

Stimulus Task Force Meeting

11/5/2009

9:30-10:00

Individuals Present: Chris Chronis, Irene Hart, Charlene Stevens, Tim Kaufman, Richard Powell, Marty Hughes, Bill Farney, Amanda Matthews, and Nathan Law

Chris Chronis opened the meeting.

Status Updates

Bill Farney

- No activity on the item listed.
- Tobacco – through KDHE, it sounds like we are going to apply for \$8 million; would keep \$2 million, set \$2 million into saving and \$4 million into a spending account, for tobacco cessation. Would largely be for a social marketing campaign, advertising to get people to change behaviors. Would enhance the possibility of indoor air ordinance work, either created or refined.

Chris Chronis

- Is the social marketing campaign our call, or is that the state's call?

Bill Farney

- It would be a combination. I think that's the way that the state is going to write it. And they're asking for applicants to write for that particular purpose. We could say no when it comes down to it, when we get to a final agreement. The application is due Dec. 1.

Charlene Stevens

- It is not 4 million dollars worth of ads. It is state prescribed intervention that we can choose from. It is a state grant, they write it in with Sedgwick County and Finney County, and there is a prescribed list of interventions. We pick from that list. Some is advertising, some policy change, working with schools to make campuses tobacco free, etc. There are a number of other things as well.

Chris Chronis

- Who in the County was involved in deciding on what we would select?

Charlene Stevens

- The Health Department and Health Promotions.

Chris Chronis

- Is that something that we should add to this list?

Bill Farney

- Probably should be. Will get info to Nathan and Amanda.

Tim Kaufman

- New item – HPRP – The Homeless Prevention rec/re-housing program. The city of Wichita got \$1.8 million. The three different mental health centers applied (they split up the state). There is another \$1.6 million for south central Kansas that COMCARE will be a distribution point for. There is no direct money coming to COMCARE to handle, it's all based on application by people. This may be a community highlight item. If you want it on there I can get the exact number to Nathan.

Charlene Stevens

- Energy Coordinator – We have interviewed, we have made an offer to an individual, and it is have to go through BoCC in terms of salary because it's over 10% of the manager's authority. Pending approval by BoCC and that individual accepting the position.
- Hybrid Vehicles – They will be part of the January buy for Fleet.

Richard Powell

- No significant changes except there was a final determination that the other grant applications in our area that we had in process for consideration have all officially been denied and those funds have been reallocated to other entities around the nation. That would be the Crime Analyst, Gang Intervention and Mental Health Pod.

Marty Hughes

- JJA Program – Had one change on the JIAC item. The Governor's grants program notified us that they cannot fund JIAC expenses, so we have to change it to a general case management item, it will be a retroactive adjustment on payroll and we will revise the reports. So the \$183,826 could change a little bit, it will probably be the same amount. Once we revise that report then they will send the reimbursement to us. There will still be 13 jobs attached, but out of general case management group, not out of JIAC group. The breakdown of those jobs is 80% case management, 20% supervision, and so there's going to be an 80% charge to the grant on those positions.

Chris Chronis

- Community Area – Jim sent a note saying the 295th Street Project, which had been off of the priority list and so not eligible for funding, has now been put at the top of the priority list. So, when the State does the reallocation, it is likely that project will be funded.

Amanda

- Marty and I have been coordinating and getting the website up to date.