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The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Friday, July 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM in Lower Level Conference Room A of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Legal notice of the meeting was published July 6, 2013 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

As amended by LB 898, 2005 Legislature, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for public review.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM by Acting Chairman John Freudenberg. The following members were **in attendance**: Acting Chair John Freudenberg, Candice Batton, Joe Hewgley, Bob Houston, Joe Kelly, Larry Koranda, Don Overman, David Sankey, Rita Sanders, Todd Schmaderer (arrived 9:44 AM), Derek Vaughn and William White.

**Members excused**: Jeff Davis, Fred Ruiz Michelle Schindler, Brenda Smith and Mike Swain. **Staff present**: Merry Wills, Bruce Ayers, David Stolz, Bill Muldoon, Jeanette Greer, Linda Krutz, Mike Overton, Kristy Nguyen, Mike Fargen, Sara Kinney, Cindy Gans, Lisa Stamm and Ann Bauers.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Vaughn and seconded by White to approve the minutes of the Crime Commission meeting of May 3, 2013; Police Standards Advisory Council meetings of April 17, 2013 and May 15, 2013; and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice meeting of May 31, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.*

**III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

William Muldoon presented the Executive Director's report in Mike Behm's absence, noting the following:

- Bruce Bombeck, longtime Instructor NLETC resigned to go to UPRR as a Special Agent.
- Liza Alderman, Staff Assistant II resigned to take another position
- Robin Peck, Budget Division, was promoted to Staff Assistant II

- New Staff members are: Kristy Nguyen, Grant Division Staff Assistant; Mike Fargen, IT Business Analyst; and Sara Kinney, Accounting Clerk II
- The signing into law of LB561 provided for two new Crime Commission staff members. Both will be Division Chiefs. One over-see the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Programs and the other will coordinate the Juvenile Diversion Programs. The application process is active. 561 also added one new member, who is the Chair-person from the Juvenile Justice Coalition to the Crime Commission. In addition, one new member is added to the Juvenile Justice Coalition and the Jail Standards Board

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. 2013 Criminal Justice Directory

Freudenberg stated that copies were provided for all members.

##### B. Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center

###### 1. Instructor Certifications

The Crime Commission next considered *two* requests for General Re-certification, *nine* requests for **Professional Certification**, and *eighteen* requests for **Professional Recertification**. Police Standards Advisory Council's recommendations were reported by Larry Koranda.

###### *Motion*

*A motion was made by Sanders and seconded by Sankey to grant the following instructor certifications per Police Standards Advisory Council's recommendations: **General Recertification** to Jeffrey Hillabrand, Lincoln Police Department; and Erin E. Sims, Lincoln Police Department; **Professional Recertification** to Timothy J. Abele, Lincoln Police Department; James I. Betts, Lincoln Police Department; Robert M. Brenner, Lincoln Police Department; Chris F. Ehrhorn, Lincoln Police Department; Nathan D. Flood, Lincoln Police Department; Russell L. Fosler, Lincoln Police Department; Launa E. Groves, Lincoln Police Department; Jason J. Hellmuth, Lincoln Police Department; Teresa R. Hruza, Lincoln Police Department; Valerie L. Kinghorn, Lincoln Police Department; Todd A. Kocian, Lincoln Police Department; Genelle M. Moore, Lincoln Police Department; Michon R. Morrow, Lincoln Police Department; Conan L. Schafer, Lincoln Police Department; Matthew Schultz, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for N.L.E.T.C; Jason J. Stille, Lincoln Police Department; John J. Walsh, Lincoln Police Department; and Joseph W. Wright, Lincoln Police Department; **Professional Certification** to Troy L. Cockle, Lincoln Police Department; Devin L. Crinklaw, Omaha Police Department; Ryan M. Dale, Lincoln Police Department; Jake S. Dilsaver, Lincoln Police Department; James*

*D. Pauly, Omaha Police Department; Melissa Ripley, Lincoln Police Department; Lynette Russell, Lincoln Police Department; Michael J. Schmidt, Lincoln Police Department; and Benjamin A. Seeman, Lincoln Police Department. Voting in favor of the motion: Batton, Kelly, Hewgley, Houston, Koranda, Overman, Sankey, Sanders, Vaughn, and White. (Motion carried).*

### **C. JAG Update**

Stamm stated that the Nebraska Crime Commission, in cooperation with the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), sponsored a two-one day workshops on evidence based practices and programs and innovative management of multijurisdictional drug task forces. Dr. Spohn with UNO presented an evidence based presentation on June 13<sup>th</sup>. This covered the basics of evidence based practices and programs. The trainings were very well received.

In regards to the Strategic Plan, Stamm stated that currently, the Consortium for Crime and Criminal Justice is working on revisions to the 2012-2015 JAG Strategic Plan. JAG stakeholders met on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the CAC to identify and update funding priorities for the 2012-2015 JAG strategic plan. The goals of the meeting were to ensure that all interested stakeholders had a voice in determining identified funding priorities, ensure that identified funding priorities were mutually exclusive and ensure that identified funding priorities were roughly comparable in scope. We did that. We had a good turnout – everyone was able to provide great feedback, Dr. Spohn took all of that information and compiled the identified priorities into a survey that was distributed to all stakeholders on July 16, 2013. The survey outlined the priorities identified at the meeting and gives all stakeholders an opportunity to indicate which activities they feel should be considered a top priority for Nebraska's JAG funds. UNO will compile all the data and put together a final plan to present to you at the October CC meeting.

A question was brought up as to whether the committee will meet again to go over the results. Stamm indicated that the JAG Strategic Planning committee decided that it would not be necessary to meet again as strong priority items were identified. It was also brought up if the priorities were going to be ranked regarding level of importance. Stamm indicated that it was decided upon by the JAG Strategic Planning committee that level of importance should be reflected among the priorities. In addition, some committee members reported that the results should be weighted, while others did not. Stamm explained that the JAG strategic planning committee has more members in several others versus some other purpose areas. Therefore, Dr. Spohn agreed to provide both weighted results and non-weighted results, since there was some discussion at the meeting over whether or not the results should be weighted.

### **D. APPROVAL FY 2013 Victims of Crime at Formula Grant Programs (funding amount pending)**

#### **SEE HANDOUTS (2)**

Wills gave a summary of the Grant Review Committee recommendations. She stated that Congress has not yet approved the Department of Justice's financial plan. Once that is

approved the states will receive notification of what funding available. Wills suggested that the Grant Review Committee's recommendations be approved, with the stipulation that if more money is received then that increase is held back to be used for next year and if less is received then everyone gets an equal amount taken away from their grant reward with the exception of the one person victim witness units and the \$83,000 to be held in reserve. This would not include the Crime Commission VINE grant.

There was a brief discussion weighing the pros and cons of approving funding without a dollar amount available and what will happen if more or less funding is received. Vaughn suggested that if there is a decrease, then everyone should take the hit equally. There was a brief discussion on how to distribute the money if there was more than what has been requested.

#### *Motion*

*A motion was made by Overman and seconded by Hewgley to approve the FY 2013 Victims of Crime at Formula Grant Program per the Grant Review committee (funding amount pending) with the one adjustment that the Lincoln County application be added in to the one person programs. Voting in favor of the motion: Batton, Kelly, Hewgley (Abstain on 13-VA-205), Houston, Koranda (Abstain on 13-VA-208), Overman, Sankey, Sanders, Schmaderer, and White. Abstaining: Vaughn (Motion carried).*

#### **E. Award of FY 2012-JB-FX-0008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program in the amount of \$230,842**

#### **SEE ATTACHMENT #1**

Gans gave a summary of the 2012-JB-FX-0008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program in the amount of \$230,842. Discussion was held until the appeal of 12-JA-601 Douglas County Board of Commissioners was held.

#### **F. Appeal 12-JA-601 Douglas County Board of Commissioners**

#### **HANDOUT**

Gans gave a summary of the appeal and the denial letter that was sent in response. There was a brief discussion.

#### *Motion*

*A motion was made by Batton and seconded by White to deny the appeal of 12-JA-601 Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Voting in favor of the motion: Batton, Kelly, Hewgley, Koranda, Overman, Sankey, Sanders, and White. Abstaining: Houston, Schmaderer and Vaughn. (Motion carried).*

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Batton and seconded by Sanders to approve FY2012-JB-FX-0008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program in the amount of \$230,842 as recommended by the Grant Review Committee. Voting in favor of the motion: Batton (Abstaining on 12-JA-604), Kelly, Hewgley, Houston, Koranda, Overman, Sankey, Schmaderer, Vaughn (Abstain 12-JA-601), and White (Motion carried).*

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be:

**Friday, October 18, 2013  
9:30 AM  
Nebraska State Office Building  
Lower Level Conference Room A  
Lincoln, Nebraska.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Bauers  
Administrative Assistant