

Administrative Meeting of the  
Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) Minutes  
Friday, April 8, 2022  
1164 Bishop Street, 1<sup>st</sup> 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), Rima Ah Toong (SAVIN), Leanna Bair (CVCC-HPA Project – Post Conviction Services), Amanda Sawa (Restitution) and Joy Takatsuka

Agenda
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The Administrative Meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Commission Chair, Martha Ross.

- I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 10, 2021, meeting was approved with two grammatical amendments to the Mass Casualty Update section recommended by Pamela Ferguson-Brey. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was called for by Clifton Choy and seconded by Mari McCaig. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
  
- II. Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Update:
  - A. Restitution Project and Victim Services Project
    1. Overall Restitution Collected from Inmates and Parolees as of March 31, 2022 totaled \$4.67 million.
    2. Collections in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 2022 totaled \$110,496.93 an increase over the previous two quarters. Deposits of delinquent inmate deduction checks from Saguaro Correctional Facility contributed to the increase.
    3. Although collections are up for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 2022, collections are still down compared to the same period in FY 2021. Monthly collection reports continue to be shared with PSD and HPA for their review and action.
    4. Most PSD facilities are current on payments due in large part to the RAVS staff. Even though Saguaro Correctional Facility submitted recent payments, they are still behind. RAVS staff is working with PSD Mainland Branch to bring them current.
    5. PSD informed the Commission that the Furlough Programs will be reopening soon.
    6. There was some concern about Parole collections but after meeting with Parole administrators, collections for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 2022 have increased and collections for FY 2022 are on track to be better than collection sin FY 2021.
    7. Annual payout to start next month

8. Submitted proposal to present about restitution at the National Association of Victim Assistance in Corrections 2022 Annual Conference.
9. Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director, and Tommy Johnson, Deputy Director of Corrections, were interviewed by Gina Mangieri of KHON, about restitution.

### III. Victim Services Unit

#### A. HI-SAVIN/PSD-RAVS Update

1. The Commission continues as the Chair of the SAVIN Governance Committee.
2. Working to address issues in 2019 strategic plan to address gaps in services to victims. Established a permanent SAVIN Coordinator position and moved SAVIN/Victim Services, including RAVS, out of the Re-Entry Office to directly under the Deputy Director of Corrections. SAVIN Coordinator now supervising RAVS staff.
3. Requesting increase in expenditure cap and establishment of additional positions.
4. Moving forward with advertising and outreach. Currently running radio spots through Pacific Media Group on neighbor islands.
5. Working on National Crime Victims' Rights Week events to include a proclamation ceremony and resource fair at Honolulu Hale on April 25, 2022. On April 26, 2022, there will be a virtual candlelight vigil.
6. In the process of migrating SAVIN to a new technology platform.

#### B. CVCC-HPA Crime Victim Advocacy Project Update

1. Post-Conviction Victim Advocacy Program (PCVAP) Progress
  - a. New Post-Conviction Victim Advocate as of January 1, 2022. Previous Advocate left as of December 31, 2021.
  - b. Mailing outreach material to additionally identified crime victims and survey to victims who have previously received services
  - c. Continuing to provide training to Victim Witness Advocates and Hawai'i Paroling Authority staff.
  - d. On-going virtual training series *Crime Victim Support: From Sentencing to Sentence Expiration* by consultant
  - e. PCVAP brochure provided.
  - f. Working on website at PAVHawaii.com to include criminal justice mapping tool and podcasts *Hear Me! My Voice, My Story*.
  - g. Working with SAVIN/RAVS on National Crime Victims' Rights Week events.

IV. Mass Casualty Update (Mass Violence Project)

- A. The Commission finalized language in the Hawai'i Emergency Management (HI-EMA) Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 Annex emergency response draft that acknowledges the role of victim service providers during a mass violence event. The Commission continues to attend weekly HI-EMA meetings.
- B. The Commission continues to work with OVCTTAC Consultant.
- C. Planning to establish relationships with mental health providers and medical institutions so they understand their roles and responsibilities in the event of a mass violence event.
- D. Four (4) new county Prosecutors to sign the current MOA for Mutual Aid, training to be announced.
- E. The Mass Violence Planning Workgroup continues to meet virtually on a bi-monthly basis. Need to try to have in-person meetings. Next steps include working on internal office plans for response.
- F. Upcoming presentations:
  - i. National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center – Presentation at a national virtual town hall about Hawai'i's *Mass Violence Response Plan* for victim services including a discussion of the planning process in developing the plan and lessons learned.
  - ii. 2022 National Training Institute – The Commission, together with the HI-SAVIN Project, will be doing a presentation about the development of the PAVHawaii.com website.
  - iii. National Association of Victim Assistance in Corrections 2022 Annual Conference – The Commission submitted a proposal to present about the PAVHawaii.com website.
- G. The Commission will be submitting a grant application for the Department of the Attorney General's FY 2021 VOCA RFP to continue the Post Conviction Victim Advocacy Project.

V. 2022 Legislative Session

- A. Executive Director reported that during the last legislative session, the Commission received a one-time infusion of general funds. The Commission was to work with the Judiciary to improve compensation fee collections. Instead, the Commission found that after 6 months of collections in FY 2022, compensation fee collections were down 8% over the collections in FY 2021. The Commission submitted two bills to address the problem:

1. Make the Compensation Fee mandatory
2. Exempt the Commission from administrative fees

The Commission also worked with the Governor's Office to request permanently funded positions. Monitoring the budget to determine what the outcome will be on this request.

- B. The Commission provided testimony to include victim consideration in the bill relating to Executive Pardons. Commission submitted testimony at the request of

the Prosecutor's Office and coordinated with other victim service providers to also submit testimony.

- C. The Commission provided testimony on the Juvenile Restitution bill which would include language to allow the Commission to stand in the victim's shoes for restitution purposes like in adult cases. Bill is heading into conference committee.
- VI. COVID-19 Commission Response – Executive Director reported that CVCC has the only employee in PSD still working from home. Commission staff is 100% vaccinated and boosted. Commission also has protocols to include the wearing of masks in common areas or in face-to-face communication.
- VII. VOCA Inspector General Audit – Executive Director reported the audit is ongoing with no completion date provided.
- VIII. Unfinished Business - None
- IX. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.