



## **Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Victims' Rights Committee Minutes Monday, July 26, 2021**

### **Team Members Present:**

Jen Dunn (Co-Chair)	Marla Bell (Co-Chair)	Eryn Menden
Elizabeth Lucas	Kendall Schultz	

### **Team Members Absent:**

Monica Paz	Hon. Maria Lazar	Hon. Brad Schimel
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### **Also Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Brittany Marin (proxy for Paz)
Pepper the Comfort Dog		

Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes from June 7, 2021 Meeting**

Motion: Bell moved, second by Menden, to approve the CJCC Victims' Rights Committee minutes from June 7, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

### **Update on Development of Conflict of Interest MOU Between Victim Witness and State Public Defender's (SPD) Office**

Dunn reported that the SPD's Office will not be signing the MOU, due to concerns at the state level, so any conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

### **Review and Discuss Victim Complaint Process Narrative for Website**

Dunn distributed and reviewed a document titled, "To Address Concerns About Your Rights or File a Complaint," which is proposed narrative for the Victim/Witness website. The narrative is still in draft form, so any feedback should be sent to her. Dunn will be editing some of the language and will resend it to the committee again for review.

### **Discuss Revising Information for Victims on How to Receive Restitution Once Ordered**

At the next meeting, members should bring any information their organization distributes regarding restitution and the restitution process. The group will then review this information and determine if any changes are needed for clarity and consistency across departments.

### **Discuss Prioritizing Other Committee Change Targets**

Attendees discussed the need for consistency across the courts regarding allowing victims to appear via Zoom. Dunn stated that she likes this option for victims. Menden commented that victims speak frequently at initial appearances and doesn't see Zoom as disruptive. The group will continue to discuss this at the next meeting.

Another area of concern that the group discussed is the use of victim information on protective versus no-contact orders. Dunn stated that more victim information is needed for a protective order and it is also entered into the TIME system. The group will continue to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Information being given to victims on how to receive restitution
- Use of Zoom at initial appearances
- Protective versus no-contact orders
- Any Marsy's Law updates

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Bell moved, second by Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.