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Meeting Minutes

*Heart of Texas Council of Governments
7601 Steinbeck Bend Rd, Waco Texas
Lecture Hall
Friday, April 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.*

- I. Call to Order Chairman Brian Swick called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
- II. Welcome and Introductions.
- III. Members present:

Scott Ferguson	Yesica Rodriguez	Katie Cole	Tony Acosta
Tuck Saunders	Brian Swick	Dick VanDyke	Nita Wuebker
Ryan Howard	Mark Norcross	Jay Sparkman	Glen Shoemaker
- IV. COG staff:

Tim Jeske	Lana Gudgel	Amy Derrick
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- V. Visitors Present: None
- VI. Determination of Quorum

Yes. 12 of the 16 members present in person.
- VII. Proof of Posting Verified by HOTCOG Staff Member Lana Gudgel
- VIII. Approval of March 10, 2022, minutes
Motion by Nita Wuebker, Second by Dick VanDyke motion passed
- IX. Review Scoring and Operating Procedures

HOTCOG Staff Member Lana Gudgel presented the CJAC scoring and Operating Procedures to the board for review and discussion. Short discussion regarding the

shift in the Office of the Governor's priorities with regard to sustainability. The Office of the Governor has made sustainability a priority, requesting that the board consider the length of time an agency has received funding on a project. During the March meeting members agreed to change the procedures for resolution of a tie during the scoring process, from giving priority to the application that has had the funding for the longest to giving priority to the newer projects. All other procedures will remain the same.

X. Presentation and Scoring of CJD Grant Applications

CSEY grant application 9:15 a.m.

Heart of Texas Region MHMR / Klara's Center for Families' Hope Shelter – presented by Ron Kimball. – Staff Member Lana Gudgel explained that the CSEY is non-competitive. The members are asked to hear the presentation and ask questions regarding the priorities given by the Office of the Governor. A special score sheet has been provided. The Office of the Governor asks that members give one point for each priority that is met by the project.

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) 9:20 a.m.

City of Bellmead / Crime Suppression Bellmead was not present at 9:20 due to unforeseen events. The board agreed to hear Bellmead's presentation at the end of the JAG presentations.

City of Fairfield / Upgrade Existing Patrol Units – Presented by Rodney Price

City of Clifton / Public Safety Project – Presented by Chris Blanton

Heart of a Champion / One Heart Project Texas – Presented by Brandon Manley

Hill County Sheriff's Office / Storage, Extended Warranty, and Licensing Fees for Camera - Presented by April Stoll

City of Itasca / Patrol Vehicle – Presented by Kristin Scott

City of Mexia / Ballistic Helmet Grant – Presented by Brian Bell/Bobby Collison

City of Wortham/ Purchase of Law Enforcement Vehicle – Presented by Ashley Daniels / Kelly Butler

Freestone County / Agency Vehicle for Law Enforcement Purposes – Presented by Jason McGee

Truancy Prevention (TP), 10:30 a.m.

Falls County/ Youth Intervention Services – Presented by Jennifer Lopez

Hill County/ Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program – Presented by Tina Lincoln

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SF 421 10:45 a.m.

Heart of a Champion / One Heart Project – McLennan – Presented by Brandon Manley

Heart of Texas Council of Governments / Juvenile Justice Alternatives – Presented by Tim Jeske

Violent Crimes Against Women (VAWA) 11:30 a.m.

Falls County/ Special Crimes Investigator – Presented by Amber Howell

City of Bellmead/ Domestic Violence Detective – Presented by Louis Rendon

City of Waco/ Waco Family Violence Unit Detectives and Coordinator – Presented by Erin McCullen

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 12:00 p.m.

Falls County/ Falls County Victim Services – Presented by Amber Howell

Falls County/ Youth Victim Services – Presented by Jennifer Lopez

Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children / Victims Services – Presented by Barbra Wright

Family Abuse Center / Victim Services - Presented by Whitney Thomas

XI. Scoring Results and Development of CJAC Priority Lists

Action: Review and Approval of Priority Lists

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Truancy Prevention (TP)

State Fund 421 (SF421)

Violence Against Women (VAWA)

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

State Fund 421 (Formerly JJDP)

COG staff presented scoring results to the committee. There was some discussion of the ranking order and the Reasonable Budget Expectation (RBE) provided by the Office of the Governor. See attached approved list for RBE, ranking, and funding order.

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) – RBE \$159,448.27

Motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Tuck Saunders to fund the applications in ranking order as funding allows. Motion passed unanimously.

Truancy Prevention Program – RBE \$62,055.95

Motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Katie Cole to fund the applications in ranking order as funding allows. Motion passed unanimously.

State Fund 421 RBE - \$29,601.78

Motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Jay Sparkman to fund the applications in ranking order as funding allows. Motion passed unanimously.

Violence Against Women (VAWA) – RBE \$77,188.21

Motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Katie Cole to fund the applications in ranking order as funding allows. Motion passed unanimously.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – RBE \$15,826,39.77

Motion by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Glen Shoemaker to fund the applications in ranking order as funding allows. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Ferguson made a motion to allow the funds to pass to the next application in the scoring order if the first applicant declines to accept the funding. Motion second by Jay Sparkman, Motion passed unanimously.

- xii. Adjournment 14:11 Motion to adjourn by Nita Wuebker second by Tuck Saunders