

Violent Crime Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes from December 1st, 2023

Attendance: Jacqueline Herrera Giron (SA Rhinehart's Office), Michelle McAnarney, Chief Mitchell Davis (Absent), Melissa Ellison, Dr. Tony Salaam, Kathy Daniher (DCFS), Erica Katava, Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Celia Colon, Eddie Lopez (Absent), Norine Hammond, Dr. Kim Miiller, Mrs. Gloria Hicks (Absent), Rep Gordon Booth (Absent), Dr. Derrick Booth (Absent), Kathryn Bocanegra (Chair), Dr. Deno Saclarides, Candace Coleman

Agenda

Welcome and Attendance

Approval of Minutes December 2023 (Rep. Hammond 1st, Dr. Kim Miiler 2nd)

Office Spotlight: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program

Updates from Crime Victims and Violence Prevention Bureau

- VCVA Grant Process: New Application for FY25 will be made available shortly. Deadline in February. Comprehensive technical assistance available online.
- Seeking candidates for SANE nurse training programs

Overview: Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) and Medical Treatment Costs

- Christelle Perez shared information on how CVC assists crime victims related to medical costs, the documentation and communication process with hospitals, and answered questions related to compensable expenses and caps on reimbursement

Member Discussion #1: Medical Trauma Procedures and Crime Victims

- Guest Speaker Dr. Deno Saclarides provided a presentation of general medical treatment protocols in addressing violent injury when a crime victim enters an emergency room
- The presentation detailed measures that medical professionals and support staff take to prevent medical complications and facilitate wound recovery and physical rehabilitation after a penetrating wound
- Dr. Saclarides discussed measures to medical professionals and support staff take to help with the psycho-social emotional recovery and continuity of care for crime victims who have suffered violent injuries
- Lastly, the presentation discussed the vicarious trauma experienced by trauma surgeons and support staff, and efforts to ensure the wellness of first responders when it comes to treatment medical trauma

Member Discussion #2: Assisting Crime Victims with Disabilities

- Guest Speaker Candace Coleman with Access Living provided a presentation on the needs of crime victims living with disabilities

- She discussed programs and initiatives available through Access Living, and providing suggestions as to how victim service providers and advocates can best assist crime victims living with disabilities

2024 VCAC Meeting Priorities

- The Chair concluded the meeting with a discussion related to priority topics for the 2024 quarterly meetings. Some of the topics of interests raised by VCAC members included:
 - working with survivors of human trafficking and arts-based trauma interventions
- The 2024 Q1 meeting date was set for March 1st, 10 am – Noon, 2024.

Public Commentary

- None

Meeting Adjourned