

Administrative Meeting of the
Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2019
CVCC Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1530

Present: Commissioners: Chair Mari McCaig, Martha Ross, and Sandra Joy Eastlack
Staff: Executive Director Pamela Ferguson-Brey and Joy Takatsuka

Agenda

The Administrative Meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Commission Chair, Mari McCaig.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the December 3, 2018, meeting were approved as circulated.

II. Council of State Government (CSG) Restitution Project:

Executive Director reported that the CSG Restitution Project was approved by the Attorney General's Office. Mark Pelka left CSG; CSG has just submitted his substitute which the Commission has a right to approve his substitute and has requested a new timetable for the project from CSG.

III. Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Update:

A. Restitution Project

The Commission's JRI Restitution Account Project Coordinator provided dashboard data. As of today, restitution deduction collections from inmates exceeds all of FY2018 at \$130,637.15 with more deposits to be made before fiscal year end. VOCA-funded positions at DPS are working to ensure facilities are not just deducting but sending money every month. The positions cleared up a backlog of over 100 cases and are keeping current on ensuring restitution data is input into the facilities system and are being deducted and paid. This is increasing the workload on Restitution staff.

Overall restitution collected from inmates and parolees through March 31, 2019, is \$3,486,169.86. Furlough has collected over \$501,000.00 since furlough policy was implemented.

B. VOCA-SAC Partnership Grant

Update on grant the Commission received from Justice Research & Statistics Association. The JRI Restitution Account Project Coordinator worked with Dr. Joe Allen from Chaminade on the project. The final report was submitted. Highlights from the report show that restitution collection for Commission cases improved between the study dates of 2010 and 2014. While there was significant improvement between 2010 and 2014, there is room for greater improvement.

C. Victim Services Project

The CVCC JRI Probation Restitution Recovery Coordinator reported on the following projects:

- i. DPS VOCA Victim Restitution Collection Project:
 - a. The Project Team continues to meet once a week based on the Grant Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).
 - b. Funding continues to retain the two positions.
 - c. Continue to work closely with DPS.
- ii. DPS SAVIN Program:
 - a. DPS filled the SAVIN Coordinator position with someone who worked in DPS in the Reentry Program previously and came from CARES Hawaii.
 - b. Executive Director will be traveling with the SAVIN Coordinator to a conference and have made arrangements to meet with the heads of SAVIN Programs from other states to discuss vendors.
- iii. DPS Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) Pilot Project:
 - a. DPS continues to suffer setbacks. Child and Family Services (CFS) was chosen as the vendor last year but the contract is stuck on the desk of a Deputy Attorney General for review. Another issue is that the Coordinator of the project changed with the previous Coordinator leaving with practically no transition of prior discussions/notes/etc. resulting in changes to prior agreements.
 - b. Emerge 2-Day Training was held in January 2019 for DPS personnel and stakeholders.

IV. Mass Casualty Update/Statewide Response to Mass Violence for Victim Services:

- A. Received a one-year grant to do planning with the four County Victim Witness Assistance Programs to develop protocols and procedures. Meet once a month with representatives from each county.
- B. Anita Ahuja, the Commission's OVC TTAC Coordinator will be doing a series of trainings in May. First day will be with the Commission's staff. Second day is for Victim Assistance Coordinators specific to their roles. Third day is for Government and non-profit stakeholders. Fourth Day is a skills-set training for Victim Assistance Counselors.
- C. Continuing to work with the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency and Anita Ahuja to determine and outline the Commission's role and responsibilities in a mass casualty incident.
- D. The Commission is also continuing to work on protocols and guidelines for staff and on an abbreviated Mass Violence Application form and a Go-Box of supplies for mass violence response.
- E. Executive Director met this morning with a contractor from Texas who is organizing Texas' response. Also recently met with the head of the FBI Victim Services Division.

V. Confidential Appeal Hearing(s) were held.

VI. 2019 Legislative Session:

- A. The Legislature passed the Commission's mental health services bill. The Commissioner's will be notified and invited to participate if the Governor holds a bill signing for this bill.

- B. Clif Choy has been confirmed as the new Commissioner.
- C. The Constitutional Amendment for Victim's Rights did not pass this session.
- D. The Commission coordinated with other victim service providers in responding about the impact on victims in the bail reform bill. The victim services group made 6 recommendations and all recommendations were adopted in the final bill.
- E. The victim services group will start meeting again in June to begin looking at victim legislation for the 2020 session.

VII. Updates:

- A. The Commission is part of a group that is working to establish a Statewide Victim Service Academy (SVAA) in Hawai'i. The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) provided a proposal. The group is working with NCVLI to explore the possibility of NCVLI doing a turn-key SVAA to meet the needs of the community.
- B. The Commission was selected to do a presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime, National Training Institute in December. The presentation will be on the Commission's restitution project and data and will be done in conjunction with the Council for State Governments.
- C. The Commission submitted a proposal to do a presentation with the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA) at the American Probation and Parole Association 2020 Winter Training Institute in January 2020. The proposal would be about how HPA was able to improve restitution collections without additional funding or personnel with data from the Commission's project.
- D. Distribution of one page "cheat sheet" on federal provisions related to compensation – VOCA (42 U.S.C. 10602).
- E. Executive Director won a life-time achievement award from the Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma.

VIII. Executive Session Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes §92-4 and §92-5:

The Commissioners moved into Executive Session and unanimously voted to elect Martha Ross as the new Chair effective July 1, 2019.

IX. Next Meeting:

As this meeting was the last meeting for Commission Chair, Mari McCaig, the Commissioners will set the next meeting after new Commissioner Clif Choy is sworn in.

X. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.