

## **Violent Crime Coordinating Council (VCCC) 6/10/2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** David Voigt; John Gross; Richard Dusterhoft; David Hermerding; Rob Thomasser (for Thomas Smith); Jack Serier (for Matt Bostrom); Mike Goldstein; Andy Bohlen; Pete Dietzman (for Rich Stanek); Cari Gerlicher; Eric Knutson; Dolkar Tenzin (for Sia Her) and Hector Garcia.

**Members absent:** Andy Luger; John Gross; Janee Harteau; Brent Lindgren; Brian Mueller; Jared Rosati; Steven Day and Melvin Carter.

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

**Guests:** Scott Wasserman and Kate Weeks, DPS; Ben Campbell, BCA; Rick Moldenhauer, DHS; Eric Nation, Cuck Noerenberg and Taylor Nation, National Drug Endangered Children (DEC)

### **Meeting materials:**

- VCCC 6/10/15 meeting agenda
- 4/8/15 draft meeting minutes
- 6/10/15 Statewide Commander Report
- VCCC 2015 Committee Structure & Membership List
- 5/28/15 NSP Roundtable Minutes
- 2015 DHS Fast Facts: Opioids
- 2015 VCCC Meeting Schedule

**Location:** Minnesota Department of Corrections, Pung Conference Room.

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Mike Goldstein who noted that a quorum was not present; so the vote on previous meeting minutes and agenda were tabled until additional members arrived.

**2015 Legislative Update:** DPS Director of Legislative Affairs Kate Weeks provided a summary of relevant legislation passed in the 2015 session, including Automated Property System (APS) for scrap metal dealers, Blue Alert, License Plate Readers, Sex Trafficking and Terrorism. She also reviewed several law enforcement topics that were discussed but that did not move forward this session, such as law enforcement body cameras, drones, forfeiture and officer Involved shooting Investigations. Goldstein voiced concerns about forfeiture restrictions and the impact on VCET operations. Brian Marquart summarized a recent Department of Justice Policy change on federal forfeitures which will limit federal law enforcement partners such as DEA, FBI and ATF.

***M/S/P (Gerlicher/Hermerding) to approve meeting minutes from 4/8/15.***

***M/S/P (Voigt/Hermerding) to approve the 6/10/15 agenda.***

### **Standing Committee Updates**

**Data Committee:** Eric Knutson noted that there had been 20 gangs and 73 individuals entered into the BCA Fusion Center gang system... Gang Analyst Ben Campbell noted that these submissions were primarily from five law enforcement agencies: St. Paul, Burnsville, CEE-VI, Paul Bunyan, and the DOC. Duluth is also expected to start making submissions. Minneapolis has started a new gang unit but has not made any submissions. Cari Gerlicher noted that legal counsel may be hesitant to submit data to a

public system and suggested training through the county attorney's association. Kristin Lail noted that the BCA grant for the Gang Analyst ended in May and thanked BCA for their continued support of the project.

**Professional Standards Committee:** Cari Gerlicher reported that committee members met briefly before the VCCC meeting to review six VCET site visit reports from the Statewide Gang & Drug Coordinator. She noted some recommendations to improve recordkeeping systems, FTO programs, CI file review and cash deposits.

***M/S/P (Goldstein/Thomasser) to accept VCET site visit reports from the Statewide Commander for East Central, Buffalo Ridge, Anoka-Hennepin, Minnesota River Valley, Northwest Metro and South Central Minnesota.***

Kristin Lail noted that site visits will continue through the summer and some may have follow-up meetings prior to the grant renewal process for 2016.

Mike Goldstein also followed-up on the brief discussion on two Internal Affairs cases at the previous VCCC meeting and a request for additional information. The executive committee recommends that any internal affairs investigation involving VCET staff be reported to the Statewide Gang and Drug Coordinator and shared with the Professional Standards committee. If the case did not involve violation of the VCET guidelines manual, it is handled locally and only public data can be shared once the investigation is complete.

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

Brian Marquart provided a summary of VCET training and technical assistance activities for the past two months including attending a signing ceremony for the new Coordinated Tribal Task Force, hosting the annual Can-Am drug conference with more than 250 attendees, conducting 10 VCET site visits, attending two VCET advisory board meetings and several trainings.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### **National Drug Endangered Children (DEC)**

President Chuck Noerenberg provided an overview of the National DEC program mission and goals, including multidisciplinary training and services. DEC trainer Eric Nation explained the role of law enforcement in the formation of community-based partnerships addressing the needs of children in dangerous drug environments. Additional information can be found on their website:

<http://www.nationaldec.org>

**Community Engagement Subcommittee:** Cari Gerlicher attended a youth summit in Maplewood which provided an opportunity for dialog between youth and law enforcement. Another example of community engagement is the monthly law enforcement shifts scheduled at the Mexican Consulate to listen and problem solve. Hector Garcia reported on the latest meeting of the North St. Paul/Maplewood roundtable; minutes and list of participants were included in VCCC meeting packets.

Mike Goldstein noted that the VCCC could recommend or spearhead these meetings in VCET areas but local law enforcement and community leaders can continue as necessary. Kristin Lail suggested that some of the resources identified for the NSP roundtable, such as the National Guard, Department of Justice Community Relations Service, and Mexican Consulate could be shared with other law enforcement leaders and community organizations. Garcia noted that patience and follow-through

helps build trust and relationships. Goldstein requested a model to provide training on community engagement, not only for VCET Commanders, but also the Police Chiefs and Sheriff's serving on VCET advisory boards. Rob Thomasser agreed that the role of the VCET in the roundtable was not clear. The committee will meet and provide a training recommendation the next VCCC meeting.

**The VCCC meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Corrections. We will plan on a shorter meeting with no outside speakers or lunch. An ITV option may be possible. We will also begin planning for a 1-day annual retreat on October 14<sup>th</sup> at a metro location. Recommendations of speakers and topics are requested.