

Sanford Krasnoff New Orleans Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 29th, 2022

1:00-3:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order (1:03)-14:30

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stevens who thanked the members for their attendance and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

II. Consideration & Approval of the Minutes for April 27th (1:05)

Commissioner Stevens asked the members for a motion for approval of the minutes from the February meeting of the Council. So moved by District Attorney Williams and seconded by Margret Washington. There were no public comments. The motion passed was adopted by voice vote.

III. Adoption of New Orleans Youth Master Plan (1:07)

Commissioner Stevens asked for a motion for the Council to formally adopted the New Orleans Youth Master Plan as a partner. DA Jason Williams moved to adopt the New Orleans youth master plan, seconded by Troy Rhodes. There were no public comments. The motion was adopted by voice vote. The motion passed with one abstention.

IV. Grant Matters (FY21 State Byrne JAG Grant Allocation - \$275,556) (1:10)

Four proposals were presented for the FY21 State Byrne JAG Grant Allocation of \$275,556.

Arron Clark Rizzio presented the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights' (LCCR) proposal for grant funding. The LCCR support youth in the criminal legal system through direct representation as well as policy advocacy work. The center uses holistic representation to promote public safety and identify the needs that children face. A holistic representation team consist of an attorney, an investigator, a social worker, a youth advocate, and a civil legal attorney. The grant funding would be used towards funding the holistic representation team.

Haley Green presented the New Orleans Police Department's (NOPD) proposal for grant funding. NOPD is requesting funding for new equipment (computers) for the homicide unit. Their current computers are old, and many detectives have resorted to using personal computers and laptops to get work done. The current computers are not functioning well enough to efficiently meet the needs of the job, delaying the work process. They are also requesting laptops for supervisors for when they are on the scene, so they can access cloud warrants and can print them on the scene rather than having to return to the office and reboot. Funding is also needed for workstations.

Joseph Haines presented the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court's (OPCDC) proposal for grant funding. The request amount of funding will be used to support one full time case manager position in the Domestic Violence Monitoring Court Program. The program is responsible for supervising individuals that have been arrested for domestic abuse crimes and individuals who have been order as a condition of a bond obligation or a condition of probation. Since January 2021 372 intakes have been completed on new individuals and is currently responsible for supervising 579 pretrial program offenders and 49 individuals on probation. The current caseload per staff is 193 per case manager. The funding will help to reduce caseload volume and improve outcomes for program participants.

Jene O'Keefe Trigg presented the Orleans Parish District Attorney Office's (OPDA) proposal for funding. The Juvenile Diversion Program has been a source used to address the cause of juveniles acting out. The proposal request is for renewed funding towards the Juvenile Diversion Program for the current two counselors and to hire a third counselor needed to serve the maximum number of kids and purchase needed supplies. With increased staffing, more than 30% of cases can be diverted.

Jenny Alber presented the staff recommendations on behalf of OCJC. It was recommended that the full amount of \$65,280 be awarded to LCCR, the full amount \$39,146 to NOPD, the full amount of \$63,152 to OPCDC, and a partial amount of \$107,977 to OPDA.

Margret Washing moved to accept and adopt the budget allocation per the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Assistant Thomas. The motion passes with 12 yes votes as follows:

Yes: Public Defender (Danny Engelberg), Juvenile Court (Judge Smith), Probation and Parole (Jennifer Greer), Sherriff Susan Hudson, Councilmember Leslie Harris Office (Alison Ford), Clerk of Court (Chanel Payne), Shelbi Flynn, Councilmember Moreno Office (Sayde Finkel), Councilmember Thomas Office (Diedra Pierce), Municipal and Traffic Court (Judge Sens), Margret Washington, Troy Rhodes

V. Orleans Parish Communications District, Hexagon Project Update – Director Tyrell Morris (1:34)

Tyrell Morris presented on the Hexagon Project Update. The Hexagon Project is a new law enforcement records management and jail management solution. The project has been in motion for about a year. The project has moved from implementation to configuration and is now in the beta testing phase. NOPD is scheduled to go live with the new management system on October 17th. EPR will go away, and new records management system will be in place that is NIBRS and LIBRSS compliant.

The former administration OPSO said that they were looking forward to its deployment but contact with them was lost after the election. Orleans Parish Communications District will send an official correspondence letter to Sherriff Hudson on June 30, 2022, requesting her engagement in the process. A new jail management system has been purchased, and \$2 million have already been spent on replacing the jail management system and the records management system for the criminal justice agencies to share data efficiently and securely.

VI. Leadership Selection for Steering Committee (1:38)

Commissioner Stevens opened the floor for Steering Committee nominations. Assistant Thomas nominated Sherriff Susan Hudson, with herself as designee. Troy Rhodes nominated himself.

There were no public comments on the nominees. The vote passed for Sherriff Hudson and Troy Rhodes as the new steering committee members with 11 Yes votes as follows:

Yes: Public Defender (Danny Engleberg), Juvenile Court, Steven Farber (on behalf of Dr. Rochelle Dunham), Probation and Parole (Jennifer Greer), Councilmember Leslie Harris Office (Alison Ford), CAO Office, Councilmember Moreno Office (Sayde Finkel), Councilmember Thomas Office (Diedra Pierce), Municipal and Traffic Court (Judge Sens), Margret Washington, District Attorney Jason Williams

VII. Member and Community Updates (1:43)

There were no member or community updates.

VIII. Adjournment (1:44)

Commissioner Stevens sought a motion to adjourn. Moved by Councilmember Thomas.