

## **Violent Crime Coordinating Council (VCCC) 12/10/2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Tracy Perzel (for Andy Luger); David Voigt; John Gross; Kris Arneson; Mike Goldstein; Andy Bohlen; Kip Carver; Matt Bostrom; Jim Jensen; Brian Mueller; Jared Rosati; Don Rothstein (for Cari Gerlicher); Drew Evans; Melvin Carter; and Hector Garcia.

**Members absent:** Richard Dusterhoft; David Hermerding; Ken Reed (for Thomas Smith); MIAC representative; and CAPM representative.

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

**Guests:** Pete Dietzman; Todd Guerrero; Rick Moldenhauer; Dr. Jeff Schiff; Tara Holt; and Kate Nichols.

### **Meeting materials:**

- VCCC 12/10/14 agenda
- 10/8/14 draft meeting minutes
- 2014 VCCC membership list
- 12/10/14 Statewide Commander Report
- Department of Justice press release on Federal law enforcement profiling policies
- 10/21/14 letter to Commissioner Dohman on funding request
- Draft 2016-17 Legislative Funding Proposal
- Proposed changes to the Multijurisdictional Task Force Guidelines Manual
- 2015 VCET Map
- 2015 VCET Grant Awards
- 2015 VCCC Committee Structure
- 2015 VCCC Meeting Schedule

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

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was convened at 10:03 by Chair Jim Jensen. Faribault Police Chief Andy Bohlen was welcomed as the greater Minnesota representative from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association. Mille Lacs Tribal Police Chief Jared Rosati observed the meeting on behalf of the Tribal Police Chiefs. They will also be making a recommendation for an Indian community member for the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. Sia Her, Executive Director for the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, plans to attend future meetings.

***M/S/P (Goldstein/Carter) to approve meeting minutes from 10/6/14.***

***M/S/P (Carter/Carver) to approve the 12/10/14 agenda,*** The Chair noted that Melvin Carter provided a copy of a letter for additional discussion during the Community Engagement subcommittee report.

### **National Governor's Association Prescription Drug Abuse Policy Group**

Dr. Jeff Schiff provided an overview of the multi-agency team that attended a national training on reducing prescription drug abuse. The team developed a preliminary plan addressing messaging, engaging external stakeholders, and use of data. Their mission is to reduce the impact of opioid dependence among Minnesotans while appropriately managing pain. He provided examples of the PMP reporting criteria, DHS recommendations for chronic pain, MDH home nurse visiting programs and primary prevention messaging. He noted that the Department of Public Safety is a partner in the Policy

Group, which welcomes input from law enforcement and prosecutors. There was further discussion about the new Narcan legislation and the restricted recipient program to identify drug-seeking behavior. Kristin Lail noted that information on the Arizona state prescription drug program had previously been shared with the VCCC and representatives from the state Board of Pharmacy were invited to present at the next meeting.

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

Brian Marquart presented a summary of new 2014 data reporting for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET) grants. With three quarters of data reports and projections through the end of the year, he pointed out increases in methamphetamine, heroin and prescription drugs. While there was a huge spike in synthetic drug seizures in 2013, there was less in 2014. They are on track to seize more than 700 guns and 20 meth labs. In addition to seizures, 2014 reports include the degree of felony drug cases and the violent crime designation of non-drug cases. They are also tracking the number of children removed from a home where a drug arrest occurred and the number of 5<sup>th</sup> degree marijuana cases involving a firearm. Full year data will be available at the February meeting. In addition, Marquart provided a summary of VCET training and technical assistance activities for the past two months.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

**Community Engagement Subcommittee:** Hector Garcia reported that they would be meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss Melvin Carter's letter and to make plans for a second roundtable in St. Paul. The U.S. Attorney's Office is planning a pilot program in the Somali community for homeland security and can provide additional information at a future meeting.

**Data Committee:** Drew Evans reported that while the gang analyst has been proactive in meeting with VCETs, very little gang data has been submitted for the new system. There were about 400 files remaining in the gang pointer after the annual audit. Brian Marquart and Ben Campbell will be presenting at the Midwest Gang Investigator annual conference in February, which will be focused on prosecution. Members noted law enforcement concerns with the system comprised of public data and also that there have been successful prosecutions with other methods to establish gang membership. Kristin Lail clarified that the statute required the VCCC to establish gang criteria, but did not specify any implementation mandates. OJP will review the gang analyst position in the spring for possible renewal. In the meantime, training and outreach will continue.

**Governance Committee:** Brian Marquart reported that the motion passed at the VCCC retreat in October regarding VCET funding was forwarded to the DPS commissioner by Chair Jensen. The Commissioner requested a more detailed funding proposal which was provided to VCCC members for review and comment. Office of Justice Programs Executive Director Raeone Magnuson noted that the funding request was not included in the DPS budget package but that it could be brought up in the legislative session. VCCC members should provide feedback to chair Reed.

**Professional Standards Committee:** Drew Evans reviewed the recommended changes in the personnel section 2-01.1 of the Guidelines Manual regarding the ethical behavior of commanders and investigators. After some discussion, it was agreed that the following sentence would be added: *No commander or investigator shall be assigned if s/he has been the subject of administrative court findings of prior acts, or acts during tenure bearing on truthfulness, credibility and the conducting of investigations.*

***M/S/P (Bostrom/Goldstein) Motion to amend the personnel section of the Multijurisdictional Task Force Guidelines Manual. The motion passed.***

Prior to breaking for lunch, Raeone Magnuson presented Chair Jim Jenson a commendation from the Commissioner Department of Public Safety thanking him for his service and leadership of the VCCC.

**Lunch Break**

**United States Postal Service**

Kate Nichols provided an overview of the primary functions of the U.S. Postal Service Investigations Unit and highlighted areas where they work with local law enforcement, including narcotics and employee safety.

**Grant Administration Update**

Grant administrator Kristin Lail referred to the handout of 2015 VCET grant award amounts and updated County map. All grants are in process and should be executed by the first of the year. VCET certification form and Joint Powers Agreement are submitted by each grantee. A federal planning grant for a coordinated tribal task force is in development with Mille Lacs, Leech Lake, Upper Sioux and Lower Sioux police departments. An update on this project will be presented to the VCCC in the spring of 2015.

**VCCC Elections**

VCCC General Counsel reviewed the VCCC statute and bylaws regarding elections for leadership positions. At the February meeting the council will elect a chair from the 7-county metro area and a vice chair from its membership, including law enforcement, prosecution, state agency representatives and citizen members. He noted that it will be important to have a quorum of 10 voting members at the meeting.

**M/S/P (Bostrom/Garcia) Motion to Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Minnesota Department of Corrections.