJ-10, Uta Halee Girls Village, "Community Based Substance Abuse Program" (Omaha);
grant #03-JJ-13, Family Services, "Family Services/YMCA Diversion Program" (Omaha);
grant #03-JJ-16, Omaha Fire Department, "Juvenile Fire Setter Diversion".

Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of 2003 Challenge Grant Funds - \$105,080 available

The Commission next considered requests for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Title II Challenge grant funds. Miles Steffens stated there was \$105,080 available for award. This included \$87,500 from FY 03 and \$17,580 from FY 02. There will be no funds available next year for this program. The federal funds were designed to assist the state in system change activities. The funding recommendation of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice were reviewed.

Motion

A motion was made by Brueggemann and seconded by Ford to approve the Coalition's recommendations for funding and contingency stipulations of award as outlined for the following Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Challenge grant funds:

AWARD

**\$ 19,300 to grant #03-CG-50, Lancaster County-Lincoln, "Centralized Intake Repository System";
82,549 to grant #03-CG-51/02-CG-54, Lancaster County - Lincoln, "The HUB"; and
3,231 to grant #03-CG-52, to Board of Regents UNO - Omaha, "Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC)/Evaluation Project".**

Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch, and White. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Pass-through of \$29,805 in National Institute of Justice Funds to Grant #03-DNA-8902 to the Nebraska State Patrol for "Nebraska Forensic Science Improvement Act"

Nancy Steeves reviewed the pass-through of \$29,805 in National Institute of Justice funds to grant #03-DNA-8902 Nebraska State Patrol for "Nebraska Forensic Science Improvement Act". The purpose of the funds is to enhance the state's DNA efforts by providing equipment, training and personnel.

Motion

A motion was made by Clarke and seconded by Brewster to approve the pass-through of \$29,805 in National Institute of Justice funds to grant #03-DNA-8902, to the Nebraska State Patrol for the "Nebraska Forensic Science Improvement Act." Voting in favor of the motion: Arnold, Becker, Brewster, Brueggemann, Clarke, Ford, Leseberg, Overman, Pirsch and White. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought forward to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be **Friday, July 30, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.** , at the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McCreight