

Administrative Meeting of the
Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) Minutes
Friday, December 10, 2021
1164 Bishop Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawai`i

Present: Commissioners: Martha Ross (Chair), Clifton Y. S. Choy and Mari McCaig Bellinger

Staff: Executive Director Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Randi Barretto (Special Projects, Mass Violence), Dawn Martin (CVCC-HPA Project – Post Conviction Services), Amanda Sawa (Restitution) and Joy Takatsuka

Agenda

- I. Appeal Hearings – Closed to the public due to confidentiality.

The Administrative Meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by Commission Chair, Martha Ross.

- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting was not approved. Meeting was attended by Chair Martha Ross and former Commissioner Sandra Joy Eastlack, Commissioner Clifton Choy was absent. The minutes will be filed and available on the website.

- III. Victim Services Unit

- A. HI-SAVIN Update

1. The Commission continues as the Chair of the SAVIN Governance Committee.
2. The Commission works closely with the SAVIN Coordinator to ensure the HI-SAVIN notification system is in accordance with the statute.

- B. PSD-RAVS Update

1. Working with the SAVIN Coordinator to revise the MOA with PSD to unify victim services under the SAVIN program.
2. The Commission will continue to meet with the SAVIN-RAVS project staff and provide ongoing technical assistance as needed to ensure project goals are met.

- C. CVCC-HPA Crime Victim Advocacy Project Update

1. Post-Conviction Victim Advocacy Program (PCVAP) Progress
 - a. Providing direct services to victims of crime since February 2021.

- b. Providing 30 minute PowerPoint program orientations to HPA, County victim witness and community programs.
- c. Referrals are received from criminal justice victim service providers or self-referrals by phone or email.
- d. Worked with the SAVIN program to produce a successful commercial featuring SAVIN and State post-conviction services.
- e. Website available at: www.pavhawaii.com. Sample of website “landing page” was provided. It is user friendly, easy to navigate and will be available in several languages.
- f. Podcasts have been recorded and edited with release set for early 2022.

IV. Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Update:

A. Restitution Project and Victim Services Project

- 1. Overall Restitution Collected from Inmates and Parolees as of October 31, 2021 totaled \$4.5 million.
- 2. Collections were down in FY 21 compared to the previous year, 45K less overall because of pandemic’s impact on furlough and parole.
- 3. There was a significant increase in PSD deductions from inmate accounts, \$70K more than the previous year.
- 4. Commission staff presented “Yes, Paying Restitution is Possible: Four Lessons from Hawai’i That Every State Can Adopt to Improve Restitution” at the following national conferences: (1) Association of Paroling Authorities International (APA) Annual Conference – June 14, 2021, (2) National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Administrators – September 23, 2021 and (3) National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) National Training Institute – October 8, 2021.

V. Mass Casualty Update (Mass Violence Project)

- A. The Commission approved 40 hours of consultation and technical by OVCTTAC Consultant Anita Ahuja. Hours to be dedicated to 1) Mass Violence Response Training, 2) Training for the county Prosecuting Attorneys, and 3) solidifying the victim services response in the HI-EMA Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6.
- B. The Commission coordinated and hosted a 2 day statewide virtual training, *Responding to Victims/Survivors of Mass Violence and Terrorism on Sep 22 and 24th*. The training included a refresher course, review of the Mass Violence Response Plan, response strategies and ended with a tabletop exercise.
- C. Four (4) new county Prosecutors to sign the current MOA for Mutual Aid, training to be announced.
- D. The Mass Violence Planning Workgroup continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis. New discussions planned: Mental Health/Hospital Contacts, Volunteers/Donation management.

- E. The Commission attends a weekly Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 meeting on Tuesdays at 2:00pm. The Commission works with the HI-EMA representative to ensure Mass Violence planning and response are included.
 - F. The Commission attended the *Active Shooter: Maui High School Tabletop Exercise* hosted by Maui Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Maui District Department of Education (DOE). The exercise provided information and coordination of activities related to an active shooter incident.
- VI. 2021 Legislative Session
- A. Executive Director Pamela reported two bills were introduced to the Legislature this session:
 1. General Funds, 5% Tax – Requesting exemption
 2. Compensation Fee Mandate - Request deductions from inmates
- VII. COVID-19 Commission Response – Executive Director Pamela reported CVCC staff is 100% vaccinated and had their booster shots. Commission Chair reported that Commissioners were also vaccinated and had their booster shots.
- VIII. VOCA Inspector General Audit – Executive Director Pamela Ferguson-Brey reported the audit is ongoing with no completion date provided.
- IX. Executive Session Pursuant to Hawai`i Revised Statutes § 92-4 and § 92-5
- X. Unfinished Business - None
- XI. Next Meeting – To be determined
- XII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.