

## **Violent Crime Coordinating Council (VCCC) 10/14/15 Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** David Voigt; John Gross; David Hermerding; Rob Thomasser (for Thomas Smith); Mike Goldstein; Andy Bohlen; Pete Dietzman (for Rich Stanek); Brian Mueller; Jared Rosati; Cari Gerlicher; Melvin Carter; Hector Garcia and Drew Evans.

**DPS Staff:** Raeone Magnuson, Brian Marquart and Kristin Lail.

**Guests:** Don Rothstein, DOC; Derrick Naumann, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Ken Washington, Leech Lake Band; John Wisniewski, MN National Guard; and Dave Pinto, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

### **Meeting materials:**

- VCCC 10/14/15 meeting agenda
- 8/12/15 draft meeting minutes
- 10/14/15 Statewide Commander Report
- VCCC Committee Structure
- 2015 & 2016 VCCC Meeting Dates
- Community Roundtable Training Materials
- Ramsey County Community Forum
- Great Nations Gang & Drug Task Force Presentation

**Location:** Minnesota Correctional Facility – Stillwater, Young Conference Center.

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was convened at 9:10 a.m. by Vice Chair Scott Mueller noting that there would be a brief business meeting followed by the annual retreat training.

***M/S/P (Rosati/Thomasser) to approve meeting minutes from 8/12/15.***

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### **Data Committee**

Drew Evans reported that about 300 subjects in the gang pointer file, including 25 new submissions. About 100 identified gang members were purged from gang pointer the in the last year through the audit process. New gang criteria submissions continue to trickle in—many from St. Paul. The Minnesota Fusion Center will continue to enter gang data submissions and forward those meeting three or more criteria to the gang pointer file. BCA will reassess staffing levels in the Fusion Center in 2016 and determine whether additional resources are needed for gang data analysis. He also noted that they continue to track the work of the legislative committee on data practices which addresses many issues other than law enforcement. Police body cameras will likely be topic of discussion in future meetings.

#### **Professional Standards Subcommittee**

Cari Gerlicher noted that there was no report from the Professional Standards Committee, but they would be reviewing the final site visit reports before the end of the year.

#### **Community Engagement Subcommittee**

There was no report from the subcommittee other than an update of ongoing roundtable meetings in North St. Paul. Hector Garcia provided training on how to plan, facilitate and maintain community roundtables later in the retreat.

## **Governance Subcommittee**

Mike Goldstein noted that the Governance Committee had not met since the retirement of former chair Ken Reed. VCCC Vice Chair Brian Mueller agreed to convene a meeting to discuss marijuana enforcement issues, sentencing guidelines and other relevant topics. All VCCC members will be welcome to attend.

## **Statewide Gang and Drug Commander Update**

Brian Marquart reported continued work on VCET site visits as well as several gang & drug presentations to various audiences upon request. The fall Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators (MSANI) conference had about 50 participants with speakers on the Drug Endangered Children and state Prescription Monitoring Program that had previously presented to the VCCC. There was also a presentation from the Security Director of Minnesota Medical Solutions who fielded questions about the possible illegal diversion of medical marijuana. He noted that Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) held an information session for law enforcement on medical marijuana that was well attended and the Minnesota Department of Health was holding public forums across the state for community input on the expansion to intractable pain. Marquart also noted increasing reports of butane hash oil seizures and charging concerns. He cited increases in overdoses of heroin and fentanyl and reported that methamphetamine continues to be the most prevalent and significant drug problem across the state with multiple seizures exceeding 50 pounds.

## **Grant Administration Update**

Kristin Lail reported that all current 2015 grants will be extended through 2016. A year-end report on VCET data and program income will be available in early 2016. The VCCC will continue meeting every other month on the second Wednesday, with the Executive Committee convening via conference call in off months to set the agenda.

The VCCC business meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. followed by annual retreat presentations on community roundtables, Great Nations Gang & Drug Task Force, and sex trafficking investigations. The next regular VCCC meeting will be held on December 9, 2015 at the Department of Corrections.