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**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Strategic Opportunities Committee Meeting**

October 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
300 West Adams, Suite 200
Large Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois 60606

1. Call to Order

The Strategic Opportunities Committee of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority met on Monday, October 19, 2015, at 300 West Adams, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, Chicago, Illinois. Authority Strategic Opportunities Committee Chair Paula Wolff called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Other Authority members and designees present were:

Public Defender Amy Campanelli
Director Patrick Delfino
Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Lisa Madigan
Sheriff Michael McCoy
Director Michael J. Pelletier
Lanetta Haynes Turner for President Toni Preckwinkle
Authority Chair Hon. Elizabeth Robb
Jennifer Vollen-Katz

Also in attendance were:

John Maki, Authority Executive Director
Randy Kurtz, Authority Deputy Director
Megan Alderden, Authority Research and Analysis Unit Associate Director
Lisa Stephens, Authority General Counsel
Reshma Desai, Authority Special Projects Program Advisor
Jude Lemrow, Authority Federal and State Grants Unit Administrative Assistant
Greg Stevens, Authority Program Supervisor
Ron Reichgelt, Authority Program Supervisor
Shai Hoffman, Authority Program Supervisor
Mary Ann Dyar, Authority Program Supervisor
Linda Taylor, Authority Criminal Justice Specialist
Elizabeth Pike of the National Criminal Justice Association (via teleconference)
Nicole Kramer of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Other Authority staff members and guests.

2. September 16, 2015 Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Hora moved to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) meeting. Sheriff McCoy seconded the motion. SOC Chair Wolff requested that the draft of the Authority's Guiding Principles, included in the meeting materials, be approved and incorporated into the Minutes of the September 16, 2015 SOC meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) National Picture

Elizabeth Pike, of the of the National Criminal Justice Association and participating via teleconference, described the background and current status of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) as implemented throughout the United States. She said that JAG began in 1968 and focused primarily on law enforcement and drug-related issues and that remained the case until fairly recently when Laurie Robinson, serving as the Director of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), began to focus on using research to direct policy. In 2008, JAG funding was cut from approximately \$500 million to approximately \$170 million, effectively spurring a needs-based focus on how these funds should be spent. She said that in the past five or six years, JAG spending has focused on two things:

1. Statewide community-based bottom-up strategic planning to guide JAG and other programs' funding.
2. Evidence-based practices and the replication of good practices with fidelity.

Ms. Pike said that many states have begun to use strategic planning to guide funding toward data-driven practices and away from legacy projects. This shift is not coming as a result of a devaluation of multi-jurisdictional task forces, as that is a focal point of the criminal justice reform community, but rather the process for deciding what to fund has been invigorated. She said nationally that about half of all JAG funding supports law enforcement in one capacity or another. Other popular uses of JAG funding have been to support specialty courts and alternatives to incarceration. Another popular use for JAG has been re-entry and other programming as many states are now working to reduce incarcerated populations and recidivism. Generally, JAG in most states is anchored in law enforcement with the rest of the funds being used to test reform ideas with the goal of transferring those programs to state and/or local funding sources if they prove to be successful.

4. Federal and State Funds

Authority Research and Analysis Director Megan Alderden delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Federal and State Grants by Funding Category, Region, and Source for Fiscal Year 2015*. The presentation examined:

- The Authority's State Fiscal Year 2015 funding by Region.
- 2014 Index Crime Incidents and Drug Arrests by Region.
- A Comparison of 2014 Total Index Crime Incidents and Drug Arrests and FY 2015 Funding by Region.
- FY 2015 by Category and Funding Source.

Director Alderden said that further analysis of specific program funding by category would be forthcoming at the next SOC meeting.

Executive Director Maki said that the goal here was not to simply understand what funds have been spent where, but to also begin to develop a framework for the expenditure of future funds. We must measure success carefully in this context, as sometimes reverse incentives can come into play.

Director Alderden suggested that as strategic plans are developed and goals are developed for individual programs, that the goals be used as a way for researchers to orient the outcome measures.

5. Discussion: Creating an Outcome-Based Funding Plan to Guide the Authority's JAG Grant-Making

Executive Director Maki said that because JAG funding affects everything that the Authority does, plans for JAG funding will in some ways serve as plans for all of the Authority's funding.

Director Alderden delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Improving the Quality of Data Reporting of Funded Programs* that addressed performance measurement issues.

Executive Director Maki said that he wanted to establish March 1, 2016 as the deadline for the delivery of the Authority's JAG funding plan. The plan would establish both the quantity outcomes and join them with qualitative goals while performing assessments of grantees and programs.

Executive Director Maki said that Board members should identify qualitative goals for specific programs and how those programs use JAG funds to complement the Authority's other spending and research.

SOC Chair Paula Wolff said that tasks to be completed and presented at the next SOC meeting were:

1. Refine the information contained in the charts in Federal and State Grants by Funding Category, Region, and Source for Fiscal Year 2015 to provide further analysis of specific program funding by category.
2. Draft a document that captures the essence of the discussion about creating an outcome-based funding plan to guide the Authority's JAG grant-making.
3. Draft a preliminary list of JAG funding priorities.

Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Hora moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Campanelli seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.