

## Summaries At-A-Glance: SAVIN Governance Committee (SGC)

Meeting Date	March 14, 2025
<b>ATTENDEES</b> (* = Virtual)	<p>Members Present: Ana Malafu-Eliesa, Dept. of Prosecuting Attorney, Maui Victim Witness (Maui VW, SGC Chair); Corey Reincke, Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA); Toby Wilson (Victim Representative); *Rosemarie Albano, Honolulu Prosecutor’s Office, Victim Witness Kokua Services (Hon VWKS); *Randi Barretto, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC); *Chief Arthur ‘Joe’ Logan, Honolulu Police Dept. (HPD); *Rio Amon-Wilkins, Hawaii Police Dept. (Hawaii PD); *Lynn Costales Matsuoka, Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC); *Noreen Kishimoto, Judiciary (JUD)</p> <p>Designees Present: Bethany Stetson, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV); *Edith Quintero, Maui Police Dept (MPD). *Alison Inamine (Hon VWKS); *Analyn Lahip, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Hawaii Victim Witness Program (Hawaii VWP); *Storm Poomaihealani, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Kauai Victim Witness (Kauai VW); *Darren Rose, Kauai Police Dept. (KPD); *Raylani Lupton, Attorney General - Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division (AG-CPJAD)</p> <p>Others Present: Tani Dydasco, DCR – Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (DCR-SAVIN); Cristy Yokoyama, DCR – Reentry Coordination Office (DCR-RCO); Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC); Baron Sekiya (DCR-SAVIN); *Dennis Dunn, (Community Member); *Jennifer Lavergne (SATC); *Nettie Arias, DCR - Restitution and Victim Services (DCR-RAVS)</p> <p>Members Absent: Tara Benevides, (Hawaii VWP); Reid Pursley, (MPD); Karlotta Carvalho (MADD); Rebecca Like, (Kauai Pros.); Angelina Mercado (HSCADV); Julie Ebato, (AG-CPJAD); Lisa Sur, (DCR-IT), Todd Raybuck (Kauai PD)</p>
<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>	<p><b>I. <u>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes</u></b> <i>DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Costales Matsuoka (SATC) entered the motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2024, which Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep.) seconded. The motion was adopted, and the meeting minutes were approved with no objections.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>II. <u>Monthly SAVIN Reporting</u></b> <i>DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAVIN October 2024 – January 2025 Report presented by Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN).</li> <li>• Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) reported the reason for the significant increase in notifications for Oct 2023 was due to an update made in the system to the AZSC holding facility name, which triggered a transfer event for all AZSC inmates when their data was changed to the updated holding facility name. Although the transfer notifications were triggered, the actual notifications were not sent out, however, they were reflected in the notifications report.</li> <li>• Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) reported on an inquiry made by Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep.) regarding the automated script language currently in use during automated phone notifications using verbiage that could be alarming for victims and wasn’t approved by the committee. She is working on alternative language with her VINE reps. Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep.) rephrased her concern that the system is putting people on the spot about who they are and what their relationship is to the offender and that this scripting had not been approved by the committee.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep.) questioned why there is a big jump in expenditures for January. Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) reported that bills for several months get grouped together and paid at once in addition to office rental and equipment purchases made.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) to continue working with VINE on the automated phone script language.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>III. <u>SAVIN and Restitution and Victim Services (RAVS) Reorganization</u></b></p> <p><i>DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) reported that interviews were conducted for the RAVS specialist for the CPS I position and the SAVIN Coordinator for the CPS II position, both of which conditional offers were made and accepted. They will be re-opening the recruitment for the SAVIN Advocate CPS I positions that are vacant.</li> <li>Ms. Ferguson-Brey (CVCC) brought up the concern with regards to the ongoing issue of DCR not amending the job recruitments to have victim expertise in them rather than offender services. Ms. Barretto (CVCC) provided some background into the recruitment concerns regarding the changing of the position title and requirements and where the discussion left off. She offered to pass on the committee's concerns and DCR's responses to Ms. Yokoyama (DCR-RCO) and questioned whether this issue needs to be addressed with DCR again, what that timeline would look like, and if there's a possibility this can still be done.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) to provide a copy of any related recruitment. Ms. Yokoyama (DCR-RCO) to bring the addressed concerns to DCR Administration.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>IV. <u>SAVIN Contract Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN) stated prior to her leave, discussions were being made regarding the timeline of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and requesting for an extension through the State Procurement Office (SPO). She reported that during those discussions, the possibility of utilizing the SPO vendor listing under the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint contract rather than going the RFP route, was brought up. She has since initiated that process, submitted requests for quotes from 18 vendors, and made a selection. The contract would be for 3-years. They are working on the final approvals and agreements.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>V. <u>Legislative Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief by Ms. Ferguson-Brey (CVCC) &amp; Mr. Dunn (Community Member). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB782- Bill died (Telephone fees for inmates)</li> <li>HB997 – Bill is deferred but companion bill SB1316 is alive (Penal Code; Fees, Fines, and Restitution; Collections; Consequences of Nonpayment), SB1316 – Companion bill to HB997 still alive</li> <li>HB128 – Deferred (Arrests; Warrantless; Citations)</li> <li>HCR23 – Bill still alive (Offender Release procedures)</li> <li>Penal Code Review Committee – Mr. Dunn (Community Member) urged everyone to submit testimony and contact legislators to advocate for victim's rights.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**NEXT MEETING  
ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.
- The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, June 13, 2025 (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)