



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Victim Rights Workgroup
Monday, September 26, 2016 @ 12:00 PM

Team Members Present:

Victim Witness Coord. Jen Dunn DOC Supervisor Marla Bell Judge Michael Aprahamian

Team Members Absent:

Public Defender Kelsey Morin Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden

Also Present:

CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj Admin. Assist Alison Ries Jay Laufenberg, State of WI Director of
Victim Services and Programs

Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes from September 14, 2016 Meeting

MOTION: Aprahamian moved, second by Bell to approve the minutes from September 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

The workgroup welcomed Jay Laufenberg, State of WI Director of Victim Services and Programs. He will be replacing former workgroup member Stephanie Hove.

Discuss & Draft Suggested Changes to 2015 Wisconsin Act 355

Dunn reported she spoke with Jill Karofsky, Director of the WI Office of Crime Victim Services. Karofsky believes it may be too early to suggest new legislation to revise 2015 Wisconsin Act 355 because of some upcoming meetings between DOJ/DOC and other entities that may affect the current legislation. She suggested waiting for the outcome of these meetings and then, if necessary, suggesting changes. Aprahamian stated that according to State Rep. Rob Hutton, it appeared as though an update to the legislation was being planned relatively soon.

Luczaj distributed the restitution legislation and a summary of the Act. Dunn stated the Office of Crime Victim Services shares the same concerns as the workgroup regarding maintaining consistency throughout the state in Clerk of Courts departments regarding certifying outstanding restitution debt to the DOR. Also of concern is if the DOR will take a 15% fee off the top and use their own method of deciding what entity gets paid first.

Discussion was held on outcome 5 of the work plan in an effort to determine suggested changes to the legislation. Topics include consistency in the 30 vs. 90-day wait, adjusting CCAP so offenders must pay restitution first, avoiding lapses in civil judgements after 10 years, and clarification on the ability of the DOC to collect supervision fees once a civil judgement has been assigned. Aprahamian stated also of concern is if the statute for extension of supervision could be clarified or modified to permit extension of probation in order to satisfy restitution. Dunn added privacy/confidentiality of victims remains an issue as well regarding sharing the Victim Impact Statement. She stated that as of April 2017, victims would have the

option of signing up for the Address Confidentiality Program. This program will allow victims to sign up for a post office box in an effort to ensure the victim's address remains confidential. The post office box will be managed by the DOJ.

The workgroup reviewed the work plan and identified which outcomes have been completed and prioritized the remaining outcomes. Dunn will update the work plan as discussed.

Prepare Timeline for Presenting Changes to Legislator(s)

Arahamian reported that State Rep. Rob Hutton is scheduled to attend the 10/24 workgroup meeting. Dunn will draft a bullet point list of concerns regarding the current legislation for discussion at the next meeting. After discussion, the final list will be presented to Rep Hutton on 10/24.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Proposed changes to legislation.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

Monday, October 10, 2016