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TO: Chairman Scott Sales, Law and Justice Interim Committee
FROM: Deb Matteucci, Executive Director MBCC
DATE: March 8, 2016
RE: Restorative Justice report per MCA 2-15-2013

The Board of Crime Control is directed to actively seek federal grant money, produce a biennial report summarizing the grants provided including how the grant money was spent, program data and information reported by grant recipients; and report annually to the law and justice interim committee regarding the status and performance of the restorative justice grant programs established. The purpose of this report is to fulfill the requirements of MCA 2-15-2013.

2-15-2013. Restorative justice grants.

- (1) The purposes of the restorative justice grant programs are to:
- (a) promote the use of restorative justice practices throughout the state; and
 - (b) provide technical assistance to local and state jurisdictions and organizations interested in implementing the principles of restorative justice.

History:

HB637 enacted by 2001 Montana Legislature. The stated Intent of the legislation is as follows:

The legislature recognizes that incarcerating offenders carries an extremely high cost and may not be the most effective strategy for restoring victims, reforming offenders, and reducing recidivism. It is the intent of [section 2] to divert appropriate offenders who are at low risk for violence from incarceration to community programs based on restorative justice and to divert funds from the department of corrections to the department of justice to support an office of restorative justice and to support community programs based on restorative justice.

A biennial appropriation of \$100,000 was created for the Montana Board of Crime Control, beginning July 1, 2001. This funding is no longer in the MBCC Budgeted appropriation.

Since passage of HB637, at least twelve (12) bills have been introduced to fund, amend or expand the restorative justice initiative. Of those that passed (5), only one (2005/HB577) included an appropriation. HB577 provided \$61,000 to the Office of Restorative Justice within DOJ to fund rape kits and examinations only.

Most recently, SB373 proposed to amend MCA 2-15-2013 to provide matching funds to Montana communities that invest in restorative justice programs and was seeking to create training and technical assistance resources, facilitated through MBCC, to foster additional restorative justice initiatives. Utilizing up to 20% of the funds appropriated, MBCC would be able to facilitate statewide coordination as noted below. SB373 died in committee.

- Providing educational programs on the philosophical framework of restorative justice
- Providing technical assistance to school, law enforcement, youth courts, probation and parole officers, juvenile corrections programs, and prisons in designing and implementing restorative justice practices;
- Developing a website with links to resources and information about restorative justice
- Coordinating the efforts of victims service agencies, the judiciary, the department of justice, the department of corrections and local agencies that are involved in criminal adult and juvenile justice,
- Maintaining a statewide inventory and directory of restorative justice programs,
- Providing information to schools, local governments, law enforcement, state agencies, the judiciary and the legislature regarding systematic changes that may be necessary to enhance restorative justice efforts in the state and
- Producing the report required under the statute

Note: The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program provided federal grant funding to MBCC in support of Restorative Justice Initiatives. This funding was eliminated at the federal level in FY2014.

MBCC actively seeks federal grant funding under competitive grant solicitations to support Restorative Justice Initiatives, as well as seeks out qualified, evidence based programs to support under our block granted funding awards as allowed under the grant guidance.

FY2015 Grant Recipient:

Center for Restorative Youth Justice (CRYJ), Kalispell MT

<http://restorativeyouthjustice.org/>

Mission:

The Center for Restorative Youth Justice (CRYJ) works to actively engage youth, victims, families, communities in restorative programming that interrupts cycles of harm. Our programs create opportunities for at-risk youth to deepen community connections and to find access to important support and reflection that results in powerful change.

Deliverables and Funding:

This agency is funded through two different and separate funding sources. The Title II funding supports offender focused initiatives designed for rehabilitation and restoration. VOCA funding supports programs for victims of crime.

VOCA grant awards to CRYJ supports the Victim Impact Program (VIP) which provides a timely, more sensitive, victim-focused response to juvenile crimes; collaboration with Youth Court Services allows CRYJ to reduce the consequences of the victimization in the community. The VIP continues to serve as the only program in the Flathead Valley that specifically offers outreach and services to victims of juvenile crimes.

- FY15 - \$23,722 – VOCA

Grant funding supports personnel costs for partial salary and benefits for the Project Director, the Volunteer Coordinator and a Program Assistant. The Volunteer Coordinator provides representation for victims and criminal justice support services, including communication with the County Attorney's Office and Probation Office.

Title II grant awards to CRYJ provide funding for Victim Offender Conferencing cases; the Community Impact Circle Program; community workshops and life skills programming; coordination with victims and the Victim Impact Program Coordinator; supervision and tracking of accountability requirements and completion of restorative agreements. The Restorative Mentoring program supports a School Liaison who conducts weekly coordination and collaboration with teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators to provide restorative programming focused on alternative disciplinary actions.

- FY15 - \$67,419 – Title II

Grant funding supports personnel costs for partial salary and benefits for the Project Director, the Probation Coordinator and the School Liaison positions as well as travel and operating expenses for training, data tracking and other program activities.

Long Term Data

More than 1,000 youth have been served by CRYJ's programming in the last 4 years:

- 95% of the kids complete their program;
- The recidivism rate is less than 12%;
- 28% fewer kids are sent out of area to detention or treatment.

Data from Quarter ending 12/31/15

Only 2% of the program youth committed a new offense.

CRYJ distributed 14 victim impact statements to interested volunteers - with 2 completed. Summaries and statements were provided to juvenile probation as well as CRYJ staff and incorporated into restorative programming requirements. For victims who choose not to submit VIS' - the VIP Coordinator makes notes of conversations and provides a summary to staff and youth to include in restorative accountability conversations.

In this way, 100% of victims contacted were represented through detailed notes and summaries, providing an opportunity for their voice and concerns to be expressed to youth and probation even without a written/formal submission. The coordinator provides updates on cases and informs those victims interested in staying engaged in the outcome of accountability measures for youth offenders. Victim impacts statements are processed, considered, and incorporated into reflection and accountability requirements for all youth referred from probation. CRYJ has worked to expand outreach, education, and access to our programming.

Other Key Program Deliverables:

- Information and referral to other public services including victim services
- Works closely with the schools to track and support youth in the justice system
- Provides personal advocacy to youth and family members
- Provides counseling to youth and family members
- Provides group counseling and family work sessions including victim impact statements & listening sessions (healing session between victims, community members and youth defenders)
- Provides criminal and civil justice system advocacy and accompaniment
- Assistance with restitution
- Works closely with youth probation
- Provides assistance with life skills including academics & tutoring
- CRYJ provides an excellent facility that is safe for youth to occupy
- CRYJ provides meals and other basic needs to delinquent youth
- CRYJ tracks data closely in an effort to understand youth and crime in their community better (specifically they are working on tracking the high numbers of homeless/runaway youth in their service area that have committed crimes and are working through the judicial process)

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(2) For the purposes of [2-15-2012](#), [2-15-2014](#), and this section, the term "restorative justice" means criminal justice practices that elevate the role of crime victims and community members in the criminal justice process, hold offenders directly accountable to the people and communities they have harmed, restore emotional and material losses, and provide a range of opportunities for victim, offender, and community dialogue, negotiation, and problem solving to bring about a greater sense of justice, repair harm, provide restitution, reduce incarceration and recidivism rates, and increase public safety.

(3) A restorative justice program eligible for grant funding pursuant to this section shall use evidence-based practices, which may include but are not limited to facilitated victim-offender meetings, family group conferencing, sentencing circles, victim impact panels, offender accountability letters, restitution programs, constructive community service, victim awareness education, victim empathy programs, school expulsion alternatives, peer mediation, diversion programs, and community panels.

(4) (a) The board of crime control shall actively seek federal grant money that may be used for the purposes of this section.

(b) The board shall produce a biennial report summarizing the grants provided, how the grant money was spent, and the program data and information reported by grant recipients.

(c) The board shall report annually to the law and justice interim committee regarding the status and performance of the restorative justice grant programs established in this section.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 581, L. 2001; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 237, L. 2013.

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BULLETIN

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Executive Director's Message

Welcome to the new MBCC Bulletin! Our bi-monthly publication will include information on upcoming events and grant application deadlines, new programs, educational opportunities and much more. As the agency continues to expand and refine our services to our subgrantees and partners, we've streamlined how we deliver information. Watch for our new look on our website coming soon and educational sessions!

500%

Percentage of increase in drug-related offenses from 1984 -2014.

\$4.7 million

Amount of allocated funds for FY 2015 for Victim Service grants.

12,318

Number of victims served through VOCA funding 2013-2014



2013-2014 CRIME IN MONTANA Report Now Available

In November, MBCC released the 2013-2014 **Crime in Montana Report** on the MBCC website (www.mbcc.mt.gov). Published annually by MBCC's Statistical Analysis Center, Crime in Montana provides a comprehensive report of state crime data using information from the Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS).

MTIBRS is Montana's central repository for information on offenses and arrests known to non-tribal law enforcement agencies. MTIBRS collects information on 63 data elements; describing incident characteristics

including date, time and location of incident/arrest; weapons used; victim and offender demographics; relationship of the victim to the offender(s); suspected use of substances during the crime commission and more. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has certified Montana's Uniform Crime Reporting program as 100% compliant. Montana is one of only 16 states across the country with this designation.

The report includes a statistical analysis of both violent crimes (i.e., homicide; rape and other sex offenses; robbery; and aggravated assault) and property crimes (i.e., burglary; larceny/theft; and motor vehicle theft), and is based on what is reported through MTIBRS. Approximately 100 of 110 local law enforcement agencies across Montana report to MTIBRS. Data from state and federal law enforcement agencies such as Montana Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshall's Service, or Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is not currently contained in the database, but is proposed for future analysis and reporting.

MBCC Presents Annual Awards

MBCC annually presents two awards as part of the Crime Prevention Conference: the ***Lifetime Achievement Award*** and the ***Innovative Community Improvement Award***. The selection is made following a nomination process conducted earlier in the year.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Sheriff Craig J. Anderson (RET) of Dawson County received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. Craig was recognized for his 38 years of service with the Montana Justice System. His career began on July 1, 1978 as a Deputy Probation Officer with the 4th Judicial District. In October 1979, Craig was appointed Chief Probation Officer for the 7th Judicial District where he served for over 23 years until May 2003. He was appointed Dawson County Sheriff in May 2003 and re-elected two times until his final term ended and he retired in December 2014. He also served two years in criminal justice internships.

Innovative Community Achievement Award

Youth Court Services, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office and the Gallatin County Commission were presented the 2015 Innovative Community Achievement Award for the Montana Family Wrap Around program. The three agencies started a collaborative partnership to provide immediate, individualized wrap around services and follow up care for families with youth in crisis throughout the Gallatin Valley. The collaboration has allowed for more preventative work with youth rather than through traditional legal methods.



Deb Matteucci, Executive Director of MBCC and Craig J. Anderson, Retired Sheriff, Dawson County



Deputy Paul Griffin, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner, K.D. McLaughlin, Supervisor, Montana Family Wrap Around, Undersheriff Dan Springer, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Gwen Massey, Chief Probation Officer, 18th Judicial Youth Court Services, and Deb Matteucci, Executive Director of MBCC.



Know of a worthy person or organization who should be recognized for his/her/their lasting contribution to promote public safety and crime prevention and/or improvements to Montana's justice system? Nominations for the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award and 2016 Innovative Community Improvement Award will open July 5, 2016, and will be available on the MBCC website. Closing date is August 5, 2016. Questions? Contact Mark Thatcher at mthatcher@mt.gov or 406-444-3605.

Grant Writing Workshop A Success; Advanced Classes Available in August

MBCC held a Grant Writing Workshop on November 3 in Helena. Over 70 individuals from around the State of Montana participated in the session taught by Christine Johnson of Clover Creative and facilitated by MBCC staff members Tina Chamberlain (Program Specialist) and Stacy Purdom (Accountant).

Future sessions will include an advanced session as part of the subgrantee workshops in August as well as a Grant Writing 101 Workshop as part of the 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference in Billings October 4-6.

The workshop kicked off MBCC's efforts to establish technical assistance programs for current and future subgrantees throughout the year. If you have a suggestion for a training, contact Samantha Erpenbach at serpenbach@mt.gov.



- * March 4 — Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces RFP Released
- * April 8 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- * April 15 — Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces Applications Due
- * April 18-20 — RMS Vendor Fair
- * June 9 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- * June 10 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment RFP Released
- * July 22 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application Due
- * August 2-3 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop
- * August 8-9 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop
- * September 14 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- * October 4-6 — 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference, Billings
- * December 8 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena

Schedules change daily! Check out our website: www.mbcc.mt.gov



Upcoming Workshops

Subgrantee Workshops

August 2016

MBCC will hold two subgrantee workshops featuring updates on new reporting and fiscal requirements, and answers to questions about projects funded through MBCC.

Topics include:

- ⇒ Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Regulations and Training
- ⇒ Budget, Timesheets & Fiscal Update
- ⇒ Data Collection, Reporting and Statistics
- ⇒ Individual Program Updates & Breakout Sessions

**Online Registration
Opens June 1!**

**Hotel Reservations
Available Now!**

Who should attend? Fiscal Officer and Project Director will gain understanding of compliance with grant requirements. Agencies interested in applying for grants are also welcome to attend.

Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

A three hour Advanced Grant Writing Workshop will be held the afternoon prior to the Subgrantee Workshop in both locations. This workshop will sharpen your grant writing skills and focus specifically on budget and budget narrative, expectations for reporting process in the application, and how to write an influential narrative. *The workshop is designed to be a follow up to the Grant Writing 101 presentation held in November.*

August 2-3, 2016

Bozeman

August 2: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

August 3: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Subgrantee Workshop

Best Western GranTree Inn
1325 North 7th Avenue, Bozeman

406-587-5261

www.bestwestern.com/grantree

August 8-9, 2016

Great Falls

August 2: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

August 3: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Subgrantee Workshop

Best Western Plus Heritage Inn
1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls

406-761-1900

www.bestwestern.com/prop_27029

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$138.00 + tax. Please refer to the "Montana Board of Crime Control" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis. The room block will expire on July 1, 2016.

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$89.00 + tax. Please refer to the "MBCC Subgrantee Workshop" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis.

MBCC Staff News

Retirements & New Adventures

This fall saw the retirement of two of MBCC's long term employees. **Cil Robinson**, MBCC's Juvenile Justice Planner was employed with MBCC for over 20 years and was a key player in MBCC's juvenile justice team. She worked closely with MBCC's Juvenile Justice Specialist to address juvenile justice issues throughout Montana. Cil was a nationally recognized expert in her field and was often a key collaborator in developing and revising juvenile justice policies nationwide. **Don Merritt**, MBCC's Fiscal Bureau Chief, retired in December after 34 years with the agency. Don began his career with MBCC as an accountant and was a key contributor to the fiscal management of millions of dollars in federal grants. We wish Cil and Don nothing but the best in their retirement and whatever adventures the future may bring their way.

Stacy Purdom, MBCC Accountant, embarked on an adventure of her own in January with the launch of her own business, Atlas Fitness in Helena. Stacy was with MBCC for 14 years as the Accountant/Human Resources staff.

New Staff & Positions

MBCC welcomed **Kelly McIntosh** to the agency in September as a Program Specialist. Kelly previously was an MBCC board member and the Executive Director of Women's Resource Center in Dillon, Montana. Kelly oversees the Victims of Crime Act grant and can be reached at KMclntosh@mt.gov and 406-444-1998.

Connie Young became the Fiscal Services Bureau Chief of MBCC at the end of November. Connie began her career with MBCC as the fiscal staff for the victims and in-house administrative grants in 2001 and was most recently the MBCC Budget Analyst. Connie can be reached at cyoung@mt.gov or 406-444-7361.

Kathy Wilkins joined MBCC in February as the agency's new Data Unit Manager. Kathy brings a wealth of experience working with systems design and management, data analysis, and programmatic problem solving. She has proven experience in grant management and has a number of career opportunities to share information through training, presentations and development of outreach materials. Kathy can be reached at 406-444-4298 or KWilkins@mt.gov.

Save the Date

April 18-20, 2016

MBCC Vendor Fair

Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

Join us in Helena for an opportunity to hear from Records Managements System (RMS) vendors who will exhibit their NIBRS/MIBRS software solutions for law enforcement personnel. Vendors will conduct training for agency personnel on their specific programs and demonstrate their software.

The MTLEIRA Conference will be held in conjunction with the Vendor Fair.

October 4-6, 2016

10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference

Holiday Inn Grand, Billings

(soon to be the Billings Radisson Hotel)

This year's program will focus on mental and behavioral health issues that are facing Montana's communities. The program will be available online at the end of March with registration opening July 1.

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Samantha Erpenbach, Program Specialist/
Conference Coordinator at

serpenbach@mt.gov or 406-444-2947.

Save the Date
