**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022 – 1:30 pm**

**AACOG Titan 2700 NE Loop 410, San Antonio TX 78217**

**San Antonio Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Ms. Hattie Allen
2. Ms. Glennda Wilke for Ms. Nicole Bishop
3. Captain Danny Bowermaster
4. Ms. Rori Boone for Dr. Allen Castro
5. Chief Henry Dominguez
6. Chief Linette Dury
7. Ms. Lisa Brothers for Ms. Miriam Elizondo
8. Ms. Vickie Ernst and Ms. Jennifer Forbes
9. Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes
10. Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter for D.A. Joe Gonzalez
11. Deputy Robert Guerrero
12. Chief Matthew Haynie
13. Ms. Shelly Jackson
14. Constable Paul Gonzales for Lt. Mary Krebs
15. Ms. Rosa Lavender
16. Ms. Juanita Rodriguez-Cordero for Ms. Jelynne LeBlanc Jamison
17. Lt. Brian Pehl for Sheriff Buddy Mills
18. Ms. Abigail Moore
19. Ms. Maribell Neril
20. Ms. Melissa Padron
21. Chief Johnny Reyes, Jr.
22. Mr. Michael Starnes
23. Ms. Eladia Torres
24. Ms. Samantha Wohler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

1. Ms. Mia Buentello-Garcia
2. Mr. Will Leal
3. Mr. Dennis Rosenberry

4. Ms. Brenda Trevino

**STAFF PRESENT:**

1. Mr. Matthew Reyes, Homeland Security Planner
2. Ms. Laura Richardson, Public Safety Specialist
3. Mr. Justin Monarez, Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator

## Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Ms. Hattie Allen.

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1. **Roll Call was taken by Ms. Laura Richardson and a quorum was established.**
2. **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

1. **Consider and act upon approval of the September 14th, 2022 Minutes.**

A motion was made by **Ms. Abigail Moore** andseconded by **Ms. Rosa Lavender** to accept the above minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

1. **Program Updates.**

1.Updates from TARC Conference- Sept 27-19

There is an updated guide to grants and FAQ section in eGrants.

There is a new mandatory CEO/NGO certification form in eGrants for anyone requesting VOCA or ARPA funds.

CJD grants will be notified around end of October. Expecting updates to VOCA awards-we received less than the RBE’s.

Refer to TxGMS instead of UGMS. There are some changes to prohibitions in JAG. There are stricter limitations on standard-issue items.

Remainder of ARPA funding will be awarded this grant cycle. Will be banking significant portion of FY22 VOCA funds to help with FY24. Expecting cut to FY23 VOCA awards, state will try to supplement this for the upcoming biennium.

2. Releasing tentative schedule for 2023 CHD funding cycle very soon.

3. Grant workshops are scheduled for December 19th and January 6th.

4. Scoring trainings are scheduled for February 24th and March 13th.

Invites and registration links will be sent out for all.

1. **Consider and appropriate action on membership and attendance reviews.**

Membership was discussed. Members who had 3 or more absences in a 12 month period may be considered as vacating their seat per the Bylaws.

Discussion was had about changing the Bylaws to state 5 or more absences. It was also discussed to add a virtual option for attendance.

A motion was made by **Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes** and seconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to reset the attendance and approve all members to stay on the committee with the exception of Nick Reininger who resigned from his position in the county.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

1. **Consider and appropriate action on the approval of the 2023 CJAC Guidelines.**

The previously discussed changes were handed out to members. There were no other changes suggested.

A motion was made by **Ms. Rosa Lavender** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to approve the changes to the CJAC grant Guidelines.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

1. **Consider and appropriate action on approval of the proposed changes to the CJAC Bylaws.**

1. Options for allocating seats. Section 4.2 & 4.4.1

A motion was made by **Ms. Eladia Torres** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to accept the above change.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

2. Removing language limiting members to two-year terms.

A motion was made by **Chief Henry Dominguez** andseconded by **Chief Linette Dury** to accept the above change.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

3. Changing language for alternates to serve until elected official formally nominates a replacement.

A motion was made by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** andseconded by **Chief Linette Dury. Rosa Lavender** to accept the above minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

Discussion was had and approval was done for Option #2 for 2 members per rural county and 13 for Bexar County.

A motion was made by **Ms. Eladia Torres** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to go with Option #2 for 2 members per rural county and 13 per Bexar County.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

***Marcela Medina presented AACOG General Counsel recommendations on virtual attendance.*** The recommendations is to follow the AACOG Board regulations. They are to allow virtual attendance but they are not counted as present or allowed to vote. The CJAC committee can present whatever they want to the AACOG Board and may be able to go to the Board to answer any questions at the Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Chief Henry Dominguez** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to have members be able to attend virtually and be counted as present for quorum.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by **Chief Henry Dominguez** andseconded by **Chief Linette Dury** to have members attend virtually and be counted to vote except in scoring or training meetings.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**(These will have to go before AACOG Board approval first)**

1. **Consider and appropriate action on nominations for the 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair positions.**

There were nominations accepted for the Chair position. It was noted that Mr. Dennis Rosenberry could serve another year per Bylaws. A motion was made by **Chief Henry Dominguez** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to nominate **Mr. Dennis Rosenberry** to serve another year as Chair. *(This will be per his accepting the nomination*)

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

There were no other nominations received.

There were nominations accepted for the Vice Chair position. It was noted that Ms. Hattie Allen could serve another year per Bylaws.

A motion was made by **Chief Linette Dury** andseconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to nominate **Ms. Hattie Allen** to serve another year as Vice Chair.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

There were no other nominations received.

1. **Items to be placed on next Meeting’s agenda**
2. CJAC 2023 Calendar
3. **Next meeting date: November 9th, 2022 in the San Antonio room.**
4. **Announcements**

None

1. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by **Chief Linette Dury** and seconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** **to adjourn.**

**All approved, the motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm.