

# BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

## SCIP ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of September 4, 2024 Zoom Meeting Noon

### **Board Members in Attendance**

Michelle McCormick, Chairperson, Representing Victim Services, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Damon Daniel, Representing the Community, AdHoc Group Against Crime

Mandee Schauf, Representing Prosecution, Chief Attorney Gang and Violent Crime Unit, Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office

Michael Hilleary, Representing Legal, Kansas Legal Services

Sarah Manriquez, Representing Behavioral Health, Private Provider; joined the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

### **Board Members Absent**

Dawn Huddleston, Representing Courts, Specialty Court Program Manager, Office of Judicial Administration

Sgt. James Thompson, Representing Law Enforcement, Dodge City Police Department

### **Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance**

Erica Haas, Jill Stewart, Juliene Maska, and Jamie Bowser

### **Others in Attendance**

Chad Soles, Coffeyville Police Department

### **Welcome**

Chairperson McCormick called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

### **July 11, 2024, Minutes**

Chairperson McCormick asked if there were any questions or corrections to the July 11, 2024, minutes. No one had any changes. Mr. Daniel moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Hilleary seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **State Byrne Crisis Intervention Program Evaluator Applications**

Applications for the State Byrne Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Evaluator were submitted by Ad Astra Community Innovations Group (Ad Astra) and Kansas State University (KSU).

Chairperson McCormick asked a member of the public who was present on the call to identify themselves. Mr. Chad Soles, with the Coffeyville Police Department, clarified that his attendance was for purposes of gathering information and not due to a connection with the current Parsons Police Department SCIP project or any other existing SCIP subgrantee.

Chairperson McCormick said before discussing the two SCIP Evaluator applications the Advisory Board will discuss a potential conflict of interest issue. Ms. Haas asked the Advisory Board to discuss a potential conflict of interest between Mr. Daniel and the Ad Astra primary contact, Dr. Watson-Thompson. Mr. Daniel explained his professional connection with Dr. Watson Thompson. The

Advisory Board members discussed the issue and agreed Mr. Daniel could participate in the discussion of the applications but would not participate in the vote. Ms. Haas clarified that Mr. Daniel's presence will count toward establishing a quorum.

Ms. Manriquez explained to the Advisory Board members her professional connection to the Ad Astra certifying official, Vicki Collie-Akers. The Advisory Board members discussed the issue and agreed Ms. Manriquez could participate in the discussion of the applications but would not participate in the vote.

The Advisory Board discussed both applications. Members made favorable comments about the experience Ad Astra has evaluating violent crime reduction and about Ad Astra's holistic approach to the project. The members expressed concern about the level of flexibility, adaptability, detail, and bureaucracy if KSU was selected. A member commented that the university research model may be more suitable for a project with a focus on data driven outcomes rather than the more inclusive holistic outcomes needed for the SCIP Evaluator project. The members also discussed the advantage of additional resources that may be available for the project if KSU was selected.

Ms. Maska addressed the Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP) compliance requirements for SCIP subgrantees, emphasizing the need for projects to align with approved activities and adhere to reporting requirements outlined by the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The KGGP will work with the evaluator to prevent duplication of efforts and to assess subgrantee projects in accordance with the guidelines established by the SCIP Advisory Board, KGGP, and BJA.

Ms. Huddleson was unable to attend the meeting; however, she submitted comments (attachment) about both applications to the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board discussed and considered her comments.

Members agreed that Ad Astra's application is more aligned with the SCIP evaluation goals. Mr. Hilleary made a motion to recommend Ad Astra as the SCIP Evaluator. Ms. Schauf seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Neither Mr. Daniel nor Ms. Manriquez voted.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Haas informed the members about the solicitation recently released by the National Institute of Justice to evaluate SCIP programs across states and territories over several years.

### **Next Steps**

The members agreed to meet to discuss and approve the 2025 SCIP applications on October 22, 2024, noon to 2:00 p.m. and meet with the selected SCIP Evaluator on November 6, 2024, noon to 2:00 p.m. The members also agreed to have external grant reviewers evaluate the 2025 SCIP applications.

The meeting ended at approximately 1:00 p.m.