

**LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
November 17, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mike Thompson. The Invocation lead by Constable Reginald Brown. Erica Matthews conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives that were present: Chief Judge Joan Armstrong; Patrick Yoes; Major David Staton for Colonel Mike Edmonson; Harry Morel for James Lemoine; Chief Gary Parker for Sheriff Steven Prator; David Walden for Sheriff Larry Deen; Sam Moody for Wayne Jones; Bill Landry; JD Thornton; Mike Thompson for Attorney General Buddy Caldwell; Judge Rudolph McIntyre; Sandy Burget for Sheriff Randy Maxwell; Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Richard Edwards; Royce Toney; Judge Burrell Carter; Barron Burnmaster for Paul D. Connick; Nancy Konrad; Reginald Brown; Harry Morel; Mark Shumate; Lawrence McLeary for Sid Gautreaux; Billy Girord for Austin Daniel; Chad Leger; Mr. Girard Melancon for Dr. Mary Livers; Sheriff Jeff Wiley; Jean Faria; Eugenie Powers for Secretary James LeBlanc and Chris Nevils.

LCLE Staff present includes Mr. Joey Watson, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Mehrtens; Mr. Bob Wertz; Ms. Kathy Guidry; Ms. Erica Matthews; Ms. Charlotte Gautreau; Mr. Rustin Legendre; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Ms. Opal West; Ms. Stefanie Toombs; Ms. Linda Gautier; Ms. Rebekah Taylor; Mr. Scott Murrell; Mr. Tyler Downing.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented (from September 15, 2011). Mr. Bill Landry made a motion for approval. Mike Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Report of the Priorities Committee**

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the priorities committee meeting was held on November 2, 2011 with a quorum present. The minutes from the August 31, 2011 priorities committee meeting were approved and all applications, allocations, increases were also approved. The committee also approved the Sole Source requests along with the waiver requests. The Committee has approved all the recommendations before you today to be funded. This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the Priorities Committee report as presented. Constable Brown made a motion for approval. Chief Leger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Joey Watson reported that the funding coming from The Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) will be cut about 17% and the final decision on this will take place tomorrow.

### **Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board**

Mr. Harry Morel reported that the Victim Services Advisory Board met at the Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2011. A quorum was present.

- **The Board recommends approval for:**  
**28** fiscal year 2011 VAWA Allocations totaling **\$830,854**
  
- **The Board recommends approval for:**  
**2** increases in the amount of **\$23,048** in fiscal year 2009 VOCA funding  
**1** increase in the amount of **\$13,101** in fiscal year 2010 VOCA funding  
**1** increase in the amount of **\$3,259** in fiscal year 2008 VAWA funding
  
- **The Board recommends approval for:**  
**85** VOCA applications totaling **\$3,552,751** with special conditions given to:
  - a. C11-3-005, Family Counseling Agency, Inc., “*Domestic Violence Program*”, \$160,955 (Page 3 on ballot)
  - b. C11-3-006, Family Counseling Agency, Inc., “*Rape Counseling Program*”, \$20,825 (Page 3 on ballot)
  
- **8** VAWA applications totaling **\$224,785**.

The Board also recommends approval for all pre-award costs for the VOCA and VAWA applications presented to you today. The reason for the request is because the federal award dates to LCLE for the 2011 VOCA award was July 20, 2011, and the 2011 VAWA award was September 27, 2011. The 2011 applications could not be presented to the Commission until today.

This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Board Report.

### **Report of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board**

Mr. Harry Morel reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at the LSU Alumni Center, at 2:30P.M. Wednesday, November 16, 2011. A quorum was present.

The Board recommends approval for

- **WAIVER** of the six (6) month pre-award cost limitation as it relates to FY2011 applications awaiting final Federal approval
- **Seven (7) WAIVERS** of the 48-month limitation
- **Two (2) SOLE SOURCE** procurement requests
- **One (1) funding INCREASE of \$31,261**
- **Fifty-one (51) APPLICATIONS totaling \$1,377,342**
- **Twenty three (23) CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS totaling \$959,836**
- **One (1) HTOK budget adjustment**

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the reports as presented. Sheriff Shumate made a motion for approval. Constable Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board**

Mr. Bill Landry reported that the JJDP Advisory Board met at the LSU Alumni Center, at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 16, 2011. A quorum was present. The Board recommends approval on the following: 2 fiscal year 2009 Title II (JJDP) Allocations totaling \$69,423, 2 fiscal year 2010 Title II (JJDP) Allocations totaling \$78,669, 1 increase in the amount of \$2,854 in fiscal year 2009 Title II funding, 9 Title II (JJDP) Applications totaling \$251,000 with the special conditions given to the sub-grantees.

This concludes the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Sam Moody made a motion to approve. Ricky Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Call for Other Old Business**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked if there was any other old business to discuss.

There was no other old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley called for a presentation of the District grant applications.

Sheriff Mancuso made a motion for approval of all grants in globo. Sam Moody seconded the motion. Without objection the motion passed.

Robert Mehrtens reported that under the state level applications we have a total of 31 sub-grant applications totaling \$1,772,112. This grant is from the Judicial District Attorney's Office, Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana Department of Justice, Parish Consolidated Government, and we ask for a motion for approval of all in globo.

Sheriff Mancuso made a motion for approval of all grants in globo. Sam Moody seconded the motion. Without objection the motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Sheriff Jeff Wiley presented Chief Judge Joan Armstrong with a plaque for her 34 years of service on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement Board and the Governor's Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Board. She also serves on the Priorities Committee for the Commission on Law Enforcement. Chief Judge Joan Armstrong is the first African American woman to be elected, without opposition, as a Louisiana Judge serving on the Court of Appeals. She has served on the Court of Appeals for 27 years.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley reported that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement would vote at the February 2012 meeting to amend its sub-grant threshold requirement for attendance at Advisory Board and Commission Meetings. If staff recommendations are accepted the Commission will vote to eliminate the \$20,000 threshold whereby a representative of an agency submitting a continuation sub-grant application is required to be in attendance at the meeting of the respective program advisory board that is usually held the day before the Commission meeting. Agency representatives for all continuation sub-grant applications must attend the Advisory Board Meetings who will no longer be required to attend the Commission Meeting during which their sub-grant will be voted on. This change in policy only affects sub-grants involving the continuation of an existing sub-grant program. Agency representatives on a continuation application will be encouraged to attend the Commission Meeting if questions about the application should arise at the Board Meeting. If there are concerns noted on that Wednesday then it will be in the best interest of the Commission and the sub-grantee to report to the Commission Meeting the following day. Such attendance will no longer be required and would be on a voluntary basis by the sub-grantee agency. Our goal here is to make sure that we maximize the credibility and the accountability of our grants.

Robert Mehrtens reported that the new policy that will be proposed for the continuation grants will also apply to increases. If the application is going to be increased then the agency representative must be at the Advisory Board meeting. Also, if it is a continuation grant or increase the agency will have to be in good standing in order to comply by the new policy. All goals and objectives should be met and all progress reports must be current. For all new programs and purposes all agency representatives are required to attend both the Advisory Board and Commission meeting regardless of the amount of the application.

#### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Stefanie Toombs reported that we have 2 requests for sub-grant adjustments that were reviewed and approved at the Priorities Committee meeting. The first one is for the Village of Florien, B82-8-032, and next grant is for the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, B82-8-001 for standard budget change request. We have request for new funding, grant number B82-8-139 for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office for Violent Crime in the amount of \$100,000. The next request for new funding, grant number B82-8-140 for the Louisiana Department of Justice for Substance Abuse After School Intervention Program in the amount of \$30,000.

This concludes the report for ARRA.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Chad Leger made a motion for approval. Sheriff Mancuso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Hurricane Tier 1 Katrina (HTOK)

Mr. Robert Mehrtens reported that we have 1 budget adjustment request for the Northwestern State University/Gulf States and they have committed to spending the funding that was allocated to them. In order to do so we would like to add to this budget request an extension request for the grant till December 31, 2011. We also ask the Commission to give advance approval to the staff of the Commission to allow us to adjust the budget categories as needed to allow the sub-grantee to accomplish the task. At the end of this December we will have expended all of the money that the Federal Government sent to the State of Louisiana to recover from the devastation of the 2 storms. Today we have the \$21,000 budget adjustment with reduction in personnel fringe and other direct category and corresponding increases to contractual services and travel supplies. We would like to add to that with the approval of the Commission an extension to December 31, 2011 and also to allow the staff to adjust those categories as needed in order to accomplish tasks of not sending any money back.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the report as presented. Bill Landry made a motion for approval. Sam Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no other business to discuss Sheriff Wiley announced that the next Commission Meeting will be on March 1, 2012 with Advisory Board Meetings on February 29, 2012 location to be determined.

Future Commission on Law Enforcement meetings are scheduled for the following dates: March 1, 2012, May 24, 2012 (Medal of Honor Ceremony), September 13, 2012 and November 15, 2012.

Sheriff Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reginald Brown made a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Mancuso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned**