

COMBAT Commission Meeting
January 16, 2020, 10:00-12:00 Noon
Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
Legislative Chambers
Minutes

Present:

Larry Beaty
Keith Querry
Mark Bryant
Gene Morgan
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
John B. Boyd
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Arimeta Dupree

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor
Jay Hayden, County Counselor's Office
Major Derek McCollum, KCPD
Jennifer Dameron, JACO Prosecutor's Office
Theresa Galvin, JACO Legislator
Jane Cavanaugh, Legislative Aid
Ron Finley, JACO Legislator
Winifred Jamieson, Legislative Aid
Chief Bryon Price, JACO Drug Task Force
Linda Sharp, Truman Medical Center
Monica Meeks, Lee's Summit CARES
Dawna J. Shumate, COMBAT
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Keron Hopkins, COMBAT
Holli Crowley, COMBAT
Joseph Loudon, COMBAT
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Additions to Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Keith Querry announced that this will be his last COMBAT Commission meeting. He is retiring.

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve November minutes; John B. Boyd seconded; motion passed.

Jean Peters Baker Report/Update

Jean Peters Baker reported that COMBAT is in the process of updating policies and practices regarding BKD's recommendations. We are still waiting on the State Audit report. She hasn't received a date on when it will be released. Jean Peters Baker reported that COMBAT has implemented several changes since the BKD audit.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Major Derek McCollum from KCPD reported on the year to date stats from December 2019. There were 600 narcotic arrests, 578 purchases, 288 cases, 40 pounds of Cocaine was seized, 70 pounds of Heroin was seized, 535 pounds of Meth was seized, and 1,874 pounds of Marijuana was seized, and 21 pounds of Fentanyl was seized. 164 pills were recovered. He reported that there was an increase in Meth, Heroin, and Fentanyl being recovered. Major Derek McCollum reported that there were 7 homicides in 2020 compared to 5 in 2019. 371 cases were presented to the Prosecutor, 34 shooting victims, 413 drive-bys, and 189 firearms were recovered. Most of the crime is related to Marijuana.

Chief Bryon Price from the Drug Task Force reported that 11 people were indicted in a 1.7-million-dollar conspiracy of Meth and Heroin.

Old Business:

2020 Funding Recommendations

Vince explained that the funding recommendation were based on combined reviewer scores with staff scores. Staff scores were based on site visits, monthly reports, and billing. He mentioned that award letters and non-award letters will be sent out to the agencies for notification.

Treatment - Vince explained that there will be \$424,22.08 remaining. Every agency was funded at the full amount. Commissioner John Boyd asked about the jump in Sisters in Christ and Healing House funding. Vince explained that Healing House was increased because it is an exceptional recovery house and that Sisters in Christ was increased because it's an exceptional program and has expanded. Also, he mentioned that Sisters in Christ is operated in Raytown and mid KC and that Healing House is operated in NE part of Kansas City. Vince also mentioned that those agencies that are documented in red will not be funded because they are not in compliance.

Gene Morgan motioned to approve the 2020 Treatment recommendations in the amount of \$3,714,604.92; Mark Bryant seconded; motion passed.

Vince Ortega had a meeting with the Mental Health Levy and Children Services, and everyone determined that the services and programs are not overlapping, however, there will be continued dialogue to ensure there is coordination of services in a more holistic approach.

Prevention funding - Vince explained again that those agencies documented in red will not be funded due to compliance issues and that funding was determined on a combined reviewer score and staff score. One of the commissioners asked about AdHoc and Vince mentioned that AdHoc Group Against Crime, Caring for Crimes program, knocks on doors with victim advocates and AdHoc provides in home counseling services, clean-up after a crime, home repair. AdHoc Group Against Crime also has a re-entry and job training program. Commissioner Mark Bryant would like to see more re-entry programs. Vince mentioned that 12th Street Heritage is a re-entry program and KC Chamber of Commerce application is for a re-entry program. Commissioner Arimeta Dupree would like a list of organizations that are re-entry programs.

A question was asked about the KC School District's program. Jean Peters Baker mentioned that the Kansas City School District has a program, but they are not turning in their monthly report. We're working on a new partnership with the School District.

Vince explained that the Mind Drive program is for youth-based initiative and that the program is housed across the street from Family Court. A question was asked about Legal Aid program as a new program. Jean Peters Baker mentioned that they have an Adopt a Neighborhood program and that Reconciliation Services creates ID's for re-entry citizens. Commissioner Mark Bryant would like a nexus between crime prevention.

Mark Bryant motioned to approve the 2020 Prevention recommendations in the amount of \$2,260,695.13; Gene Morgan seconded; motion passed.

Grant Match - Vince explained that STRIVIN (anti-violence programs) and other anti-violence program were funded under Grant Match and that we were no longer requiring agencies to have a matching grant. The issue was brought to light in the BKD audit report that COMBAT formula pie had not been updated since 1996 and BKD noted that anti-violence should be added to the formula. I initially brought this issue to the attention of Legislator Calvin, and Tarwater at a meeting held in the COMBAT conference room in early December, 2019 and mentioned that COMBAT is recommending that Grant Match formula percentage of the pie be changed to Anti-Violence and they agreed. United Inner-City Services receives outside funding and Rosebrooks has staffing issues.

Dr. Joseph Spallito motioned to approve the 2020 Grant Match recommendations in the amount of \$1,392,712.01; Arimeta Dupree seconded; motion passed.

Law Enforcement School Based Programs (formerly known as DARE), Vince explained that the funding for DARE or Law Enforcement School Based programs was determined by \$75,000 per officer, based on an officer per student ratio. The maximum number of officers funded were four.

Mark Bryant motioned to approve the 2020 DARE or Law enforcement School Based Initiatives recommendations in the amount of \$1,507,500.00; John Boyd seconded; motion passed.

Dawna reported on her investigation for the possible defunding of a treatment program in the jail. She mentioned that the treatment person arrived late and that their sign-up sheet had fictitious names or names that were not housed in the jail.

New Business:

COMBAT's New Budget Coordinator, Keron Hopkins, and COMBAT's New Crime Analyst, Holli Crowley, were introduced.

Discussions:

There were no discussions.

Announcements:

The next Drug Commission meeting is on Thursday, March 12th at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.