

JAC Meeting – June 9, 2025

Minutes

Francine started the meeting at 9:00am.

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Attendees: Francine Garland Stark, Derek Gorneau, Susan Gagnon, Amy Quinlan, Lisa Marchese, Lisa Bogue, Jack Peck, Jr., Heather Putnam, Emily Cathcart, Alicia Hunter, Rebecca Austin, Chief John Kilbride, Shira Burns, Brian Scott, Jess Bedard, Hannah Longley

Derek mentioned that there is a Quorum with 15 present and 4 absent.

Lisa discussed the grants summary. Attached is the overview provided.

Jack Peck asked for an overview of the Elder Abuse Project.

Derek responded that he will send out the project timeline. He said that the project is roughly \$135k annually.

Francine said that she believes the goal is for Candace to fund the intended Hub and Spoke project that was in the Elder Abuse roadmap.

Derek said in year 2 she's looking to expand and collect statistics around it.

Jess asked for more information regarding Lisa's request for volunteers for the STOP grant scoring committee.

Lisa described the committees of which she is looking. She is looking for volunteers now and would like to get a date on the books for the first meeting to discuss applications. She would like to work around everyone's vacations as much as possible.

Francine suggested that people let Lisa know that they would like to volunteer by the end of June. She mentioned the pre-work involved in sitting on a scoring committee which includes watching a video.

Francine spoke about the new certification on the STOP grant and how people can expect to see this new certification on other federal grants.

There is mention of not engaging in illegal activities in relation to immigration and something called illegal DEI. She commented that the JAC can certify that they do not engage in illegal activities.

There is a catchall phrase that nothing in the certifications prohibits the grantee from serving all eligible victims of crime so in and of themselves, the certifications are contradictory because they can't actually change the statute underlying these grants.

Lisa added that the certification will probably be part of the application process and the RFA that goes out with STOP. The subrecipients will need to certify that they will not be participating in these illegal activities.

Derek officially introduced the new Senior Contract Grants Specialist, Michelle Morse.

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The RFA for the Byrne SCIP storage funding is going to be posted in the KJ beginning June 12th. Once that is finalized and there is a link, he will send it out to the JAC and all appropriate groups and everyone is welcome to share that link.

Applications will be due July 21st.

We are going to need a scoring committee. We are expecting a large number of applications. We are planning on scoring the applications the week of July 28th.

As Francine mentioned, there is pre-work so we will probably get the documentation for that out ahead of the week of July 28th.

The RFA is drafted to prioritize regional applications. There is a limited amount of funding and potentially a large number of applications, therefore it could be a tricky scoring committee similar to the STOP grant.

We have decided to hold off on the FY2024 portion, that money does have the same intention as the FY 2022-2023 pot of money. We thought it would be better to see one iteration of the RFA first so we can perhaps make decisions and adjustments for the next RFA. That RFA may be posted shortly after we score the first round.

Lisa and Michelle are both working on the RFA for the Research Partner.

Derek is working on the MOU to draft with the courts.

Chief Kilbride asked how much money is involved for the storage and how the application process works.

Derek said that for the FY2022-2023 grant there is \$496,000 and FY2024 is an additional \$284,000.

Based on what we see come in for applications in the first round, we could potentially modify the grant to shift some funding from the Research Partner, if the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board decides that storage is more of a priority.

Derek stated that there should be at least three people for the scoring committee. Francine said that she is happy to help, and it would be great if anyone else from the committee could volunteer.

Lisa Marchese asked if there are any conflicts with JAG and Byrne SCIP and Francine explained that they are separate so there should be no conflicts.

Heather Putnam asked about the overlap of the JAC Committee and the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board.

Derek said that it would be fine if someone from the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board were on the scoring committee, if not preferable. The board will approve everything in the end. He will reach out to the federal manager on the grant to see if it is a requirement that the scoring committee be made up of people on the board.

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Francine said the next meeting is scheduled for September 8th and there are going to be a few changes to the composition of the committee. Some of them need to have an appointment by the Governor and some don't, by virtue of their office.

Derek and Francine confirmed that nobody who is leaving is appointed by the Governor.

Heather Putnam said that she will be retiring from the Attorney General's office at the end of the month and this will be her last JAC meeting.

Lisa requested that anyone who has volunteered to be on the STOP scoring committee, please email her their vacation time so she can take that into consideration.

The next JAC meeting will be on September 8, 2025. The invitation has gone out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47.