



**NC Human Trafficking Commission: Appropriations Committee  
Meeting  
Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM  
WebEx through the NC Judicial Center / Long Leaf Pine (B-1-032)**

**1:00 PM – Call to Order & Roll Call Attendance**

**Angelica Wind, Committee Chair**

Committee Chair Wind opened the meeting and called to order. She then conducted a verbal roll call to document attendance. Committee members in attendance at the meeting were Amy Auth (joined 1:01 pm), Nancy Hagan, Deana Joy (joined 1:01 pm), Joseph Kyzer, Jasmine McGhee (joined 1:02 pm), Angelica Wind, Jennifer Haigwood, Alex Herring (joined 1:07 pm), and Danielle Carman (joined 1:01 pm). Also in attendance were Commission Executive Director, Christine Long, Grants Administrator, Kathy Estrada, Grants Managers, Kristen Howe, Roxana Zelada-Lewis, and Jacqueline Kehinde, and Administrative Secretary, Lauren Amato. Members of the public were also able to view or listen to the meeting via WebEx.

**1:04 PM – Ethics Statement**

**Approval of the Minutes 01/23/2023**

**Angelica Wind**

(Please see *draft-Approp-Comm-Minutes-1-23-2023.pdf*)

Committee Chair Wind read the required ethics statement. She then thanked all in attendance and asked if there were changes to the minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, meeting. Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy seconded the motion. No corrections were noted. The minutes were passed by roll call.

**1:06 PM – Update for Section 16.20**

**Kathy Estrada**

(Please see *Report to Appropriations Meeting\_2.13.2023.pdf*)

Grants Administrator Kathy Estrada talked about the release of section 16.20A on 2/1/2023. There are 18 eligible agencies interested in applying and 5 eligible agencies that said they would not be applying. The agencies not applying include Mitchell County SAFE Place, Abolition NC, Ministry Seven (Hendersonville Rescue Mission), Onslow County Partnership for Children (DBA The One Place Child Advocacy Center), and World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals (DBA World Relief Triad). The commonalities of reasons for not applying were because of staffing or lacking appropriate qualifications (i.e., Abolition NC didn't qualify because they're not a direct service agency). There have not been any applications received yet. Kathy talked about the release of section 16.20B on 2/7/2023 as well. Both Compassion to Act and North Carolina Institute Against Human Trafficking acknowledged receipt of application and intentions to apply. Jacqueline is the Grants Manager handling section 16.20 and has been coordinating with those agencies to get their applications in. The proposals are due 3/15.

### **1:09 PM – Update for Section 16.21**

#### **Kathy Estrada**

Grants Administrator Kathy Estrada talked about waiting on legal guidance before getting this section started. Commission Executive Director Christine Long talked about section 16.21 briefly and how Joseph went through those technical corrections. Some of those changes did apply to section 16.21. This is the next section for us to start drafting.

### **1:10 PM – Update for Section 16.22**

#### **Christine Long**

Commission Executive Director Christine Long talked about how the state money for facility improvements reported all the contracts were signed and all payments had been sent out. We are now figuring out if any of these projects are extensions of the applications in section 16.23. We did see some agencies do facility improvements for their 16.23 projects. We plan to work with agencies so they may submit their quarterly financial and program reports then move to reviewing those. Within 60 days of issuing money, we must submit a general assembly report. Our first actual step in drafting that was getting a spreadsheet including what each agency planned to spend the money on. We plan to send the report to Danielle Carman as well so the NCCWYI can see what people are using the funding for and what's approved.

### **1:13 PM – Section 16.23 (vote)**

#### **Kathy Estrada**

*(Please see Report to Appropriations Meeting\_2.13.2023.pdf & 16.23 Vote 2.13.23.pdf)*

Grants Administrator Kathy Estrada talked about the agencies ready for vote in section 16.23. For the Domestic Violence grant, there was a total of \$1,303,916.00 requested from 15 agencies, however, one agency is under budget by \$115 (Center for Family Violence Prevention) and one agency is over budget by \$5,931 (Helpmate Incorporated). There were two DV agencies that did not apply- CARE Family Violence Center (emailed intent) and Penny Appeal USA, Inc. For the Sexual Assault grant, there was a total of \$2,126,250.00 requested from 9 agencies, and all those agencies have correct budget amounts. There was one SA agency that did not apply- Real Crisis Intervention, Inc. For the Dual agency grant, there was a total of \$8,025,317.86 requested from 55 agencies, however, 9 agencies are under budget for the DV grant, 7 agencies are under budget for the SA grant, 1 agency is over budget for the SA grant, 5 agencies did not apply for either the DV or SA grant, 1 agency is working on their Dual application, 2 agencies only applied for the SA grant, and 4 agencies only applied for the DV grant. All these agencies are listed on the handout. Grants Managers Kristen and Roxana have emailed agencies for revisions to applications. Kristen is scheduling a joint meeting with agencies that did not apply later this week. Roxana has reached out individually to agencies that have not applied. Jacqueline has created the Grant Monitoring Plan while awaiting 16.20 applications. And lastly, the team is awaiting 16.21 edits from legal to anticipate a release date.

The funding for section 16.23 has such broad use that we have been trying to talk with agencies to get them to that exact amount allotted by the general assembly. Nothing requires those agencies to receive and spend all the funding although it is a formula-based allocation so if they don't spend it all that will leave us a pot of money to distribute or give back. These are ARPA funds that have a long period of time and were not sure we could do anything with them but revert. Committee Chair Wind proposed voting on them at the next meeting due to some of the applications being incomplete. The committee members decided to wait to vote on approving most of the agencies until the agencies had turned in any outstanding documents/revisions. Several of the agencies are close to laying off people which is why they have been diligent getting their items in. The committee agreed to vote on the 16 that urgently need it and will meet later to vote on the rest of the agencies. Kathy presented the agencies for voting to include 7 stand-alone Domestic Violence agencies,

3 stand-alone Sexual Assault agencies, and 6 Dual Sexual Assault agencies. All these agencies are listed on the handout. Jennifer made a motion to fund the 16 named organizations on the spreadsheet. The 16 agencies have been approved unanimously.

**1:43 PM – Public Comment**

**Angelica Wind, Committee Chair**

No public comment at this time.

**1:43 PM – Adjournment**

**Angelica Wind**

Committee Chair Wind adjourned the meeting.

The Committee plans to meet next on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.