

Drug Commission Meeting
July 11, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm
Downtown Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
Legislative Chambers
Minutes

Present:

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Lanna Ultican
James Witteman, Jr.
Mark S. Bryant
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Melesa Johnson

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young, COMBAT
Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services
Michael Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Tye Grant, KCPD
Deputy Sidney Anderson, JCDC
Audrey Kelly,
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Teesha Miller, PDMP
Brittany Brown, Legislative Aide
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Joan Dickey, COMBAT
Laci Beavers, Communications
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

Keith Querry moved to approve the May minutes, Dr. Kelvin Walls second, motion passed.

Reports from Ex. Officio

Dan Cummings, EJC Drug Task Force, distributed budget sheets. He reported the Task Force uses funds from Midwest HIDTA (\$75,000/two-year) first and then COMBAT's money. A JAG grant funds \$255,000. Dan confirmed that this is the one used for COMBAT Grant Match.

Mark Bryant asked how many cases were filed this year. Dan stated over 100 cases were filed this calendar year to date. Bryant noted only \$20,000 has been spent on the narcotics purchase budget. Cummings said they spend the \$40,000-\$50,000 of HIDTA funds first. Stacey confirmed any unspent money goes back into the anti-drug fund and it's not reallocated.

Mike Mansur from the Prosecutor's Office spoke about the 23rd and Denver kick-off event, which is in one of the five hotspots noted in the Smart Prosecution Grant. KCPD has a Smart Policing project in the same area.

Center for Conflict Resolution, KCPS, and the new KC NoVA have collaborated on KCPS' school based programs in the middle schools, Central and Northeast; and the high schools, Central, Northeast, East, and Southeast. NOVA intelligence, police contact information, and school information will help them identify the kids that are involved in gangs. Parents will be

involved/informed. It will be an in-school session/class. Parents can meet with the facilitator and Center for Conflict Resolution. The purpose of helping them is getting them NoVA eligible.

Jackson County Detention Center – Gang Intelligence

Deputy Sidney Anderson from the Jackson County jail is the gang intelligence officer that COMBAT funds. Detective Audrey Kelly, a Task Force officer assigned to HIDTA, assists him with interviews of the inmates at the jail.

Retreat

Jaime Masters asked the Drug Commissioners for feedback on the COMBAT Retreat, Dr. Mildred Edwards, and about the strategic planning process. Stacey asked the Drug Commissioners if they were going to start working on the committee structure that had been discussed at the meeting before she retires. Jim stated that an organizational committee would be needed to discuss some of the issues. Gene Morgan requested a follow-up meeting with Ms. Edward within the next few weeks or month for half the day.

Old Business:

The update from Marva was tabled.

Whatsoever Community Center

COMBAT funded Whatsoever \$30,000, despite its low score, because of its location. Tammie Jordan reported that the building was in bad condition. In March COMBAT was told that they would fix it. Tammie made a second unscheduled visit and there were fewer staff with no changes. COMBAT has suspended future payments until the required changes are made. COMBAT has requested a meeting with their board chair to discuss improvements in the building and program. An update is to be provided at the next meeting.

Stacey reported that COMBAT is working with Center School District to find an acceptable program/proposal for COMBAT funding. There is \$31,000 left in Grant Match. Commissioner Keith Query motioned to further negotiate with Center School District with and recommend funding of no more than \$30,000 if it meets the standards; Gene Morgan seconded; motion passed.

Trauma Training Groups

Stacey requested trauma training for smaller groups, no larger than 15. A requirement for COMBAT funding is that all agency staffers be trauma informed. It will be 3 training sessions for 45 people at \$3,750 total. Gene motioned to approve \$3,750 for the training sessions and give Stacey approval to recommend it to the Legislator; Mark seconded; motion passed.

Readiness Classes

Judge Fry and Mike Mansur want to continue doing readiness classes on recovery and anger management. The classes have had 450 NoVA probation and parole clients participate and 391 drug court clients participate. It's \$12 per client per session. COMBAT funded them \$8,000 last year and it lasted over a year. She requested another \$8,000 as a contract consulting fee. Commissioner Mark Bryant motioned to fund \$8,000 to DUMAS and Associates; Gene seconded; motion passed.

Commissioner Keith Querry asked about the Fentanyl update. KCPD and Drug Task Force requested placing this update on hold for further study.

Announcements:

Neighborhood Prescription Drug Take Back on July 20th at Christ Triumphant Church at 401 NE Chipman Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. Plans include going to door to door to hang COMBAT material, distributing gun locks, and offering prescription drug disposal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.