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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request Re: Targeted Violence Prevention Program

To Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, submitted on behalf of Muslim Advocates and the ACLU of Illinois.

Background

Muslim Advocates and the ACLU of Illinois seek information pertaining to the University of Illinois's involvement with efforts directed at Countering Violent Extremism ("CVE"). In particular, we seek records concerning the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority's ("ICJIA's") Targeted Violence Prevention Program ("TVPP") and development of a "Bystander Gatekeeper Training" program based on a "public health" model.¹ The University of Illinois has partnered with this program,² including by hosting and planning a workshop with ICJIA-TVVPP in 2017.³

¹ See, e.g., *Engaged Bystander-Gatekeeper Training for Ideologically Inspired Targeted Violence*, ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY, available at http://www.stopcve.com/uploads/1/1/2/4/112447985/icjia_tvpp_bystander_and_gatekeeper_training_proposal_narrative.pdf; see also Junaid M. Afeef, *Can Mental Health Professionals Prevent Ideologically Inspired Targeted Violence?*, ILLINOIS TARGETED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM, available at <http://www.illinoistvpp.org/blog/2017/11/03/can-mental-health-professionals-prevent-ideologically-inspired-targeted-violence>.

² See, e.g., *Stop CVE at UIC: End Surveillance of Muslim Communities*, available at http://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-cve-at-uic?source=direct_link (linking to information describing the University of Illinois at Chicago's involvement in CVE).

³ Junaid M. Afeef, *Can Mental Health Professionals Prevent Ideologically Inspired Targeted Violence?*, ILLINOIS TARGETED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM, available at <http://www.illinoistvpp.org/blog/2017/11/03/can-mental-health-professionals-prevent-ideologically-inspired-targeted-violence>.

Records⁴ requested

We request the following records:

1. Records concerning any events, meetings, conferences, briefings, workshops, and/or trainings hosted by ICJIA-TVPP relating to “Bystander Gatekeeper Training,” “Bystander Gatekeeper Education,” “Public Health Interventions,” “Question, Persuade and Refer” models, or any other CVE efforts that the University of Illinois has participated in or otherwise attended;
2. Records or communications with ICJIA-TVPP regarding “Bystander Gatekeeper Training,” “Bystander Gatekeeper Education,” “Public Health Interventions,” or any other CVE effort in Illinois;
3. Records or communications relating to any work or efforts ICJIA-TVPP and/or Junaid Afeef have undertaken in conjunction with the University of Illinois, including any reports, documents, meetings, briefings, conferences, workshops, or trainings stemming from a collaboration between Junaid Afeef and/or ICJIA-TVPP with the University of Illinois;
4. Copies of any and all written agreements between the University of Illinois and ICJIA-TVPP;
5. Correspondence or any other communications involving University of Illinois personnel concerning “Bystander Gatekeeper Training,” “Bystander Gatekeeper Education,” “Public Health Interventions,” or any other CVE efforts in Illinois;
6. Correspondence or any other communications involving University of Illinois personnel with representatives of ICJIA-TVPP;
7. Records or communications involving University of Illinois personnel, including but not limited to those including Dr. Stevan Weine or Dr. Matthew Clarke, concerning the development or implementation of CVE programs at any of its campuses;
8. Any other records or communications relating to the development or implementation of CVE curricula or programs at the University of Illinois and any of its campuses.
9. All documents related to research performed by Dr. Stevan Weine and/or Dr. Matthew Clarke at the University of Illinois concerning CVE or ICJIA-TVPP, including but not

⁴ For purposes of this request, “Record” means a record in the broadest sense possible, and includes, without limitation, everything tangible, electronic, or digital containing a datum, number, photograph, picture, word, or any other information, including, but not limited to, communications between phones or other electronic devices, e-mails, digital or physical images, video, audio recordings, voicemail messages, social media posts, instructions, directives, guidance documents, formal and informal presentations, training documents, bulletins, notices, alerts, updates, advisories, reports, legal and policy memoranda, contracts, agreements, minutes or notes of meetings and phone calls, and memoranda of understanding. We seek responsive documents within the time period of January 2013 to the date this request is completed.

limited to applications for grants, research awards, or related reports concerning CVE in Illinois;

10. Records concerning any events, meetings, conferences, briefings, workshops, curricula, and/or trainings on University of Illinois property in which Dr. Stevan Weine or Dr. Matthew Clarke presented about CVE programs in Illinois, including ICJIA-TVPP.

Request for waiver of fees

We are prepared to pay reasonable copying costs for reproducing the requested materials, but request that you waive any such fees under the provision of FOIA that authorizes you to waive copying fees when release of requested information is “in the public interest.” In compliance with section 6(b) of the amended FOIA, we represent to you that the documents are sought to determine information concerning the legal rights of the general public and this request is not for the purpose of personal or commercial benefit. Accordingly, a waiver of fees is in the public interest as defined by section 6(b).

If you deny the request for waiver, please notify us before compiling records for which the copying charge will exceed \$50.00 so that we can discuss narrowing the request to cover only the information we seek.

Response requested in five days

Please notify us of your determination of our request and release all responsive records as soon as possible and no later than five working days from the receipt of this request. 5 ILCS 140/3(d). If more than five working days are required to produce the written records, please provide us with a written statement of the reasons for the extension and the date by which the response will be forthcoming. 5 ILCS 140/3(f). Please provide us with copies of responsive records in a searchable and analyzable electronic format where possible. 5 ILCS 140/6(a).

Should any part of this request be denied, please notify us of the denial and provide a written statement of the reasons for the denial, including a detailed factual basis for the application of any exemption, and the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial. 5 ILCS 140/9(a).

If you have any questions concerning this request, you may contact Juvaria Khan at juvaria@muslimadvocates.org or at (202) 897-1896.

Very truly yours,

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