

**Policy Board**  
Minutes of the Meeting of October 2, 2009  
Administration Building  
Conference Room A  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

**MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT:**

Mr. David Burnett, R.I. Department of Human Services (designee of Director Gary Alexander, voting member)  
Marshal Jack Chartier, R.I. State Fire Marshal (voting member)  
Ms. Deborah DeBare, R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence (voting member)  
Major Stephen M. Bannon, R.I. State Police (designee of Colonel Brendan P. Doherty, voting member)  
Presiding Justice Alice Gibney, Superior Court of Rhode Island (voting member)  
Dr. David Uliss, R.I. Department of Health (designee of Dr. David Gifford, voting member)  
Mr. John Hardiman, Public Defender (voting member)  
Magistrate Joseph Ippolito, District Court of R.I. (designee of Acting Chief Justice Michael Higgins, voting member)  
Mr. Jonathan Houston, Justice Assistance (voting member)  
Mr. David Tassoni, Family Court (designee of Chief Judge Jeremiah Jeremiah, voting member)  
Mr. Daniel Knight, Salve Regina University (voting member)  
Colonel Stephen McCartney, R.I. Police Chiefs' Association (designee of Chief George Kelley, voting member)  
Deputy Attorney General Gerald Coyne, R.I. Department of Attorney General (designee of Attorney General Patrick Lynch, voting member)  
Mr. Michael Burke, R.I. Department of Children, Youth, & Families (designee of Director Patricia Martinez, voting member)  
Mr. Robert O'Neil, Public Member (voting member)  
Major Michael P. Quinn, Johnson & Wales University (voting member), Chair  
Director Craig Stenning, R.I. Department of MHRH (voting member)  
Mr. Stephen King, Supreme Court of R.I. (designee of Chief Justice Paul Suttell, voting member)  
Mr. Jeff Renzi, R.I. Department of Corrections (designee of Director A.T. Wall, voting member)  
Mr. Carl Weinberg, Public Member (voting member)  
Mr. Ed Cooney, R.I. General Assembly  
Ms. Barbara Laird, R.I. State Police, Recorder

**PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:**

Mr. Thomas Mongeau, Administrative Manager  
Mr. David LeDoux, Supervisor of Management Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Gilheeney, Grant Manager  
Ms. Gail Pereira, Grant Manager

**1. Welcome – Major Michael P. Quinn**

Major Michael P. Quinn, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2009:**

A motion was made by Major Bannon and seconded by Mr. Burke to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2009. The motion unanimously in the affirmative.

**3. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP):**

Mr. Mongeau reviewed the NCHIP grant and the subgrants under that grant. Please see Enclosure 1, which is attached to the original of these minutes for a list of the subgrantees and amounts of each grant. The full award to Rhode Island is \$149,915. Major Quinn asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Public Defender Hardiman made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE NCHIP FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

The motion was seconded by Major Bannon.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS BY MR. KING, DEPUTY COYNE, AND MR. RENZI. THERE WERE NO VOTES AGAINST.**

**4. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Grant:**

Mr. Mongeau reviewed the SAC Grant. The award for FY 09 is \$50,000. The grant will continue funding existing programs. Please see Enclosure 2, which is attached to the original of these minutes. Major Quinn asked if there were any questions about the SAC Grant. There were none.

Mr. Burke made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE SAC GRANT AS PRESENTED.**

Deputy Coyne seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH ONE RECUSAL BY MAJOR BANNON. THERE WERE NO VOTES AGAINST.**

**5. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Victims of Crime Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)**

**6. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Victims of Crime Assistance – ARRA Grant Program (VOCA-ARRA):**

Mr. Mongeau made the presentation on behalf of Grant Manager, Joseph Persia. Mr. Mongeau reviewed the subgrants recommended for funding by the VOCA Advisory Committee. He stated that the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) will be receiving \$167,440 of the \$569,000 in VOCA Recovery Act funds. The remainder of this balance will be used in the next two years to offset potential decreases in funding. Mr. Mongeau explained that the VOCA grant is funded by offender fines. As a result, the federal awards fluctuate each year. The RICADV will be receiving the stimulus funds because they have the resources available to comply with the rigorous reporting requirements. Please see the list of subgrantees on Enclosure 3 attached to the original of these minutes. Major Quinn asked for questions, and there were none.

Deputy Coyne made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE VOCA GRANT FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Mr. Renzi seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS  
BY MR. RENZI AND MS. DEBARE.**

Mr. Burke made a motion:

**TO ACCEPT THE VOCA ARRA FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Deputy Coyne seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE  
WITH RECUSALS BY DEPUTY COYNE AND MS. DEBARE. THERE  
WERE NO VOTES AGAINST.**

**7. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Juvenile Justice Formula Grant Funding Plan:**

Ms. Gilheeny reviewed the process of subgrant recommendations by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. A Request for Proposals was issued for \$450,000 in total funds availability. Additionally, there is \$60,000 set aside for administration by the PSGAO with a \$60,000 state match. There is also \$20,000 for the State Advisory Group, \$60,000 for compliance monitoring, and \$10,000 for Native American Programs. She directed the Policy Board's attention to page 2 of the handout, which is Enclosure 4, attached to the original of these minutes.

**8. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Title V Continuation Funding:**

Ms. Gilheeny explained that Title V programs are community-based grants for cities and towns. She stated that two programs totaling \$31,812 were recommended for funding by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Administrative funds to be held by the PSGAO are \$1,674. Programs are in Central Falls, and East Providence, which are the only two applications that were submitted. The cities provide a 50 percent match. Please see Enclosure 4, which is attached to the original of these minutes.

**9. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Juvenile Block Grant:**

Ms. Gilheeny reviewed the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program. Three state-level programs are recommended for funding for a total of \$332,500. There is also \$17,500 set aside for the PSGAO for administration. The full award is \$350,000. (See Enclosure 4 attached to the original of these minutes).

Major Quinn asked if there were any questions. There being none, he asked for motions on each of the three individual grant programs.

Mr. Burke made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE FORMULA GRANT FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Director Stenning seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH ONE  
RECUSAL BY DEPUTY COYNE. THERE WERE NO VOTES  
AGAINST.**

Mr. Burke made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE TITLE V GRANT FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Major Bannon seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS  
BY PUBLIC DEFENDER HARDIMAN AND MR. TASSONI.**

Marshal Chartier made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Major Bannon seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS  
FROM DEPUTY COYNE, MR. KING, AND PRESIDING JUSTICE  
GIBNEY. THERE WERE NO VOTES AGAINST.**

**10. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment:**

Ms. Pereira reviewed the grant. A total of \$52,583 is available. Funding is recommended for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families. Administrative costs in the amount of \$5,258 will be retained by the PSGAO. Please see Enclosure 5 attached to the original of these minutes.

**11. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program:**

Ms. Pereira explained that this grant supports anti-gun and gang violence programs in the City of Providence. PSGAO administrative costs are \$7,083, Providence Police officer overtime totals \$31,877, and streetworker outreach worker costs total \$31,877. Please see Enclosure 6, which is attached to the original of these minutes.

Major Quinn asked if there were questions on either the RSAT program or the Safe Neighborhoods Program. There being none, he called for a motion for the RSAT program.

Director Stenning made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE RSAT FUNDING AS PRESENTED.**

Colonel McCartney seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS  
BY MR. BURKE AND MR. BURNETT. THERE WERE NO VOTES  
AGAINST.**

There were no additional questions on Project Safe Neighborhoods, therefore, Major Quinn asked for a motion.

Ms. DeBare made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM  
AS PRESENTED.**

Director Stenning seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE,  
AND THERE WERE NO RECUSALS.**

**12. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP):**

Mr. LeDoux stated that this is a new formula grant program. Monies are intended for sexual assault service programs, which in the State of Rhode Island, are provided by Day One. The entire grant will go to Day One, and the PSGAO will not take any administrative costs. In return, Day One will be responsible for all federal reporting and sub-grant oversight. Mr. LeDoux reviewed the program, which is attached to the original of these minutes as Enclosure 7. Major Quinn asked if there were any questions. There being none, he asked for a motion.

Director Stenning made a motion:

**TO APPROVE THE SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES PROGRAM  
AS PRESENTED.**

Major Bannon seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE  
WITH NO RECUSALS.**

**13. Discussion/Approval of FY 09 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant:**

Ms. Pereira stated that the Coverdell Grant is for states and local units of government to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. The three sub-grantees are the State Forensic Lab at the R.I. Department of Health, the State Crime Lab at the University of Rhode Island, and the Office of the State Medical Examiner. Mr. Mongeau explained that the University of Rhode Island has also requested 10 percent above their allocation for administrative costs. This would remove the 10 percent allocation for administrative costs from the PSGAO. Mr. Mongeau also explained that the PSGAO receives only \$60,000 in state funds, which is required as match for the Juvenile Justice grants. He further stated that as a result of a significant decrease in federal funds last year, the PSGAO Office was going to lose three staff members, and it would be difficult to lose these funds now. There was no one from the University of Rhode Island at today's meeting to speak on this subject. Major Quinn asked for questions or discussion. There was none. Major Quinn then asked for a motion.

Dr. Ullis made a motion:

**TO ACCEPT THE COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE  
IMPROVEMENT GRANT AS PRESENTED WITH THE 10 PERCENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BEING AWARDED TO THE PUBLIC  
SAFETY GRANTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.**

Mr. Burke seconded the motion.

**THE MOTION PASSED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH RECUSALS  
BY DR. ULIS AND MAJOR BANNON.**

14. **New Business:** There was none.

15. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke and seconded by Major Bannon to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Laird  
Recorder

Approved:

Thomas H. Mongeau  
Administrative Manager

Approved:

Major Michael P. Quinn  
Chair