



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Victims' Rights Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

Team Members Present:

Kendall Schultz	Eryn Menden	Jen Dunn
Monica Paz	Hon. Brad Schimel	Elizabeth Lucas
Hon. Maria Lazar		

Team Members Absent:

Marla Bell

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Brittany Marin
Sue Opper		

Dunn called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from May 13, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Lazar moved, second by Dunn, to approve the minutes from May 13, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Menden arrived at 2:04 p.m.

Continue to Discuss Changes to Marsy's Law and Impact on Court Operations

Lazar stated that the C/T judges have been asking if there are any victims present in court.

Lazar asked if DOC's request to convert restitution to a civil judgement constitutes a hearing under Marsy's Law, and if so, then victims would need to be notified of this. Lucas responded that DOC has created a workgroup to examine the impact of Marsy's Law on DOC operations and will produce policy recommendations. The workgroup will be meeting again next week.

Dunn stated that the Attorney General asked the Crime Victims' Council to review Marsy's Law and identify any possible issues or concerns with the way it is written.

Lazar stated that in regards to Riverside reviews, if bail can be set from the Bond Book, the bail is being ordered right away. Felony cases are being held over for court on Monday.

Lazar stated that victim information is still being listed on probable cause statements. Dunn and Opper are working on this; however, due to the sheer number of law enforcement agencies throughout the county, this may take some time. The next scheduled Police Chiefs' meeting is not until August.

Dunn stated that, after meeting with the Juvenile Court staff to discuss the impact of Marsy's Law on juvenile court proceedings, it appears that the Juvenile Center has a workgroup discussing this as well.

Schimel arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Attendees discussed the need to have a victim identification key and motion to seal. Marin stated that there are state forms available called "Motion to Seal or Redact a Court Record" (form number GF-246A) and "Order on Motion to Seal or Redact a Court Record" (form number GF-246B). These forms can be utilized and do not require an end date, so they can be permanently sealed.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Lucas requested that the workgroup discuss how to verify someone is a victim when they identify themselves as one after the reporting period.
- McClain will send out a Doodle poll to set up another committee meeting in 2 weeks.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Paz moved, second by Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m.