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

Meeting Date	November 7, 2025
ATTENDEES	Members Present: Ana Malafu-Eliesa, Maui Victim Witness (Maui VW, SGC Chair); Corey Reincke, Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA); Toby Wilson (Victim Representative); Rosemarie Albano, Honolulu Victim Witness Kokua Services (Hon VWKS); Rio Amon-Wilkins, Hawaii Police Dept. (Hawaii PD); Lisa Sur, Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Information Technology Services (DCR-IT); Noreen Kishimoto, Judiciary (JUD)
	Designees Present: Storm Poomaihealani, Kauai Victim Witness (Kauai VW); Ryan Nishibun, Honolulu Police Dept, Interim Deputy Chief (HPD); Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC); Michelle Toledo-Caiñas, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Deputy Director (HSCADV); Jordon Rainey, Advocate (AG – CPJAD)
	Others Present: Tani Dydasco, Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SAVIN Coordinator (DCR-SAVIN Coord.); Nettie Arias, Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SAVIN (DCR-SAVIN); Baron Sekiya Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SAVIN (DCR-SAVIN); Dennis Dunn, (Community Member); Erica Cecil, Client Success Manager (VINE); Tiffany Wood, Account Executive (VINE)
	Members Absent: Sanna Muñoz, Deputy Director for Rehabilitation Services & Programs (DCR-DEP-R); Lynn Costales Matsuoka, Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC); Karlotta Carvalho, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Tara Benevides, Hawaii Victim Witness Program (Hawaii VWP); Reid Pursley, Maui Police Dept. (MPD); Todd Raybuck, Kauai Police Dept. (Kauai PD)
DISCUSSIONS	 I. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S) June 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes: Mr. Reincke (HPA) moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2025, which Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep) seconded. The motion was adopted, and the meeting minutes were approved with no objections.
	 II. <u>SAVIN Funds</u> DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S) Telephone Revenue Source: Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) provided an FCC update in which the deadline to sunset telephone revenue source funding has been pushed back to April 1, 2027. Currently SAVIN continues to receive funding from inmate telephone fees.
	III. Monthly SAVIN Reporting DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S) Monthly SAVIN Report (Handout):
	 Reporting period June 1, 2025 – September 31, 2025, presented by Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.). Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported the drop in searches was due to VINE blocking a data scraping bot. Ms. Wilson (Victim Rep.) requested commas be used for larger numbers in future reports for readability. Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) gave an update on the VINE phone script language, as of Jun 13, 2025, the query to callers about being a victim

was removed.

- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported that an inmate's writ-out to Federal custody caused some notification confusion due to inconsistent information given by the facility but this was resolved.
- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported that WCCC is going through a transition with new staff due to the inclusion of the jail inmates along with the prison inmates. Staff continue to train in handling information.
- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported that she and Ms. Arias (DCR-SAVIN) attended the annual VINE conference in Louisville, KY.
- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported the PAVhawaii.com website continues to get visitors and form inquiries which their office also handles the follow up to.
- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported on the financials.

ACTION PLAN

- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) will send out to SGC members a graph recently provided by Equifax/VINE to clarify the VINE searches issue.
- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) will coordinate with the SGC sub-committee on updating the phone script.

IV. <u>SAVIN Reorganization</u>

DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)

Status of SAVIN Coordination Office and Vacant Positions:

• Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported a candidate was offered the position but turned it down due to pay and the vacant position is back out for recruitment.

V. <u>Legislative Updates</u>

DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)

- Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reported a legislative proposal to remove the SAVIN expenditure cap has been submitted. A final draft of the bill proposal, which will be submitted for the upcoming legislative session in 2026, is available for members upon request.
- Ms. Ferguson-Brey, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) requested that a list of what DCR will be requesting from the committee and sample testimony be provided to SGC ahead of the legislative session.
- Ms. Ferguson-Brey, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) and Mr. Dunn, (Community Member) reported on the Penal Code Review Committee regarding inmates being released early from probation and payments to restitution. They also reported that the Judiciary has declined to participate with VINE in the past. The committee will share contacts to revisit participation from the Judiciary.
- Ms. Ferguson-Brey, Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) said she will send out an email to garner interest in legislative issues and the group should be prepared for those who want to defund SAVIN.

ACTION PLAN

Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) will report back to the SGC regarding any requests from DCR regarding the proposed SAVIN bill.

	VI. Other Business
	DISCUSSION/CONCERN(S)
	SAVIN Contract Update:
	Ms. Dydasco (DCR-SAVIN Coord.) reports the three-year contract with VINE has been executed and is effective (backdated) May 1, 2025, to April
	30, 2028.
	Equifax/VINE presentation along with Q&A by Erica Cecil, Client Success Manager (VINE) and Tiffany Wood, Account Executive (VINE).
NEXT MEETING &	The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 6, 2026 (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.