

COMBAT Commission Meeting
March 12, 2019, 1:30-3:30pm
Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
Legislative Chambers
Minutes

Present:

James Witteman, Jr.
Keith Query
Mark Bryant
Gene Morgan
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Larry Beaty
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Lanna Ultican

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor
Jay Hayden, County Counselor's Office
Major Helen Burke, KCPD
Jennifer Dameron, JACO Prosecutor's Office
Theresa Galvin, JACO Legislator
Jane Cavanaugh, Legislative Aid
Ron Finley, JACO Legislator
Georgia Sanders, Legislative Aid
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Celestine Williams, Deputy Auditor
Dawna J. Shumate, COMBAT
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

Additions to Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve January minutes; Larry Beatty seconded; motion passed.

Jean Peters Baker Report/Update

Jean Peters Baker is still working on the PSA's in regards to Marijuana. She would like to do a joint PSA with COMBAT and the Prosecutor's Office. The PSA would be about keeping kids away from edibles.

Vince mentioned that he is still working on the Program Monitor positions and the Marketing position was posted. He announced that Dawna Shumate is the new Deputy Director of COMBAT. Vince informed the COMBAT Commissioners that both the State and BKD are doing audits of COMBAT simultaneously in regards to staffing and policy and procedures. BKD will be working in the COMBAT office for 3 weeks on 8M for fieldwork. BKD should complete their report by the end of April or the beginning of May.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Major Helen Burke from KCPD reported on the end of January stats. There were 48 narcotic arrests, 49 purchases, 156 grams of Cocaine was seized, 3,361 grams of Heroin was seized, 10,267 grams of Meth was seized, and 49,312 grams of Marijuana was seized. 43 Fentanyl pills were recovered. They currently have 4 interdiction dogs. In regards to violent crime, Major Helen Burke reported that there were 24 homicides, 545 cases presented to the Prosecutor, 224 cases were filed, 48 shooting victims, 43 drive-bys, and 245 firearms were recovered. Most of the crime is related to Marijuana.

Dan Cummings from the Drug Task Force reported on their annual report. \$16 million in drugs were recovered last year. Prosecution was down slightly. They are continuing to investigate these cases. Next year, they will prosecute the \$16 million in drugs recovered last year. This year, they had 30 undercover drug buys, 10 search warrants, and recovered 13,500 grams of Meth. In a house, they found 7 lbs. of Meth, \$65,000 cash, 49 firearms, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Meth, and OxyContin in it. They have recovered 54 firearms so far this year.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Deputy Director – Dawna Shumate

Dawna Shumate is the new Deputy Director of COMBAT. She has a background in Criminal Justice and Treatment. She briefly introduced herself to the COMBAT Commissioners.

2019 Funding Recommendations

Vince explained that the funding was for a renewal year. The Commissioners asked if there were any funds remaining. Jean Peters Baker explained that there are some funds available for future use.

Treatment, Vince stated that the majority of fund amounts remained the same as the 2018 funding. Commissioner Keith Querry asked about the increase for Sisters in Christ. Vince explained that they are the only agency that COMBAT is funding in Raytown and they have expanded their service, taking on the responsibility as the Community Service HUB for the Raytown Hotspot Initiative. He also explained that Benilde Hall, Heartland Center for Behavioral Change, Sisters in Christ, and Sheffield Place all received an increase in funding this year because they're excellent programs.

Gene Morgan motioned to approve the 2019 Treatment recommendations in the amount of \$2,865,314.00; Keith Querry seconded; motion passed.

Grant Match, Vince explained that Ad Hoc's Caring for Crime Survivors program will continue to be funded as the pilot project was extremely effective and had a number of proven successes. Center School District didn't apply for their transportation program because they were unable to sustain the program. Vince also explained that the Community Service League received an

increase in funding because they are the Community Service HUB, for COMBAT's Hawthorne/Independence Hotspot Initiative and has taken on significant responsibility. Urban Rangers also received an increase in funding as the program has been successful over the past several years. Commissioner Mark Bryant ask for an explanation of Grant Match funding. Vince stated that COMBAT matches funds dollar to dollar.

Gene Morgan motioned to approve the 2019 Grant Match recommendations in the amount of \$1,173,525.00; Lanna Ultican seconded; motion passed.

Prevention funding, Vince stated that Westside CAN is being funded through the County's Outside Agency funding source and that was the reason they were not listed on the prevention funding list. He explained that Dismas House will not be funded in Prevention because after a recent site visit, Dawna Shumate and Tammie Jordan reported that there is no programming going on there. The Health Department will not be funded because they received a lot of funding already. Mark Bryant asked if Operation Breakthrough was a daycare. Tammie Jordan explained that they provide education and support for the children of parents getting treatment.

Keith Query motioned to approve the 2019 Prevention recommendations in the amount of \$1,553,607.00; Lanna Ultican seconded; motion passed.

AVSI funding, Vince explained that the Ad Hoc funding was for their jobs program that COMBAT funded last year and that Center for Conflict Resolution is being funded for a program in the Raytown Hotspot Initiative.

Mark Bryant motioned to approve the 2019 AVSI recommendations in the amount of \$403,069.00; Gene Morgan seconded; motion passed.

D.A.R.E. or the Law Enforcement School Based Initiatives, Vince explained that the recent passing of COMBAT allows room for more effective programs other than D.A.R.E. to be funded by COMBAT since D.A.R.E. hasn't shown to be as effective. He explained that each Police Department received a \$4,000 increase and he mentioned that the Independence Police Department will be doing a new program called S.T.E.P.S with the School District. There was some discussion about eliminating D.A.R.E. funding from COMBAT by the COMBAT Commissioners. Jean Peters Baker explained that COMBAT cannot do this because it is part of the funding formula percentile that was developed and passed by the legislators.

Gene Morgan motioned to approve the 2019 Law enforcement School Based Initiatives recommendations in the amount of \$1,291,844.00; Keith Query seconded; motion passed.

Discussions:

There were no discussions.

Announcements:

The next Drug Commission meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.