



State of Louisiana
Office of the Governor
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

**DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Holiday Inn South
9940 Airline Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

May 22, 2013

MINUTES
AMENDED 9/11/2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Knaps called the meeting to Order at 2:40 p.m.

The Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board members or their representatives present were: Chief Mike Knaps; Sheriff Doug Anderson; Chief Doug Browning; Honorable Michael Cassidy; Honorable Charles Scott, proxy for Honorable Don Burkett; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Honorable Paul Connick; Chief Billy Cureington; Chief Michael Dickerson; Captain Kevin Devall, proxy for Colonel Michael Edmondson; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III; Honorable Charles Scott; Sheriff Mike Stone; and Sheriff Mike Tubbs.

The LCLE Staff present were: Joseph "Joey" Watson, *Executive Director*; Robert Mehrtens, *Deputy Director*; Katherine Guidry, *Federal Programs Section Manager*, Linda Gautier, *Byrne/JAG Section Manager*; and Bob Miller, *Program Manager*.

The following District Directors were present or represented: Jeremy Edwards, *Northwest & Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Districts*; Amanda Bourque, *Evangeline Law Enforcement Council*; Wanda Johnson, *Capital District Law Enforcement Planning District*; Bonnie Vaughn, *Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council*; Helmer Magnuson, *Metropolitan/Jefferson Criminal Justice Coordinating Council*; and Maria Kay Chetta, *Orleans Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*.

Guests in attendance were: Drew David, *Vermillion Sheriff's Office*; Gerald Savoy, *Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office*; Larry Landry, *Breaux Bridge Police Department*; Johnny Gales, *Newellton Police Department*; Janet Kneeland, *Crowley City Police*; LaKetha Holmes and

Carol Williams, *36th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Michael Stelly, *North Louisiana Crime Lab*; Sal LeJarza, *Kenner Police Department*; Briant Beard and Todd Roberts, *East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office*; Betty S. Brown, *Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office*; Geri Alford, *Florien Police Department*; Lois Partney in proxy for Corey Bourgeois, *Louisiana Department of Justice / High Tech Crime Unit*; Bobbie O'Byran, *Houma Police Department*; Kenneth Smith, *Hessmer Police Department*; Mark Forsyth, *New Orleans Police Department*; Lee Roy Clemons, *36th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Michael Sarver, *New Orleans Police Department*; Daphne Buras, *St. Bernard Parish Government*; Alicia D. Harvin and Jeff Boeham, *Washington Parish Sheriff's Office*; Honorable Earl Taylor, *St. 27th Judicial District Attorney's Office*; Anna B. LaPointe, *Erath Police Department*; Jed Champagne, *St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office*; and Josh McNemar, *Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office*.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Mike Knaps asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Honorable Michael Cassidy, and Chief Doug Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

Chairman Mike Knaps introduced and welcomed the new members to Board. New members are:

Chief Billy R. Cureington, *Wisner Police Department*
Chief Michael Dickerson, *Westlake Police Department*
Honorable Charles R. Scott, *1st Judicial District Attorney's Office*
Sheriff Mike Stone, *Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office*
Sheriff Mike Tubbs, *Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office*

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of February 20, 2013 Minutes

Chief Mike Knaps asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2013. Motion was made by Honorable Michael Cassidy, seconded by Chief Doug Browning. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

B. GMIS Correction Involving 18TH Judicial District Court (Division A) as Applicant Agency and Pointe Coupee Parish Drug Court as Implementing Agency

Bob Miller explained to the Board that when presenting the grant for the 18TH Judicial District Court (Division A), at the February 20, 2013 meeting, that the applicant and implementing agency were imprecisely identified. He stated that the correction has

been made in GMIS; however, the Award was approved for an applicant (Pointe Coupee Drug Court) other than the one officially in GMIS now. The same applicant official, Judge James Best oversees both the Drug Court and the 18th Judicial District Court. Mr. Miller asked the Board for consideration to make a motion to accept the information officially in GMIS.

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the GMIS Correction Involving 18TH Judicial District Court (Division A) as Applicant Agency and Pointe Coupee Parish Drug Court as Implementing Agency; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Requests for 2011 District Allocations, Bob Miller

1. Evangeline District: City of Crowley (PD), *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$6,093
2. Capital District: City of St. Francisville, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension*, \$2,851

B. Requests for 2010 District Allocations, Bob Miller

1. Orleans District: City of New Orleans, *Violent Crime Task Force*, \$34,508 [Award Funding Re-Distribution from B10-9-003 to B10-9-004, via Subgrant Adjustment Requests; Funding Increase listed at **Item "F"**].

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the 2011 District Allocations and the 2010 District Allocations. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

C. Request for 2012 State Allocations

1. East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff, *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration*, \$24,843
2. Caddo Parish Sheriff, *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration*, \$13,700

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the **2012 State Allocations**. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

D. Request for 2009 (ARRA) State Allocations

1. Village of Hessmer, *Criminal Patrols*, \$23,317
2. Town of Newellton, *Criminal Patrols*, \$23,317

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for **the 2009 (ARRA) State Allocations**. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

E. Waiver Requests, Linda Gautier

1. City of Kenner (PD), Waiver of the 48-Month Limitation Rule, *Street Sales Disruption* (B12-7-009); Representative: Capt. Glenn Synigal
2. Village of Hessmer (PD), Waiver of the Price Limitation for ARRA Vehicle Purchases, *Criminal Patrols* (B82-8-145); Representative: Mayor Travis Franks
3. Town of Newellton (PD), Waiver of the Price Limitation for ARRA Vehicle Purchases, *Criminal Patrols* (B82-8-146); Representative: Chief Johnny Gales.

With no questions or comments, Chief Doug Browning made a motion to recommend approval for the Waiver Requests. Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

F. Increase Requests, Linda Gautier

1. B82-8-087, Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, *Correctional Surveillance Enhancement*, \$176,385; requested increase \$12,268; revised award \$188,653; Representative: Marky Tucker
2. B82-8-111, Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrols*, \$73,571; requested increase \$9,842; revised award \$83,413; Representative: Marky Tucker / Betty Brown
3. B82-8-136, 26TH Judicial District Attorney, *Criminal Justice Technology Upgrades*, \$50,098; requested increase \$7,109; revised award \$57,207; Representative: Jeremy Edwards
4. B10-9-004, City of New Orleans, *Violent Crime Task Force*, \$291,192; requested increase \$34,508, revised award 325,700; Representative: Louise Gray (Tied to Item "B")

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the Increase Requests. Chief Doug Browning seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

G. Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications

District 1 Northwest District: (Representative: Jeremy Edwards)

1. B11-1-012, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Reduction of Violent Crime*, \$13,401 (new); Representative: Joshua McNemar
2. B11-1-013, Village of Florien, *Criminal Patrols*, \$9,181 (new); Representative: Chief Herman Love
3. #1147, North Louisiana Crime Lab, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$35,609 (new); Representative: Mike Stelly

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications, Northwest District. Chief Doug Browning seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention on items 1 and 2; the motion passed without opposition on item 3 (Egrant #1147, North Louisiana Crime Lab, *Information Systems Upgrade* \$35,609 (new)), and abstained by Honorable Charles Scott, and Honorable Charles Scott (proxy for Honorable Don Burkett).

District 4 Evangeline District (Representative: Amanda Bourque)

1. B11-4-004, City of Breaux Bridge, *Community Policing*, \$3,329 (continuation); Representative: Larry Landry
2. B11-4-006, City of Crowley, *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$6,093 (new); Representative: Janet Kneeland (Tied to **Item "A"**)
3. B11-4-020, Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$20,045 (continuation); Representative: Drew David
4. B12-4-001, 27th Judicial District Attorney, *Differential Case Management*, \$10,681 (continuation); Representative: Mr. Earl Taylor
5. B12-4-007, Town of Erath, *Community Policing*, \$814 (continuation); Representative: Anna LaPointe
6. B12-4-012, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP)*, \$25,955 (continuation); Representative Linda Broussard
7. B12-4-017, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$14,386 (continuation); Representative: Jed Champagne

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications, Evangeline District. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 5 Capital District (Representative: Wanda Johnson)

1. B11-5-024, Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrols*, \$8,500 (continuation); Representative: Alisha Harvin
2. B12-5-018, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$6,000 (new); Representative: Tommy Favaron

Representative Tommy Favaron was not present at the time of call for B12-5-018 application; tabled until Commission meeting, May 23, 2013

Chief Knaps asked for a motion concerning corrections to the Board Ballot:

It was requested that Item 1: B11-5-024, be corrected on the Ballot to reflect the correct application number. The Ballot indicates the application number being B12-5-025. It was also requested that Item 2: B12-5-018, be corrected on the Ballot to reflect the

correct application number. The Board Ballot indicates the application number being B12-5-035.

The Commission Ballot already reflects the correct numbering for both applications. With no further questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend corrections to the Board Ballot be made and Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

Motion Concerning Item 1. B11-5-024:

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Application, Capital District, Item 1: B11-5-024; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

Motion Concerning Item 2. B12-5-018

Chairman Mike Knaps asked the Board members if they would consider B12-5-018 application, if Mr. Tommy Favaron or other representative was present for the Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2013. The Board members unanimously agreed.

With no further questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Application, Capital District, Item 2: B12-5-18, if Mr. Tommy Favaron or other representative from the Capital District was present at the Commission Meeting on May 23, 2013. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 6 Southwest District (Representative: Bonnie Vaughn)

1. #1114, 36th Judicial District Attorney, *Pre-Trial Intervention*, \$19,956 (continuation); Representative: LaKetha Holmes

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications, Southwest District, and Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 7 Jefferson/Metropolitan District (Representative: Helmer Magnuson)

1. B12-7-009, City of Kenner, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$11,000 (continuation); Representative: Sal Lejarza
2. B12-7-011, St. Bernard Parish Government, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$7,500 (continuation); Representative: Daphne Buras

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications, Jefferson/Metropolitan District, and Chief Billy Cureington seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 8 State Level Subgrants (Representative: Bob Miller)

1. B10-8-009, Town of Erath, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$3,402 (new); Representative: Chief Gerald Hebert
2. B11-8-003, Louisiana Attorney General, *Law Enforcement Technology Training*, \$41,000 (continuation); Representative: Corey Bourgeois
3. B82-8-145, Village of Hessmer, *Criminal Patrols*, \$23,317 (New); tied to Item "D" and Item "E"; Representative: Mayor Travis Franks or Chief Kenneth Smith
4. B82-8-146, Town of Newellton, *Criminal Patrols*, \$23,317 (New); tied to Item "D" and Item "E"; Representative: Mayor Timothy Turner or Chief Johnny Gales
5. #1116, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Project*, \$24,843 (new); Tied to Item "C"; Representative: Briant Beard
6. eGrants, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Project*, \$13,700 (new); Tied to Item "C"; Representative: Bill Rehak

With no questions or comments, Chief Doug Browning made a motion to recommend approval of the District 8 - State Level Subgrants, and Chief Billy Cureington seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition and Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III, abstained on Item 5, #1116, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Wrongful Conviction Demonstration Project*, \$24,843 (new), tied to item "C."

Chairman Mike Knaps concluded the regular meeting to dismiss guests and other attendees in order to conduct the Consideration of the Confidential Applications.

H. Consideration of Confidential Applications, (Representative: Linda Gautier)

1. B11-5-025, Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, *Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force*, \$22,130 (continuation); Representative: Alisha Harvin
2. B12-4-010, Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office, *Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force*, \$27,781 (continuation); Representative: Gerald Savoy
3. B12-7-015, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, *Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force*, \$20,000 (continuation); Representative: Bobbie O'Bryan

With no questions or comments, Chief Doug Browning made a motion to recommend approval of the Consideration of Confidential Applications, Southwest District, and Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

I. Other New Business: Subgrants Closing-Out with Residual Funds, Bob Miller

Currently, as Byrne subgrants close-out, any unspent funds from these subgrants return to the District for re-allocation. Often, this occurs near the Federal Grant end-date. There is usually little or no time for District meetings to approve plan changes and prepare increase requests for the next scheduled Board and Commission meetings. We propose the LCLE staff had suggested the following proposal:

When LCLE receives the Final expenditure report and is closing-out any Byrne subgrant with unexpended funds, within 6 months of the Federal Grant end-date, these funds shall return directly to the LCLE residual account for reallocation/redistribution, with the consent of the LCLE Executive Director.

This allows more flexibility in utilizing Federal dollars for Louisiana projects with an urgent need for funding. If the Board agrees, and the Commission approves, (A) all Byrne subgrants being closed-out with residual funds will be treated in a similar, equivalent manner; and (B) if reallocated funds are then utilized by the Executive Director to increase the Federal Award of other Byrne subgrants before the Federal Grant end-date, the Priorities Committee will be notified at that time; the Drug Policy Board and the Commission will be advised of such action at their next scheduled Meetings.

Recommendation was made for Subgrants Closing-Out with Residual Funds to be tabled. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III, made a motion to table and Chief Billy Cureington seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

J. Added: Announcing the Byrne 2013 Justice Assistance Grant Allocation of 3,535,825, Bob Miller

LCLE has received our 2013 Federal Allocation for the Byrne Program. This Board will recall our initial “application” for \$1, which you have reviewed. This electronic application will now be adjusted, and funds will be allocated to the Districts, closely following the established formula used to distribute Federal 2012 funds. If you and the Commission concur, the 1.96% reduction below last year’s Federal Award will be applied evenly across the board.

A handout is provided for review, and there will be a detailed report at the September meeting. In the interim, we will formally “submit” the electronic application for \$3,535,825 in order to meet the Federal deadline by June 6, 2013.

Mr. Miller distributed a second handout for review covering details comparing the two years 2013 and 2012, along with a brief summary.

Added: Update on Egrants, Kathy Guidry

Ms. Guidry updated board members and districts on several items concerning the new Egrants system. She mentioned that a registration table had been set up on site, so that each District could register their agency and obtain user ID’s and passwords, in addition to a link for Egrants is now available on the LCLE website at www.lcle.la.gov. For other

specific questions or support, contact is to be made through the designated Egrants Support email address at egrants@lcle.la.gov.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATES: September 11-12, 2013 (Baton Rouge)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Mike Knaps asked for a motion for adjournment. On motion of Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III, seconded by Chief Doug Browning, the May 22, 2013 meeting of the **DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD** adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

Submitted by Roxanne Langston