



Visitation Grant Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Capitol Building – DDN A
9:00 AM CDT

Attendance (In Person): Gregory Dean, Member At-Large; Carla Bachand; Debbie Metzell and LaVonne Walker, Kids Connection;

Attendance (DDN): Kylie Riggins, Sen. Joshua Klumb, Kelly Peterson, Renae Gades,
Attendance (Phone): Judge Robert Mandel, Tressa Zahrbock Kool, Stacey Starzel, Desiree Johnson, Krista Heeren-Graber, Luke Comeau, Rep. Taffy Howard, Dawn Sikkink, Emily Halverson, Denise Ragels

Excused: Judge Carmen Means, Judge Joni Cutler

Department of Public Safety Staff: Laura Quasney, Program Specialist I, Victims' Services Program; Heather Anderson, CVC-Investigator, Victims' Services Program; Jenna Howell, Legal Counsel, Arin Diedrich.

Call Meeting to Order

Dean called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Quasney gave brief overview of Victims' Services Program in regards to building the grant management system and Access and Visitation overview. After contacting current subrecipients it was determined there would be approximately \$106,640 available to be allocated towards FY20 awards.

Members of the Advisory Group attending both in person and via DDN and Phone introduced themselves to meeting participants attending in person and via DDN and Phone.

9:24AM: A motion was made to approve the May 2018 meeting minutes from Sen. Klumb and Second by Riggins. Motion carried.

9:25AM: Public Testimony and Grant Requests

Dean opened the meeting for public testimony and for the visitations centers that submitted grant requests to address the Advisory Group.

- Mitchell Family Visitation Center has been in operation since 1997. Program currently has two visitation rooms and outdoor area for visitations, which are all on-site. Currently are working with 35 families and provide approximately 7-15 visitations per month. The program has the ability to use two rooms at the same time depending on



families they serve. They received \$10,000 in FY19 and anticipate having \$1,000 left at the end of the grant cycle.

- Kids Konnection is in a new facility that has two visitation rooms with a kitchen. They have seen an increase in clients and currently serve 23 different families, and also have a waiting list of clients. The program has had 207 hours of services which was approximately 39 hours per month, and is anticipating increasing to 475 hours by the end of the grant year. Program received \$9,500 which was expended in the first 6 months and is requesting an additional \$9,200 for FY20.
- Family Visitation Center has four visitation rooms that are monitored for audio and video, and also have off-site visitation available for private pay clients. They have served 126 families totaling 162 hours. Program expended all available funding and are doing public fundraising to finance the remaining expenses. Applicant is requesting an additional \$50,000 for FY20.
- Yankton Family Visitation Center consists of three visitation rooms and an outdoor area. They have updated security with a buzz-in door, cameras, and alarm. Program has served 34 families totaling 197 individuals served and 236 visitations completed. They have contracted with law enforcement and local judges to open up awareness of the program. Applicant anticipates returning funds of \$6,000 remaining from FY19 award. They applied for \$25,000 but after reviewing the last 3 years are asking to change the requested to \$13,627.
- Watertown Family Visitation Center served an average 325 clients totaling 673 hours. They have given five families full scholarships and have billed 15 families. The program expended all funding in February.
- United Families is a stand-alone organization with six visitation rooms and four vehicles. They have served 66 clients totaling 565 hours of services and also do two hours of subsidized visitation. They have had 15 new clients within the last few months and have had to increase their rates. Program is looking into increasing security and looking for funding through Rapid City to obtain a new facility. Applicant is requesting \$23,000 and stated they need more but considered other organizations and the amount of funds available.

Total requested: \$127,327



Recess at 9:54 AM and meeting resumed at 10:10 AM

After discussion, it was determined a roll-call vote was necessary to approve previous meeting minutes.

10:11AM The 2018 minutes were approved once again.

10:11 AM General Discussion by Advisory Group

Klumb proposed the following distribution, it was 2nd by Riggings:

- \$10,500 Watertown
- \$35,000 Sioux Falls
- \$12,000 Mitchell
- \$12,040 Yankton
- \$22,704 Rapid City
- \$14,398 Aberdeen

Riggins proposed the following distribution, it was 2nd by Howard:

- \$9,400 Watertown
- \$41,500 Sioux Falls
- \$10,000 Mitchell
- \$12,640 Yankton
- \$23,000 Rapid City
- \$10,000 Aberdeen

It was noted at this time initial estimates of amounts available for awards could be increased based on discussion. Funds estimating to be returned from FY19 now created a total of \$107,640 available to be awarded for FY20.

Riggings withdrew her first proposal, and requested an amended proposal 2nd by Howard:

- \$9,500 Watertown
- \$41,500 Sioux Falls
- \$10,500 Mitchell
- \$12,640 Yankton
- \$10,500 Aberdeen
- \$23,000 Rapid City

Bachand suggested increasing Aberdeen's allocation. Dean commented on allocation amounts and Riggins proposed 2nd Amendment, 2nd by Howard:

- \$9,500 Watertown
- \$41,500 Sioux Falls
- \$10,500 Mitchell
- \$10,640 Yankton
- \$12,500 Aberdeen



\$23,000 Rapid City

10:39 AM Bachand motioned to approve proposal. Roll-call vote and motion moved.

10:40AM Discussed that Dean and Bachand's terms are ending. Their positions are appointed by the Governor. It was determined a new Chair would be elected once a full Committee was appointed.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held in Late Winter 2019 to early Spring 2020.

10:44 Sen. Klumb motioned to adjourn; 2nd by Bachand.