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

September 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.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 Wednesday, September 16, 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 9:30 a.m.

Other Authority members and designees present were:

Daynia Sanchez-Bass for Public Defender Amy Campanelli

Director Patrick Delfino

Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Lisa Madigan

Steven Caluris for Superintendent Garry McCarthy

Director Michael J. Pelletier

Lanetta Haynes Turner for President Toni Preckwinkle

Authority Chair Hon. Elizabeth Robb

Director Nirav Shah (via teleconference)

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

Bob Boehmer, of the University of Illinois at Chicago

Jesse Tapia, Authority Accounting Manager

Ieva Massengill, Authority Staff Accountant

Lester Finkle, Chief of Staff for the Cook County Public Defender's Office

Andrew Jatiko, Chief Financial Officer for the Cook County Public Defender's Office

Mary Ann Dyar, Authority Program Supervisor of Adult Redeploy Illinois

Other Authority staff members and guests.

2. August 27, 2015 Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Hora moved approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Strategic Opportunities Committee meeting. Director Delfino seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review of Documents Presented and Discussed at the August 27, 2015 Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) Meeting

Authority Resolution #2 (2001) – Grant Making Principles (Revised 2015)

The SOC accepted the 2015 revisions of the Authority Resolution #2 (2001) – Grant Making Principles by consensus.

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Principles

Ms. Turner suggested the recasting these two Principles as follows:

1. *Strengthen Communities* – The criminal justice system should collaborate with communities to strengthen their informal capacities to prevent crime and violence.
2. *Efficient* – The criminal justice system should maximize limited resources to achieve its intended outcomes by investing in strategies shown to work.

SOC Chair Wolff said that once the language is finalized, the Principles would be presented to the Authority Board. As the SOC and the Board work toward a strategic plan, they should routinely refer to these principles for guidance.

4. Federal and State Funds Presentation

Deputy Director Kurtz delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Federal and State Grants Inflows/Sources and Outflows/Grants Made* for state fiscal years 2011 – 2015.

Associate Director Alderden said that with further guidance, staff could drill down further into the data and provide a more detailed analysis of where the Authority's grant funds are actually going. Members suggested a number of additional analyses that they would find helpful. Deputy Director Kurtz stated that he will work with staff to provide some of these additional analyses at the next meeting.

Ms. Desai called attention to a handout describing the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) (including JAG's seven Priority Areas, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) federal programs.

Director Maki said that the federal programs have a certain structure to them that allows for a degree of reliability and predictability. The introduction of state funds definitely changed the Authority's operations, especially because state funds rely on year-to-year appropriation. There is still an on-going culture shift among the Authority's long-time staff in reaction to the introduction of state funds to the Authority. Staff is still trying to work out best processes for managing state funds.

Committee Chair Wolff said that it would be interesting to see how the Authority's spending compares to that of similar agencies throughout the country and whether anybody is doing anything significantly different from what the Authority is doing. It would also be interesting to see a funding allocation history relative to substantive priorities.

Director Maki said that we need to know what we're doing to address the needs of the state, but also what we're getting out of that.

Director Delfino suggested developing a grid to track needs, goals, and priorities.

5. Proposed Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Grant Making Process

Director Maki delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation with an associated handout describing recommended processes for the distribution of JAG funds in keeping with the overall grant-making principles and goals. He called attention to the following Goals and Objectives:

- Objective 1: Comply with federal requirements.
- Objective 2: The Authority's Research and Analysis Unit should have a role in designing all JAG grant inputs and outputs.
- Objective 3a: Maintain State Impact Grants (grants benefitting the state as a whole, but cannot be funded without the Authority's support).
- Objective 3b: Majority of JAG funds should support grants in response to needs-based analysis via request-for-proposals processes.
- Objective 3c: Issue JAG grants for programs for up to 48 months with a sliding matching funds requirement (0%, 25%, 50%, 75% for years one through four), which has proven to be a best practice for capacity-building.
- Objective 4a: Develop clear criteria for State Impact Grants to keep them aligned with the Authority's Guiding Principles and the Authority's Grant-Making Principles so as to deliver clearly measurable state-wide impact that cannot otherwise be supported.
- Objective 4b: State Impact Grants should be exempt from the 48-month timeframe, but should have a 25% matching funds requirement.

Objective 5: Provide oversight of grants to monitor outcomes to determine whether or not the funds that the Authority expends produces desired outcomes.

Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Hora moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vollen-Katz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.