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**MINUTES**

**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
Strategic Opportunities Committee Meeting  
May 25, 2016, 10 a.m.  
300 West Adams, Suite 200, Large Conference Room  
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Strategic Opportunities Committee (SOC) of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority met on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 300 West Adams, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, in Chicago, Illinois. Strategic Opportunities Committee Chair Paula Wolff called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

<b>SOC Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Director John Baldwin			X
Director Patrick Delfino	X		
Steve Caluris for Superintendent Eddie Johnson	X		
Cynthia Hora for Attorney General Lisa Madigan			X
Sheriff Michael McCoy			X
Director Michael J. Pelletier	X		
Lanetta Haynes Turner for President Toni Preckwinkle			X
Rick Tanksley			X
Paula Wolff, Committee Chair	X		
<b>Other Authority Members Present</b>	<b>Present*</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Public Defender Amy Campanelli	X		
Kathryn Dunne for Sheriff Tom Dart		X	
Jennifer Greene for State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez		X	
Elizabeth Robb, Authority Chair	X		
Jennifer Vollen-Katz	X		

\*All Authority members present were appointed by Authority Chair Robb to the SOC for the duration of the meeting to attain a quorum.

Also in attendance were:

Megan Alderden, Authority Research & Analysis Unit Associate Director  
Reshma Desai, Authority Special Projects Program Advisor  
Kathleen A. Doherty representing the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network  
Kevin Givens, Authority Federal & State Grants Unit Associate Director

Randy Kurtz, Authority Deputy Director  
Jude Lemrow, Authority Federal and State Grants Unit Administrative Assistant  
John Maki, Authority Executive Director  
Angie Weis, Authority General Counsel  
Other Authority staff members and guests

### **April 27, 2016, Strategic Opportunities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Authority Chair Robb moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016, Strategic Opportunities Committee meeting. Ms. Vollen-Katz seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **FFY16 Strategic Opportunities Committee Action Steps**

Authority Executive Director Maki referred to the May 25<sup>th</sup> Strategic Opportunities Committee Meeting Information memo that outlines the FFY16 Strategic Opportunities Committee Action Steps (*Attachment A*). He presented action steps previously approved by the Committee and Authority staff's corresponding recommendations via a PowerPoint presentation and handout (*Attachment B*).

In response to a request for feedback on the plan, Director Delfino said the process will ensure needs are assessed in the context of other available funds. Ms. Vollen-Katz said the process will allow the Board to have a clear and robust discussion on priorities. Chair Wolff suggested posting the action steps on the agency's website so that the plan and goals are clear. She also suggested the group consider how and when to gather feedback from the public.

Director Maki said the needs assessment process will require a lot from the staff and the Board; however, it will allow a well-reasoned and developed process that achieves the most good and helps the most people.

In response to Director Delfino's question related to resource equity, Director Maki said questions related to other revenue streams and resource allocation can be added to future grant applications in Authority requests for proposals.

Associate Director Megan Alderden encouraged Committee members to attend the focus groups and said the Research & Analysis Unit will be reaching out to them to solicit interest in the focus groups and subsequent survey.

The group discussed the importance of the Authority's Research & Analysis Unit and its historical and current funding. Since the Research and Analysis Unit is in the Authority's mandate, it clearly fits the statewide benefit criteria outlined in Action Step #3.

Steve Caluris, representing the Chicago Police Department, suggested strengthening networking activities among state agencies that have research and development components so they might help one another identify what kinds of data have already been collected and how that might have cross-disciplinary impact.

**Motion:** Ms. Vollen-Katz moved to approve the action steps as described in the meeting materials. Director Pelletier seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Kathleen A. Doherty, representing the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, said that despite the 25-percent increase in most existing Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant awards to sexual assault and domestic violence agencies, the agencies are still in dire need of funding due to the state's budget situation. She said due to the budget situation, the 25-percent increase that many agencies will receive will not be enough to maintain salaries at current levels. She asked that in order to avoid losing services, the Authority consider increasing domestic violence and victim service VOCA grants beyond the 25-percent many of them will see.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** Ms. Vollen-Katz moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Delfino seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.