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Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime
January 12, 2016

The Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Fourth Floor, Conference Room 4B, from 2:05 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Co-Chair Susan Omilian, Brian Austin, Jr., Joseph W. Bibisi, Antonia Cordero, Laura Cordes, Melissa Farley, Karen Jarmoc, David Lawrence-Hawley, Robin Montgomery, Jennifer Rossi for Janice Heggie Margolis, David Snyder for Karen Martucci, and Deborah Witkin

Members Excused or Absent:

Co-Chair the Honorable John A. Danaher, III, Chester Brodnicki, and Mui Mui Hin-McCormick

OVS Staff Present:

Linda J. Cimino, Carla Love, James Morgan, and Jean M. Weisbrod

Guests Present: Mary Dineen Elovich, director of Klingberg Family Centers Child Abuse Treatment Services Program; Garry Lapidus, director of Injury Prevention Center at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center; and Emmeline Pappas, a University of Connecticut, student intern.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
Susan Omilian called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Council members and guests introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the November 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Susan asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 10, 2015. The motion was moved and seconded; the minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) Update
Jim Morgan distributed and reviewed the *Office of Victim Services Criminal Injuries Compensation Program Budget statement for month ending 12/31/15, FY 07/01/15 – 06/30/16*. Jim reported that 56 percent of the budget has been expended or committed for obligations as of December 31, 2015, with \$1.2 million being disbursed. The appropriations balance is consistent with last year's balance. He also stated that the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 2016 Victim Compensation grant has not yet been awarded.

Jim distributed and reviewed the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) Contributions (P.A. 06-152), Fiscal Year 2015-2016*. Jim reported that as of November 2015, there was an 11 percent increase in the number of donations received in comparison to November 2014, with the Stamford Geographical Area court reporting the highest amount collected.

Jim reported that 35 bid proposals were received, totaling \$23 million in requests from the 2015 VOCA Assistance grant; 18 of those proposals were from agencies that do not have existing contracts with OVS. The bid closed on January 7, 2016.

4. Presentation: *Trauma Informed Care*

Mary Dineen Elovich, LCSW, director of the Klingberg Family Centers Child Abuse Treatment Services Program, provided a presentation on *Our Children and Families: Unlocking the Secret to Trauma Informed Care*. She distributed materials on the *Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study*.

Members discussed trauma informed care.

5. Presentation: *Update on Impact of Domestic Violence on Children's Task Force*

Karen Jarmoc and Garry Lapidus, director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, distributed and reviewed the most recent draft of the Task Force to Study the Statewide Response to Minors Exposed to Domestic Violence report *Findings & Recommendations: A Report to the Connecticut General Assembly*. Karen and Garry reviewed the report with council members. The report will be submitted to the Human Services Committee on January 15, 2016.

Members discussed the impact of domestic violence on children.

6. OVS Updates

Linda reported that the *20th Annual Melanie Ilene Rieger Memorial Conference Against Violence* will be held June 15 -16, 2016, at Central Connecticut State University and will feature a retrospective view of the past twenty years.

Linda also reported that in recognition of the Gail Burns-Smith Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Program 5th anniversary, an event will be held January 26, 2016, at the Legislative Office Building.

7. New Business

Mary Dineen Elovich distributed information about the *Circle of Security*

3 day Core Sensitivity Seminar, March 21-23, 2016, in New Britain sponsored by the Klingberg Family Centers. Members discussed the circle of security and trauma care.

March meeting topics are a presentation on the Risk Reduction Earned Credits program at the Department of Correction by Dave Synder and further presentations/discussions on Trauma-Informed Care including a review of initiatives in other states on implementing trauma informed care.

8. Adjournment
Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Jean M. Weisbrod, Recorder