



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Victims' Rights Committee Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018**

Team Members Present:

Jen Dunn	Chrissy Preston	Gina Colletti (proxy for Paz)
Eryn Menden	Marla Bell	Giana Amelunk

Team Members Absent:

Hon. Michael Aprahamian	Monica Paz
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Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain
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Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and began with introductions.

Approve Minutes from October 1, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, Colletti second, to approve the minutes from October 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Restitution Stipulation Form

Menden distributed and reviewed a document titled "Stipulation and Order for Restitution."

Menden stated that the SPD does not feel strongly one way or the other about the use of the form. The committee agreed that input on the form is needed from Paz and Aprahamian at a future meeting.

Discuss State Public Defender (SPD) Response to Modification of Local Rules Regarding Use of Restitution Affidavit

Menden distributed and reviewed a document titled "SPD Response to the Proposed Changes to Local Rule 9. Restitution."

Menden introduced feedback from the SPD to the proposed change in local rules surrounding use of the restitution affidavit, asking the committee what data have we collected that indicates this is a problem that warrants a change to the current process. Menden said the SPD's concern with the rule change is that it is changing the rights of defendants.

Dunn stated that because of the Restitution Specialist position, the required victim presence at court dates has already decreased.

The restitution affidavit is already being used in Aprahamian and Maxwell's courts. Colletti commented that Aprahamian had presented the revised local rule at one judges' meeting and the judges were supportive and wanted to move forward with the process.

Dunn stated that data is being collected to determine the effectiveness of the affidavit; however, not all of the data that the SPD requested is available because some of it is anecdotal.

The group agreed that there needs to be further discussion on this issue at a future meeting when Aprahamian is present. Colletti will take care of keeping the local rule change off the next Judges' meeting

in November so that this committee can continue to discuss the newly raised objections prior to the next presentation to the judges.

Menden will email the SPD's response to Aprahamian for review.

Other Items for Discussion

McClain will e-mail the most current committee work plan to committee members.

Preston mentioned that DOC is putting a small restitution workgroup together. There needs to be a statutory change in order for DOR to collect restitution for DOC. Currently, DOC's issue is that they are unaware if inmates are delinquent with restitution payments.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Review Restitution Stipulation form
- Continue to discuss local rule regarding use of Restitution Affidavit
- Review committee's work plan

Adjourn

Motion: Bell moved, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m.