

**Center for Crime Victim Services
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023**

Board Members Present: Bob Paolini, Susie Carr, Richard Katzman, Susan Ide, Alycia Post.

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Poehlmann, Carol Morgan, Jodie Bacon, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Maria Gibbs, Michelle Pelletier, Carol Brochu, Melinda Meyer, Gene Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

REVIEW MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of May 15, 2023, and unanimously approved them as presented.

COMPENSATION PROGRAM REPORT

Abby Gladstone-Strobel presented Compensation reports for May 2023. A total of 28 regular claims were received this May, compared to 20 the previous May. A total of 20 sexual assault (SA) claims were received, compared to 12 the previous May. Comparing the current fiscal year (FY23) to the previous fiscal year (FY22), regular claims had increased 12.39% year-to-date, compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year; while year-to-date SA claims had decreased by 13.79%. Claim payments related to Domestic Assault and Homicide had generated the highest expenses, with Year-to-Date payments related to Homicide showing an increase of close to \$100K. Year-to-Date expenses for Aggravated Assault also showed a large increase and had almost doubled compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year. The Compensation Report was accepted as presented.

RESTITUTION UNIT REPORT

Michelle Pelletier presented the Restitution Unit (RU) report for May 2023. The RU's Case Managers brought in almost \$41K this May and almost \$34K came in via tax offsets. A total of 77 Restitution Judgement Orders (RJOs) were received from around the state, with the largest number (27) coming from Chittenden County, which had traditionally produced the highest number until the pandemic. Michelle noted that several of Chittenden County's RJO related to multiple offenses by the same person. The Restitution Report was accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Carol Brochu presented the Financial Report through May 2023. She noted that June is the last month of the fiscal year. Although C CVS revenues for FY23 were slightly less than expenses so far, the cash funds balances were in decent shape and better than in FY22. The one-time General Fund (GF) appropriation had helped pay compensation expenses and preserve the Compensation Fund balance. Final data for FY23 will be available at the July Board meeting. The Financial Report was accepted as presented.

CENTER UPDATE

Jennifer Poehlmann had to leave early to attend another meeting so gave no update this month.

REVIEW OF IDEA (INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY) WORKBOOK

Gene Nelson, CCVS Grants Manager, advised the Board on President Biden's Executive Order on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, and the requirements for organizations receiving federal funds. Gene reviewed the work CCVS was doing both internally with staff and with all CCVS sub-grantee organizations. With guidance and training provided by IDEA consultant Kendra Malone, CCVS and its subgrantees were developing IDEA plans. The CCVS Board agreed with the IDEA goals presented for CCVS and agreed to devote a portion of each future board meeting to working on the program.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn. Adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Next VCCVS Board Meeting Date:

Monday,

July 17, 2023

1:30 PM

In the conference room at

60 South Main Street, Waterbury.