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**MINUTES**

**ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.  
Internet video conference / teleconference

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

ICJIA Chair Patrick Delfino called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Associate General Counsel Scott Risolute called the roll.

Meeting attendance was as follows:

<b>Budget Committee Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Peter Kocerka for Cook Co. Public Defender Amy Campanelli	X		
Rebecca Levin for Cook Co. Sheriff Tom Dart	X		
Nicole Kramer for Cook County State’s Attorney Kimberly Foxx	X		
James Piper for Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly	X		
John Carroll for Attorney General Kwame Raoul	X		
Carmen Terrones	X		
Paula Wolff	X		
<b>Other Authority Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird			X
McLean Co. Public Defender Carla Barnes			X
Delia Rollins for Chicago Police Department Superintendent David Brown			X
State Appellate Defenders Office Director James Chadd			X
St. Clair Co. Circuit Court Clerk Kahalah Clay	X		
State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor’s Office Director Patrick Delfino (Authority Chair)	X		
Chicago African Americans in Philanthropy Director Jessyca Dudley			X
Illinois Dept. of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike			X
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Director Brent Fischer			X

Illinois Department of Corrections Acting Director Rob Jeffreys			X
Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler			X
Patricia McCreary for Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Iris Martinez	X		
Loyola CJRPP Director David Olson			X
Metra Chief of Police Joseph Perez			X
Rebecca Janowitz for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle			X
SPAC Director Kathryn Saltmarsh	X		
Jassen Storkosch for Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith	X		
ICADV Executive Director Vickie Smith	X		

Chair Delfino appointed Mr. Carroll, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Terrones to the Budget Committee for the duration of this meeting for the purpose of attaining quorum.

Also in attendance were:

Danielle Buss, Advocacy Network for Children  
 Bonita Carr, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County  
 Mari Christopherson, Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates  
 ICJIA Program Supervisor Shataun Hailey  
 ICJIA Federal & State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Jude Lemrow  
 ICJIA Federal & State Grant Unit Administrative Assistant Vanessa Morris  
 Pamela Perrilles, Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Tenth Circuit  
 ICJIA Program Supervisor Ron Reichgelt  
 ICJIA Associate General Counsel Scott Risolute  
 ICJIA Federal & State Grants Unit Associate Director Greg Stevens  
 ICJIA Acting Executive Director Charise Williams  
 Other Authority staff members and guests

### **Executive Director's Remarks**

Ms. Williams gave a status update on the Restore Reinvest and Renew (R3) program. She said the R3 Board meeting has been postponed until mid-January 2021 at the request of the Governor's Office so that some final details can be attended to. The R3 grants will be historic and the Governor's Office wants a smooth roll-out. There will likely be a Budget Committee meeting in January to address the grant recommendations that will likely come out of the R3 Board's January meeting.

Ms. Williams said that Delrice Adams, the current Executive Director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, has been named the new ICJIA Executive Director and she will begin in that role on January 4, 2021.

### **1. Minutes of the November 19, 2020, Budget Committee Meeting**

**Motion:** Mr. Kocerka moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020, Budget Committee Meeting. Ms. Wolff seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin, Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. The motion passed.

### **2. Death Penalty Abolition Fund**

Mr. Stevens said staff recommends approving up to \$2,602,380 in appropriated SFY21 Death Penalty Abolition Act (DPA) funds to offer a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for grants to provide services for families of victims of homicide or murder. Public Act 725 ILCS 5/119(b) directed the transfer of all unobligated and unexpended monies remaining in the Capital Litigation Trust Fund to the Death Penalty Abolition Fund. The Act states that these funds shall be used for services for families of victims of homicide or murder and for training of law enforcement personnel. Staff intends to release this NOFO in the first quarter of 2021 After applications have been submitted and scored, staff will request designations for program funding at a future Budget Committee meeting.

Ms. Wolff said that crime victims are often also perpetrators of crime. Families that experience homicides are often involved in later homicides. She said that she hoped the NOFO would address this dynamic in an attempt to prevent future homicides and reduce overall violence.

Mr. Stevens said that Ms. Wolff's suggestion would be considered by the NOFO development team. He said that the \$2,602,380 is intended to support programming for three years.

**Motion:** Ms. Kramer moved to approve the recommended SFY21 DPA NOFO. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin, Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Piper, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. The motion passed.

### **3. Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act**

Mr. Stevens said the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (NFSIA) grant program awards grants to states and units of local government to improve

forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services. A requirement for receiving the funds is that states will allocate at least 64% of the Coverdell award to address the challenges to the forensic science community posed by opioids and synthetic drugs. A competitive NOFO for these funds was posted on October 29, 2019, and four programs were selected for funding. The solicitation offered up to 36 months of funding for the programs, contingent upon satisfactory performance. Staff now recommends designating funding to support the programs for the second 12 months of a possible 36 months of funding, as described in the table below.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>NFSIA FFY20</b>
Illinois State Police	\$153,779
Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab	\$153,780
DuPage County Sheriff's Office	\$153,780
Office of the Cook County Medical Examiner	\$153,780
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$615,119</b>

Mr. Piper said that over the last year there has been a 48 percent reduction in in the turn-around time of DNA testing and there have been significant time reductions in fingerprint and firearms testing. Many factors contributed to the time reduction, especially a business model evaluation and the adoption of Lean Six Sigma strategies. There had in the past been a problem with court cases being closed, but the laboratories not being notified, resulting in hundreds of instances where the laboratories were doing work on cases that had already been disposed.

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended FFY20 NFSIA designations. Ms. Terrones seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin, Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. Mr. Piper recused himself due to his association with the Illinois State Police. The motion passed.

**4. Violence Against Women Act**

Ms. Hailey said the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was created to improve criminal, legal, and community-based responses to domestic violence and sexual assault against women. One major VAWA priority area is support for statewide multi-disciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and victim services to violent crimes against women. The 2017 Ad Hoc Victim Services Committee identified multi-disciplinary team (MDT) response programs as a funding priority. In August 2018, ICJIA issued a NOFO seeking proposals for the continuation or enhancement of sexual assault (SA) or domestic violence (DV) MDTs. Five proposals were received and were recommended for funding by the review panel. The recommendations were approved by the Budget Committee. Staff recommends

designating funds to the entities and programs listed below to support a third year of programming, from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, as described in the table below.

	<b>Entity</b>	<b>VAWA Program</b>	<b>FFY17</b>	<b>FFY18</b>	<b>FFY19</b>
A	Chicago Police Dept.	Cook Co. DV MDT	\$90,724		
	Cook County State's Attorney's Office	Cook Co. DV MDT			\$284,883
	Family Rescue	Cook Co. DV MDT		\$223,877	
	Life Span	Cook Co. DV MDT			\$50,506
	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$90,724</b>	<b>\$223,877</b>
B	Chicago Police Dept.	Cook Co. SA MDT	\$51,209		
	Cook County State's Attorney's Office	Cook Co. SA MDT			\$306,537
	Life Span	Cook Co. SA MDT		\$34,396	
	Resilience	Cook Co. SA MDT		\$257,863	
	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$51,209</b>	<b>\$292,259</b>
C	Kankakee County Sheriff's Office	Kankakee Co. SA MDT	\$198,827		
	Kankakee State's Attorney's Office	Kankakee Co. SA MDT			\$175,300
	21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit (Kankakee Co. Probation)	Kankakee Co. SA MDT	\$161,157		
	KC-CASA	Kankakee Co. SA MDT			\$114,345
	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$359,984</b>	<b>\$0</b>
D	Peoria County Sheriff's Office	Peoria Co. DV MDT	\$68,294		
	Peoria Police Department	Peoria Co. DV MDT		\$97,382	
	Peoria County State's Attorney's Office	Peoria Co. DV MDT		\$281,203	
	10th Judicial Circuit (Peoria Co. Probation)	Peoria Co. DV MDT		\$125,048	
	Center for the Prevention of Abuse	Peoria Co. DV MDT		\$77,996	
	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$68,294</b>	<b>\$581,629</b>
E	St. Clair County Sheriff's Office	St. Clair Co. DV MDT	\$170,804		
	St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office	St. Clair Co. DV MDT			\$197,490
	20th Judicial Circuit (St. Clair Co. Probation)	St. Clair Co. DV MDT		\$53,191	
	Call for Help	St. Clair Co. DV MDT		\$32,712	
	Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois	St. Clair Co. DV MDT		\$195,686	
	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$170,804</b>	<b>\$281,589</b>
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$741,015</b>	<b>\$1,379,354</b>	<b>\$1,129,061</b>

**Motion:** Mr. Kocerka moved to approve the recommended FFY17, FFY18, and FFY19 VAWA designations. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin, Mr. Delfino, Mr. Piper, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. Ms. Kramer recused herself due to her association with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The motion passed.

**5. Victims of Crime Act***Victims of Crime Act: Multi Victimization Program*

Mr. Reichgelt said that 22 Multi-Victimization Program designations were approved at the Nov. 19, 2020, Budget Committee meeting. Staff now recommends funding one more program, Universal Family, with a recommended \$440,000 designation of remaining funds from that NOFO. Universal Family was selected because they were next in line in the ranking of scored applications.

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to approve the recommended FFY19 VOCA designation to Universal Family. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin, Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Piper, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. The motion passed.

*Court-Appointed Special Advocate Victim Assistance Programs*

Mr. Reichgelt said that at the June 18, 2020, Budget Committee meeting, the committee set aside \$2,535,000 in available FFY19 VOCA funds to issue a NOFO for court-appointed special advocate (CASA) victim assistance programs. This NOFO was designed to support CASA volunteer coordinator position(s) to facilitate the provision of direct services to child victims. Volunteer coordinators are required to train and supervise volunteer advocates who provide direct services to child victims of physical and sexual abuse, criminal neglect, and abandonment. 28 applications for CASA programs were received and 12 are being recommended for funding, as described in the table below.

DESIGNEE	FFY19
CASA Lake County	\$458,190
Boone County CASA	\$75,189
CASA DeKalb County	\$118,194
CASA McHenry County	\$106,097
CASA of River Valley	\$144,707
CASA of Sangamon County	\$228,826
CASA of Southwestern Illinois	\$365,574
Champaign County CASA	\$228,047

Child Abuse Council	\$130,460
Macon County CASA	\$208,428
McLean County CASA	\$191,377
Winnebago County CASA	\$270,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,525,889</b>

Mr. Reichgelt said that during the review process, attention is paid to the relationship between the amount of money being requested and the volume of clients that the applicant expects to serve.

Mari Christopherson of the Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates said that it is very hard to build sustainability statewide when a program such as the CASA of the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit received \$500,000 last year and this year is not being recommended for funding. They will lose the ability to serve about 370 children. Some of the programs that have been recommended simply do not have the capacity to serve the same numbers of children as some programs that are not being recommended. Illinois CASA is a lead entity for another ICJIA program and manages a state appropriation of almost \$3 million. Illinois CASA uses a 50/50 split funding formula between need and performance. That way, every county, with the cost of programs, has the opportunity to build sustainable capacity to serve more child victims. Upon a preliminary review of the numbers of youths served in the counties in this recommendation versus last year's funding recommendation, it looks like it will be about a 20 percent increase in the total number of children served. It is vitally important that the most children possible have access to a CASA program.

Ms. Wolff asked why the Cook County CASA was not funded.

Mr. Reichgelt said that an effort is made to distribute funds equitably to all geographic regions in a representative manner. Care is taken to ensure that the southern and western parts of Illinois are represented. The programs recommended for funding reflect the ranking of their proposal review scores.

**Motion:** Mr. Carroll moved to approve the recommended FFY19 VOCA designations to CASA programs. Mr. Kocerka seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Piper, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Terrones voted *Yes*. Ms. Wolff voted *No*. Ms. Levin abstained. The motion passed.

*Law Enforcement/Prosecution Victim Assistance*

Mr. Reichgelt said that at the June 18, 2020, Budget Committee meeting, the committee set aside \$2,745,000 in available FFY19 VOCA funds to issue a NOFO for law enforcement/prosecution victim assistance programs. The law enforcement/prosecution-

based victim assistance program funds advocate position(s) to provide direct services to victims at a law enforcement agencies and state's attorneys' offices. Staff recommends designating FFY19 funds to entities as described in the table below.

<b>DESIGNEE</b>	<b>FFY19</b>
Arlington Heights Police Department	\$83,258
Centers for New Horizons	\$275,000
Cook County	\$1,375,000
Franklin County State's Attorney's Office	\$81,199
Lake County State's Attorney's Office	\$179,258
Madison County State's Attorney's Office	\$60,495
McLean County State's Attorney's Office	\$55,732
Mundelein Police Department	\$54,597
Rolling Meadows Police Department	\$54,725
St. Clair County State's Attorney Office	\$75,000
Union County State's Attorney's Office	\$57,567
Village of Wheeling Human Services Dept.	\$152,558
Williamson County State's Attorney's Office	\$105,136
Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office	\$106,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,716,501</b>

Mr. Reichgelt noted that the list of applicants in the memo incorrectly identified some Law Enforcement/Prosecution Victim Assistance applicants as not being recommended for funding when, in fact, they all are.

**Motion:** Mr. Piper moved to approve the recommended FFY19 VOCA designations to Law Enforcement/Prosecution Victim Assistance programs. Ms. Wolff seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. McCreary, Mr. Kocerka, Ms. Clay, Ms. Levin Mr. Delfino, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Piper, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Saltmarsh, Mr. Storkosch, Ms. Smith, Ms. Terrones, and Ms. Wolff voted *Yes*. Ms. Kramer recused herself due to her association with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The motion passed.

**6. Restore Reinvest and Renew**

Mr. Stevens said that Item #6 on the Agenda, R3, would be tabled and would instead be presented at a future Budget Committee meeting, most likely in January 2021.

**Public Comment**

*Bonita Carr, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County*



Ms. Carr said that the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cook County is the only CASA program in Cook County. Cook County has the most child victims in Illinois. These child victims are overwhelmingly black and brown. Cook County also has the most complex cases in Illinois, ranging from trauma, medical issues, and sibling groups. She said that she understood that the recommended funding reflected a focus on the southern and western parts of Illinois, however, it is truly disappointing that racial equity was not considered. She said that she implored the committee to strongly consider racial equity for child victims and the child welfare system. CASA of Cook County is grateful for its past VOCA funding; it represented 15 percent of the budget. When CASA of Cook County first received this funding, it was serving 259 children annually. Over three years, the funding allowed CASA of Cook County to almost double the number of children it serves to 600. Renewed VOCA funding would have allowed CASA of Cook County to continue to advocate for the current 600 child caseload and allowed for an additional 300 to be served over the next three years.

*Danielle Buss, Advocacy Network for Children*

Ms. Buss said that the Advocacy Network for Children (ANC) serves seven counties. VOCA provided for 40 percent of ANC's funding and allowed ANC to triple the number of children served. ANC volunteers served nearly 15,000 hours per year. Without renewed funding, ANC will have to cut service to some counties, cut coordinators and volunteers, and ultimately cut the number of children served and those children will no longer have a voice in court and will no longer have advocacy from beginning to end. ANC appreciates its prior funding, but the cut and the surprise of the cut after receiving funds for so many years will really hurt the children being served.

*Pamela Perrilles, Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Tenth Circuit*

Ms. Perrilles said that the CASA of the Tenth Circuit will be devastated without continued VOCA funding. Over the last three years, we were able to more than double the number of children served; from around 300 to 788 annually. During federal fiscal year 20, we served 813 children; 470 of those cases were supported by VOCA funds. CASA of the Tenth Circuit opened an office in Pekin to serve most of those children and we served three other counties. VOCA funding allowed CASA of the Tenth Circuit to expand from one to four counties. It is difficult to go from an anticipated \$500,000 in funding to zero. CASA of the Tenth Circuit will work with its representatives to find alternate sources of funding, otherwise we will be forced to close an office and petition the courts to remove us from hundreds of children. This is devastating for our organization, but also devastating for the children who have come to depend on the voice of their CASA, especially in this time of crisis. It has been an honor to be able to grow and serve so many children and make a difference in the community. We are saddened that we will not be able to continue.

### **Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Ms. Williams said that staff would put together an R3 tutorial prior to the next ICJIA Board meeting for anyone who is interested.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Ms. Wolff moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Piper seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.