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Subject:	FW: CNN - Neighborhood Recovery Initiative interview

Here is the email that our PIO sent to Brook two days ago with the talking points after notifying Annie Thompson, Bob Kettlewell, Mike Claffey, and Era last week of the CNN interview request. I don't understand why this is being treated as a surprise. Our PIO did what she is supposed to do.

As you will see, all that we would be talking about is how the program is going to be administered from this point forward; "I've already spent some time on the phone with Elizabeth and she understands that we won't be able to comment on how the money was administered prior to this fiscal year." ICJIA is not in a position to comment on the IVPA's handling of NRI and if questioned about that I would have to refer the reporter to the OOG and IVPA.

I will confer with Era before doing anything.

Jack

From: Evans, Cristin
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 9:26 AM
To: Cutrone, Jack
Subject: FW: CNN - Neighborhood Recovery Initiative interview

From: Evans, Cristin
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:18 AM
To: Anderson, Brooke
Subject: FW: CNN - Neighborhood Recovery Initiative interview

Hi Brooke, Got your message. Here are the talking points I've drafted. I will call you to discuss.

Interview is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 today.

Thanks.

Cristin Evans

From: Evans, Cristin
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Anderson, Brooke
Subject: CNN - Neighborhood Recovery Initiative interview

Hi Brooke,

CNN's Elizabeth Nunez has requested a phone interview with ICJIA Executive Director Cutrone on the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, which ICJIA inherited from IVPA in July. The interview is

tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday.

I've already spent some time on the phone with Elizabeth and she understands that we won't be able to comment on how the money was administered prior to this fiscal year.

Here are the talking points I've drafted for Director Cutrone:

- We are working diligently to ensure the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative continues to support the creation of jobs for community youth, parent-leadership initiatives, and community re-entry programs.
- NRI increases the perception by youth that they have options other than those leading to criminal pathways. ICJIA will use every resource available to promote that perception.
- With these grants comes a lengthy negotiation process. ICJIA's grant monitors work closely with the programs to ensure that the grant contract, program narrative, and budget are properly completed with appropriate budgeted expenditures and appropriate performance measures.
- All programs will be required to adhere to ICJIA's high standards for grant monitoring.
- ICJIA has a 30-year history of successful state and federal grant administration.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you.

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