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Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime
May 8, 2014

The Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, in the fourth floor conference room from 2:09 p.m. to 3:43 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Co-Chair the Honorable John A. Danaher, III, Co-Chair Steve Eppler-Epstein, Joseph Bibisi, Janice Heggie Margolis, Kevin Lawlor, Robin Montgomery, Susan Omilian, and Jan VanTassel

Members Excused or Absent:

Chester Brodnicki, Antonia Cordero, Laura Cordes, Karen Jarmoc, Brian Moore, and Rocco Tricarico

OVS Staff Present:

Linda J. Cimino, James Morgan, Denise Covington, Deborah Rubio, Helen Braga, Julie Hurley, and Katie Nesta

Guests:

Melanie Kerr, Emergency Management Coordinator, Superior Court Operations

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
Steve Eppler-Epstein called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and welcomed members. Members introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the March 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Steve asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2014. The motion was moved and seconded; the minutes were accepted as presented. Jan Van Tassel abstained.
3. Judicial Branch Active Shooter Training
Melanie Kerr provided a training titled "Active Shooter: Awareness and Preparedness" providing members with survival techniques and options to consider if they are ever exposed to an active shooter situation.

Steve requested that information be e-mailed to members.
4. CICF Update
Jim Morgan distributed and reviewed the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) Statement of Financial Position for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014*. Jim reported that there was a beginning fund balance of \$1.5 million, with \$2.7 million in total revenues. Jim explained that \$2.8 million was expended leaving a fund balance of \$1.4 million.

Members discussed the fund balance.

Jim distributed and reviewed the *CICF Contributions for State Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014*. Jim reported that the Stamford Geographical Area (GA) Court had the highest amount of donations totaling \$320,000. Jim also reported that the Manchester GA Court donations have increased compared to last year.

Members discussed court contributions.

Jim Morgan distributed and reviewed the *CICF Program Budget statement for month ending April 30, 2014*. Jim reported that total disbursements are \$2.6 million, with \$705,000 remaining for current obligations. Jim also reported that total obligations are \$571,000, with \$134,000 remaining appropriations as of April 30, 2014.

Jim distributed and reviewed the *Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Fund FY 2013 – 2014 Quarterly Report Summary April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014*. Jim reported that a total of \$353,000 in donations was received, with expenditures of \$149,000, leaving a balance of \$203,000. Jim also reported that a total of 88 applications have been received, 25 of which have been approved and the remainder are still pending because there are no losses that can be paid at this time. Jim explained that applications for the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program must be submitted by June 30, 2014, with all reimbursements disbursed by August 31, 2015.

Members discussed the Sandy Hook Workers' Assistance Fund.

5. OVS Update

Linda Cimino reported that the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program Grant was submitted to the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime.

Linda also reported that a meeting is scheduled with Newtown's first selectwoman to begin the process of transferring the Immediate Needs Fund.

Linda reported on the victim compensation applications that have been received due to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Linda also reported on various staffing changes, including a posting for a deputy director position, 2 victim services supervisor positions, and an administrative position.

Linda reported that victim compensation determinations are being completed within 30 calendar days. Linda also reported that to date, there

are a total of 267 victim compensation applications, which is 11% less than last year.

Linda reported that the Council term ends in July 2014. Linda also reported that during the first meeting for the new Council term in September, there will be a more comprehensive overview of CICF as well as an overview of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program.

6. 2014 Legislative Overview

Janice Heggie Margolis reported on Substitute Senate Bill No. 465, An Act Concerning Ignition Interlock Devices. Janice reported that the bill grants automatic installation of an ignition interlock device for 6 months for first time offenses after an automatic 45 day license suspension.

7. New Business

Judge John Danaher inquired as to whether members had any new business to discuss. Members had no new business.

8. Adjournment

Judge Danaher adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Katie Nesta, Recorder

