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Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Heart of Texas Council of Governments 1514 S. New Road, Waco Texas Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brian Swick called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

II. Welcome and Introductions

Members present:

Ryan Howard	Mark Norcross	Katie Cole	Brian Swick
Nita Wuebker	Milton Albright	Tony Acosta	Jay Sparkman
Scott Ferguson	Glenn Shoemaker	Yesica Rodriguez	

COG staff:

Falen Bohannon	Andy Davis	Wayne Stovall
Harold Ferguson		

III. Determination of Quorum

Yes, 11 of the 14 members were present.

IV. Proof of Posting

Verified by HOTCOG Staff Member Lana Gudgel

V. Approval of April 6, 2023, and February 21, 2024 Minutes

Scott Ferguson moved to approve minutes, second by Milton Albright. Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment:

None

VII. Review of scoring and Operating Procedures:

Lana Gudgel reviewed the scoring and presentation procedures with the members and presenters.

VIII. Presentation and Scoring of CJD Grant Applications:

Hill County / Juvenile Justice Presenter Tina Lincoln Avg Score: 75.2

Falls County / Youth Services Presenter: Jay Butler Avg Score: 74.6

Heart of Texas Council of Government / Juvenile Justice Alternative Presenter: Wayne Stovall
Avg Score: 88.6

Heart of a Champion / One Heart Project Presenter: Brandon Manley Avg. Score: 63.2

City of Meridian / Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Presenter: Cody
Woosley Avg. Score 68.1
Avg. Score: 34.4

Freestone County / Mobile Data Terminals Presenter: Sheriff Shipley Avg. Score: 84.27

Bosque County Sheriff's Office / DJ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program
Presenter: Will Rivas Avg. Score: 64.6

Falls County / Special Crimes Investigator – Presenter: Josh Griffin Avg Score: 83.22

City of Waco / Family Violence Unit – Presenter: Billy Tynes
Avg. Score: 85.44

Falls County / Victim Services Presenter: Josh Griffin
Avg. Score: 86.1

Falls County / Youth Victim Services - Presenter: Galdino Bander Avg. Score: 79.0

Advocacy Ctr. For Crime Victims and Children / Victim Services Presenter: Ally Ascherl Avg.
Score: 88.7

City of Lacy Lakeview / Crime Victim Liaison Presenter: Calvin Hodde Avg. Score: 80.3

Family Abuse Center / Victim Services Presenter: Whitney Thomas
Avg. Score: 92.5

Navarro Victim Center / Fairfield Branch Safe House Presenter: Lenia Cook Avg. Score: 82.2

IX. Approval of Scores and Ranking:

Scott Ferguson asked about the Heart of a Champion application possibility being submitted in the wrong funding category. Lana explained that if the application is in the wrong funding category the Office of the Governor will move the application to the appropriate funding group during the review process. Lana also explained that upon the request of the board, she can include a note to the Office of the Governor addressing the board's concerns about which funding group the application is in. Members discussed the options and decided to go ahead with the funding recommendations and let the OOG determine which funding group the application

should be in. Following a short discussion regarding past ranking procedures and review of the rankings, the board called for a vote.

Motion to approve all applications as scored and ranked was made by Katie Cole, second by Scott Ferguson – Motion carried.

X. Motion To Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn made by Milton Albright and Second by Jay Sparkman

Adjournment 1:16 p.m.