

**Drug Commission Meeting**  
**January 10, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm**  
**Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO**  
**Legislative Chambers**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Gene Morgan  
Keith Querry  
Lanna Ultican  
James Witteman, Jr.  
Gloria Fisher

**Also Present:**

Stacey Daniels-Young  
Vince Ortega  
Laci Beavers  
LaTasha Bunting  
Kevin O' Sullivan, KCPD  
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force  
Amanda Mayhew Kleinschmidt  
Dennis Pacquette, KCPD

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

The meeting started with brief introductions.

Jim Witteman moved to approve the December minutes; Gloria Fisher second; motion passed.

**Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members**

Dan Cummings from the Drug Task Force (DTF) said they are currently prosecuting cases and there were 45 people indicted in December. Dan stated that the preliminary figures are 215-220 federal cases prosecuted last year and 80 state cases prosecuted last year with 85 lbs. of methamphetamine, a couple kilos of cocaine, and a little heroin recovered.

Jim Witteman asked about the status of the 2017 COMBAT budget, which has not yet been approved by the Legislature. Stacey informed him that it should be successfully addressed by January 31st and that we will then be able to get new contracts prepared for submission to the Drug Commission for 2017 funding. She explained that everyone<sup>1</sup> currently has until the 31st of January to submit their December bills and that there are five or six agencies with money left under their 2016 contracts. She suggests that these agencies be allowed to extend their contracts. Stacey would possibly like to do a Bridge Award for one month to every Treatment agency funded last year because of the delays in the RFP process and budget approval. Commissioner Gene Morgan asked will some of the Treatment providers have to stop providing treatment if this isn't done. Stacey says yes but the larger ones will be able to continue to provide treatment. Commissioner Gene Morgan asked if the Bridge money would be used to expedite funding and Stacey stated that it would. Stacey feels confident that we will be able to

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<sup>1</sup> In Grant Match and Treatment

catch up on the schedule and agencies will get funded appropriately, and that the Finance department has been very helpful in this process.

Jim Witteman returned to the DTF and asked if the presidential transition would cause problems for federal projects. Dan said no, he was not aware of anything in this regard.

Kevin O' Sullivan from the Kansas City Police Department had nothing to present for a monthly report but they are currently working on how to tie drugs and violence together for COMBAT reporting purposes. There's some concern about who the suspect is and who the victim is in violent crime; he stated that drug users could be considered victims of violent crimes for being at the wrong place at the wrong time while being engaged in illegal activity.

Vince presented a question from Family Court concerning kids with guns regarding the new legislation re: the ability to carry firearms. Sgt. O'Sullivan stated that if a youth is 19 years old, they can conceal and carry a gun without a permit. Also, it's not against the law to be in possession of a gun, and gave hunting as an example. Commissioner Ultican mentioned that a young person must take hunting safety classes to get a hunting license. Dan stated that it may or may not be illegal for a youth under 19 to carry a gun but it's illegal to conceal. Vince brought up a case where NOVA registered juvenile gang members were in possession of AK47's but there weren't any city or state laws to charge them with possession. Commissioner Witteman mentioned that the issue is getting guns off the streets that are not used for hunting purposes. Commissioner Gene Morgan would like Stacey to find the statute and he would like to have Jean Peters Baker to explain it.

### **The Dark Web**

Stacey introduced Detective Dennis Paquette from the Kansas City Police Department to present on the "Dark Web". He explained that you have the surface web, which is Google, Bing, and Safari. Then, you have the deep web, which can include financial and medical records. Lastly, there's TOR (The Onion Router). You have to peel back the layers to find out what's in there because the information is encrypted. In order to access TOR and the dark web, you must specifically know the IP address to get to the sites. These IP addresses come from blogs. Most people believe that it can't be tracked but it can. It takes manpower, time, and patience. He explained that the deep web is 400 to 500 times larger than the world-wide web and that there are no fees to use the dark web. He explained that TOR and the dark web are still legal and that they still have public use.

One site was founded in 2011 and was originally set up to sell illegal drugs. It became popular because everyone thought it was anonymous. The DEA was the first to crack it. Detective Paquette explained that there's an initial "plug" to sign on which means that there is a starting point to track the information. Bitcoin, a digital currency, has value that changes every hour; Bitcoins are purchased through an online exchange (Commissioner Ultican mentioned that a financial institution has to do the exchange for Bitcoins). Bitcoins are used to purchase drugs

from the Dark Web. The Bitcoins are only released after a product is verified. The exchange is completely anonymous so the person doesn't know who sold the drugs.

The biggest mistake with the Dark Web is that the smaller people get caught because there still must be a face to face exchange. The dark web is just getting started in the Midwest, but it has been in the East and West Coast for five years.

Commissioner Gene Morgan asked if we should be more afraid of the free flow of weapons or drugs. Kevin O' Sullivan replied by saying that drugs and guns go hand in hand and that there are only 5% of people doing the damage. Jim mentioned that you can't do virtual drugs and the answer is no because there must be an exchange. Lanna asked what kind of a political protest would be on the Dark Web. Detective Dennis answered by saying that the political protest would have to be something that would have the Secret Service at your door. He stated that people are much more abrasive when they think they are not going to get caught.

### **Old Business:**

Commissioner Witteman is eager to see the monthly hotspot reporting with visual aids. Vince is going to have the GIS IT team present it at the meeting next month. Two reasons for the crime maps are to make sure that the resources are allocated in the right area and to see if agencies can coordinate efforts. Vince would like to see why some hotspots have continued, why some of them changed, and why some of them haven't changed. Independence Avenue is the number one hot spot in the county and it has expanded.

### **RDI Interim Report**

Stacey introduced Amanda Kleinschmidt with RDI who presented an interim report on the evaluation of Anti-Violence and Prevention agencies and to show how the evaluation is now looking and how COMBAT is working to make an impact in Jackson County. The first model of her presentation included three categories:

- The Institute of Medicine, a continuum of care which includes agencies conducting Universal Prevention targeting the general public; Selective Prevention for work with individuals that are perceived as already at risk, and Indicated Prevention for work with individuals that have already initiated violent behavior or drug use;
- The Public Health approach, which is how to impact individuals by affecting their environment; and
- The CADCA approach from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, which now is beginning to address coalitions of any kind.

COMBAT can be looked at through each of these lenses.

CADCA's approach addresses the seven strategies for community change: building skills; providing social support or creating networks; providing information; modifying barriers and increasing access or taking down barriers to create opportunities; changing consequences and

providing incentives or rewarding good behavior and giving consequences to negative behavior; altering physical design; and changing policies and rules. Of the COMBAT agencies,

- 45 build skills
- 40 agencies provide social support
- 15 provide information
- 40 modify barriers and increase access,
- 21 change consequences and provide incentives
- 14 alter physical design
- 12 change policies and rules.

COMBAT is in every single one of these strategies for community change and the evaluation is meant to show COMBAT's effectiveness in these areas.

In order to answer the question on how do we know COMBAT or COMBAT programs are working, Amanda presented the Drug Commission with a list of agency outcomes that includes their short term goals (6-24 months), intermediate goals (1-4 years), and long term goals (6-10 years) on how they are impacting and decreasing individual drug uses, school drug use, family violence, individual violence, and school violence. Commissioner Gene Morgan asked where we go from here and what can we expect in the next few months. Amanda replied by saying that the next step is finding a source to test or building a structure to determine impact and to do a survey to make sure that they have the right categories for each agency. The next presentation will be on the final report.

Keith Query asked if this is a snapshot to show what we are doing today or will this continue? Stacey responded by saying that she would like the evaluation to continue beyond this summer to help determine our long term effectiveness. She believe that the report helps to determine which agencies to continue funding and which agencies to drop. For example, AVSI started with 16 agencies but now includes eight agencies, based on evaluation.

#### **New Business:**

Next month will be the recommendations for Grant Match and Treatment proposals.

#### **Announcements:**

The next meeting is planned for February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.