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PACC Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2023 AT 8:00 AM
Grand Traverse Resort
Executive Board Room
Acme, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 by Chair David Leyton. Council members present were Mr. Weichel and Mr. Wendling. Staff present included Cheri Bruinsma and Dianna Collins.

Welcome and Introductions: There were no formal introductions.

Additions to the Agenda: FOIA request that PACC received.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Wendling moved to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2022 meeting. Mr. Weichel seconded the motion. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved unanimously.

Budget Review: Ms. Bruinsma reported on the current state of the PACC budget. The budget has been in good shape because of unfilled TS positions. One of the TS analysts recently resigned after accepting a position with DTMB.

JLWOP money from 2019 is still available. Ms. Bruinsma will be gathering additional information on that and alerting counties that had cases from that time frame. Money for the case management system can be moved forward into the next FY if necessary. The money can potentially carry over for a number of years, but Ms. Bruinsma will confirm that.

The Governor's budget recommendation for FY 23/24 includes money for prosecutors that would potentially be distributed through the PACC budget. There is also money for the more PACC trainings. PACC Training Attorney, Jim Benison, will be able to use that money for in person trainings,

Addition to the Agenda: PACC received a FOIA request. This request originally was sent to PAAM requesting a training for a TSTP webinar that had recently taken place. It was denied on the same basis that as many other FOIA requests to PAAM have been, that PAAM is a private non-profit not a public body. The PACC did not originally possess the video, the TSTP unit shared it on a forum and PACC employees now have it. PACC is coordinating with the AG's Office on a response, as they do with all FOIA requests that PACC receives.

Executive Director Report: PACC has welcomed many new employees, in the past month. Brian Gauthier, the new TS director; Brenda Taylor, the new PACC Research Attorney; Jim Benison, the new PACC Training Attorney and Annette Patterson, the new PACC SEMA starts on Feb 21, 2023

Public Comment: There was no public comment and the meeting adjourned: 8:18 a.m.