

**MINUTES**  
**Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime**  
**March 18, 2014**

The Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, in the fourth floor conference room from 2:04 p.m. to 4:21 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Co-Chair Chief Court Administrator the Honorable Patrick L. Carroll, III, Co-Chair Steve Eppler-Epstein, Joseph Bibisi, Chester Brodnicki, Laura Cordes, Janice Heggie Margolis, Gerrie Wild for Karen Jarmoc, Robin Montgomery, Susan Omilian, and Rocco Tricarico

**Members Excused or Absent:**

Antonia Cordero, Kevin Lawlor, Brian Moore, and Jan VanTassel

**OVS Staff Present:**

Linda J. Cimino, James Morgan, Denise Covington, Deb Rubio, and Katie Nesta

**Guests:**

Attorney Joseph D'Alesio, Executive Director of Superior Court Operations  
Dr. Julia O'Sullivan

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome  
Steve Eppler-Epstein called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and welcomed members. Members introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
Steve asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 19, 2013. The motion was moved and seconded; the minutes were accepted as presented.
3. CICF Update  
Agenda item not discussed.
4. Discussion with the Honorable Patrick L. Carroll, III, Chief Court Administrator and Attorney Joseph D'Alesio, Executive Director, Superior Court Operations  
The Honorable Patrick Carroll, III, and Attorney Joseph D'Alesio, discussed the planned implementation of the second part of the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan that focuses on human capital.

Also discussed was the Office of Victim Services' (OVS) response to the Sandy Hook tragedy; including the capacity of OVS staff, victim compensation, and victim compensation funds.

5. Presentation on Trauma and Resilience  
Dr. Julia O'Sullivan provided a presentation on trauma and resilience. Dr. Sullivan is a chaplain at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and teaches at the University of Bridgeport in botanical medicine and botany.

6. New Business  
The Honorable Patrick L. Carroll, III announced that the Honorable Judge John A. Danaher, III, Litchfield Judicial District, will be taking over as co-chair for the remainder of the Council term and requested a packet of information be mailed to him.

Susan Omilian reported on an upcoming "My Avenging Angel Workshops; Living Well is the Best Revenge." Susan also reported that the Connecticut Alliance for Victims of Violence & Their Families Inc.'s (CT-ALIVE) Never Going Back to Abuse Project in cooperation with Charities of Hope Hartford is hosting a clothing and book drive that will be held on April 12 and 26, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Dillon Mailing and Printing in West Hartford.

Linda Cimino reported that the Council meeting in May will be re-scheduled via e-mail.

7. Adjournment  
Steve adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Katie Nesta, Recorder