

**LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMISSION MEETING
March 1, 2012**

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 Mr. Joey Watson. The Invocation lead by Sheriff Larry Deen. Erica Matthews conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

Commission members or their representatives that were present: Ms. Valeka Eskinde for Chief Judge Charles Jones; Mr. Frank Besson; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Ms. Cynthia Austin for Mr. Paul Connick, Jr.; Sheriff Austin Daniel; Mr. Doyle Dempsey for Sheriff Larry Deen; Mr. Reginald Brown; Lt. David McClendon for Colonel Mike Edmonson; Sheriff Rickey Edwards; Mr. Roger Harris for Ms. Jean Faria; Mr. Glenn Brasseaux; Mr. Paul Venable for Sheriff Sid Gautreaux; Chief Hunter Grimes; Sheriff Wayne Jones; Mr. David Kent; Mr. Ronald Lampard for Judge Nancy Konrad; Mr. Bill Landry; Ms. Genie Powers for Mr. Jimmy LeBlanc; Chief Chad Leger; Mr. James Lemoine; Dr. Melancon for Dr. Livers; Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Mr. Vernon Stevens for Sheriff Randy Maxwell; Judge Rudolph McIntyre; Mr. Harry Morel; Sheriff Logan Coulin for Sheriff Newell Normand; Mr. Kenny Sanders for Sheriff Stephen Prator; Chief Administrator John Thornton, and Sheriff Jeff Wiley.

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. Opal West; Ms. Stefanie Toombs; Ms. Linda Gautier; Ms. Rebekah Taylor; Mr. Scott Murrell; Mr. Tyler Downing, Ms. Kim Lax.

Consideration of Minutes

Sheriff Jeff Wiley asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented (from November 17, 2011). Chief Grimes made a motion for approval. Ms. Genie Powers 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 February 8, 2012 with a quorum present. The minutes from the November 2, 2012 priorities committee meeting were approved and all applications, allocations, increases were also approved. The committee also approved the adjustment requests, waiver requests, and all other funding recommendations presented to you today. Also considered and approved by

the committee is the staff's recommendation for the formula for distribution of funds to the respective planning districts.

Chief Grimes made a motion for approval. Mr. Bill Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

The Victim Services Advisory Board met at the Marriott Baton Rouge Hotel in Baton Rouge at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012. A quorum was present.

The Board recommends the following:

1. On page 6 of your ballot, the Board tabled the following 3 applications:
 - a. M11-8-015, Providence House, Domestic Violence Program, \$15,231
 - b. M11-8-025, Family Counseling Agency, Inc., Sexual Assault Program, \$18,693
 - c. M11-8-031, Providence House, Sexual Assault Program, \$14,134
2. Approval for 18 VOCA Applications totaling \$854,896 and
3. 38 VAWA Applications totaling \$866,574 with the special condition on those applications that must meet staff's review and approval.

The Board also recommends approval of the creation of the new 501c3 for the New Orleans Family Justice Center. The request is to approve the issuance of a new contract for the remaining funds of the grant funds from D71-8-001 secured from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, in the July 2007 in the original amount of \$2,649,756. This request is being made in compliance with the Funding and Sustainability Plan completed in December, 2010 with paid technical assistance provided by the National Family Justice Center Alliance funded through the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. This new governance structure has been established as the New Orleans Family Justice Alliance, Inc., effective September 20, 2011. A not-for-profit board of directors has been established, made up of participating entities and community supporters, with Tania Tetlow serving as its first president. At the first board meeting held on September 20, 2011, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, election of board members, and the IRS application for tax exempt status was approved by the board of directors. Additionally, Mary Claire Landry was hired as the Executive Director of the new agency and was given authority through a board resolution to execute contracts on its behalf. This creation of the new governance structure was completed with complete approval and oversight by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, the original grantor contracted by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

This concludes the Victim Services Advisory Board Report.

Sheriff Edwards made a motion for approval. Chief Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Report of the Drug Control & Violent Crime Policy Board

The Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at the Marriott Baton Rouge at 5500 Hilton Avenue, at 2:30P.M. Wednesday, February 29, 2012. A quorum was present.

The Board recommends approval of the following:

- Five (5) Waivers of the six (6) month pre-award cost limitation
- One (1) FY-2009 State-Level Allocation
- Six (6) FY-2011 State-Level Allocations
- Three (3) Funding Increases totaling \$40,579
- Five (5) Applications totaling \$158,825
- Four (3) Confidential Applications totaling \$151,539
- One (1) Tabled Application (\$21,360)

On page 7 of the ballot B11-2-004, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office application was tabled then approved later in the meeting.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report

Mr. Doyle Dempsey made a motion for approval. Mr. Paul Dempsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board

The JJDP Advisory Board met at the Marriott Baton Rouge Hotel in Baton Rouge at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012. A quorum was present.

The Board has approved to review and recommend funding activities on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program. Previously, only the Commission considered JABG funding activities. This will allow the JJDP Advisory Board to review and make recommendations all juvenile funding the State receives.

The Board recommends approval on the following:

1. On page 5 of your ballot, please cross out application A10-8-031, Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice, Reentry, in the amount of \$80,000. This application was not considered and will be considered at the May meeting.
2. 1 increase in the amount of \$14,058 in fiscal year 2009 JABG funding
3. 3 JABG application totaling \$77,312, 2 Title II (JJDP) applications totaling \$31,002 with the special conditions given to the applicants.

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

Mr. Doyle Dempsey made a motion for approval. Chief Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DARE Advisory Board

Mr. Robert Wertz reported that the DARE Advisory Board met yesterday with a quorum present. There were 2 items on the agenda. The first item was the proposed increase for the DARE Training Center, and the other was for a former police officer concerning de-certification.

There is one correction on the increase chart of the ballot on page 1 grant number E12-8-001. The existing federal amount is \$196,936, the federal increase requested is \$42,040 and the revised federal award is \$238,976.

This concludes the DARE Advisory Board report.

Sheriff Edwards made a motion for approval. Mr. Bill Landry 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. Chief Chad Leger seconded the motion. Without objection the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Stefanie Toombs reported that we have 2 requests for sub-grant adjustments for ARRA. 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office – B82-8-136 a standard budget adjustment request, LA District Attorney's Association – B82-8-125 a standard budget adjustment request, and LA Sheriff's Association – B82-8-128 for an increase of \$21,308 for a purchase of a vehicle. All of the adjustments and increases have been reviewed and approved by the Priorities Committee.

This concludes the report for ARRA.

Chief Grimes made a motion for approval. Sheriff Mancuso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Joey Watson reported that discussion on the districts directors attending the Commission Meetings after all business has been taken care of at the Advisory Board meetings the day before. We would like to make a motion to accept to amend the current policy concerning district directors and applications and increases. If a sub-grantee has a grant that is \$10,000 representation must be present at the Advisory Board Meeting and the Commission Meeting. With a new application there must also be representation at both meetings. A continuation application of \$20,000 or more there must be representation at the Advisory Board Meeting and the Commission Meeting. Grants that are less than these amounts the sub-grantee is required only to attend the Advisory Board Meeting unless there are questions or concerns about the grant.

Chief Grimes made a motion to amend the agenda to address this issue. Sheriff Edwards made a motion to approve. Sheriff Cazes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sheriff Wiley acknowledge the president of the LA Sheriff's Association and the 22 recently elected sheriffs for the state of Louisiana.

Hurricane Tier 1 Katrina (HTOK)

Mr. Robert Mehrstens reported that we received 2 separate grants totaling \$83 million dollars. We were able to distribute and spend all but \$11,000.

With no other business to discuss Sheriff Wiley announced that the next Commission Meeting will be on May 24, 2012 with Advisory Board Meetings on May 23, 2012 location to be determined. The Medal of Honor Ceremony has been moved to the month of September. Reminder for the Commission Members to complete financial disclosure forms.

Sheriff Wiley asked for a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Mancuso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned