



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Violent Crime Coordinating Council

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MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/3/11 MEETING OF THE VIOLENT CRIME COORDINATING COUNCIL (VCCC) St. Cloud Best Western

Council members in attendance: John Gross (for David Voigt, Deputy Attorney General); Cari Gerlicher, DOC Office of Special Investigations; Wade Setter, BCA; Sheriffs Representatives: Bill Hutton, Matt Bostrom, Rodney Bartsh, and Pete Dietzman (for Rich Stanek); Chiefs of Police Representatives: Michael Goldstein, Janee Harteau (for Tim Dolan), Gordon Ramsey and Ken Reed; County Attorney Representative: Hilary Caligiuri; Citizen Representatives: Manuel Guerrero, and Melvin Carter.

Guests: John Kirkwood (RCSO) and Dan Moren (DEA)

Office of Justice Program staff: Bob Bushman- Statewide Coordinator, Sue Perkins - State Program Administrator. **Legal Counsel:** John Gross, Attorney General's Office

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting being called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chair Ken Reed.

Meeting materials included: agenda, 8/10/11 and 9/22/11 meeting minutes, and list of 2011 task force grant applications (confidential)

Action on meeting minutes: motion and second to approve with no changes. Motion passed.

Action on 11/3/11 agenda: motion and second to approve with no changes. Motion passed.

Sue Perkins passed out a list of applicants for 2012 task force grants and described the review process and timeline for approval. Council members discussed how the role of the council was changed to eliminate their duty to recommend grants to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Sue Perkins reported that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) will begin conducting task force audits this Fall in accordance with 299A.642 Subd. 4(2). The plan is that half of the task forces will be reviewed in SFY 12 and the remainder the next fiscal year. The audits will be done at state expense and it is hoped that there will be sufficient funds in the council budget so that grant funds do not have to be utilized.

Statewide Coordinator Bob Bushman reported on the process utilized this year for task force report cards and highlighted common findings. Bob also reported on recently completed TOP GUN training that was very well received and upcoming training that will be available for task force commanders and personnel.

Chair Reed discussed subcommittee assignments. He has asked Vice-Chair Ramsay to take on the responsibility for chairing the Governance Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to name Gordon Ramsay as the chair of the Governance committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE - Ken Reed reported that the work of the Governance Committee of late was in working with OJP staff and the strategic planning facilitator in planning the retreat.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - Cari Gerlicher and Hilary Caligiuri reported on the work of the Professional Standards Committee in updating the Guidelines Manual used by all task forces. The majority of the changes were in the forfeiture and impartial policing topics. The manual including the recommended changes will be sent to council members prior to the December meeting. Members are encouraged to contact Cari or Hilary to share any concerns or suggestions related to the recommended changes or the unchanged portions of the manual that may be in need of further work. The amended manual will then be submitted for approval at the December meeting.

DATA AND INFORMATION - Mike Goldstein reported on the work of the Data and Information Committee. Work of late has involved planning additional community forums to obtain input related to the establishment of gang criteria. The community forums will include a brief overview of the history of the current gang criteria and will invite community members to comment. Chief Dolan will make opening remarks at the Minneapolis meeting and AC Reed and Sheriff Bostrom will do the same at the St. Paul meeting. The dates and locations of the community meetings were discussed and Chief Goldstein encouraged members to attend if able; but explained that the Data and Information Committee members would be in attendance. He noted that United Tribes of Little Earth are co-sponsoring the Minneapolis meeting and that Melvin Carter has been asked to invite the NAACP to co-sponsor the St. Paul event. He further explained that Professor Levy-Pounds had been consulted on the forum dates and protocols and had agreed to have students available to record the suggestions of community members.

Mike Goldstein reported that after the forums, the committee will work on a proposal for criteria to be adopted and that the draft will be reviewed by the full council and then posted for written public comment. After comments are analyzed, a final proposal will be voted on by the council and then will be submitted to the Commissioner of Public Safety. It is still hoped that the recommendation to the commissioner can be made in January 2012.

Wade Setter reported on the recent purge of the Gang Pointer file. He reported that there were not a large number of names purged as anticipated, as quite a few of the individuals reviewed did not have their names purged due to new qualifying criminal activity. He will ask his staff for additional information on the composition of the individuals still in the Pointer File to determine if the information would be useful in establishing new criteria.

NEW BUSINESS - It was determined that the next meeting of the council would be on December 14, 2011 with the exact time and location yet to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sue Perkins