



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Victims' Rights Committee Minutes
Friday, July 10, 2020**

Team Members Present:

Jen Dunn (Co-Chair)
Eryn Menden
Elizabeth Lucas

Marla Bell (Co-Chair)
Kendall Schultz

Hon. Maria Lazar
Hon. Brad Schimel

Team Members Absent:

Monica Paz

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj

Janelle McClain

Brittany Marin (proxy for Paz)

Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 12, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, second by Dunn, to approve the minutes from June 12, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Dunn stated that there were some hearings where victims were present, and the judge/commissioner did not inquire if they wanted to be heard. Prosecutors will monitor this and step in to ask the question if it has not been asked.

A lawsuit was filed in opposition to Marsy's Law and will be heard in August. Dunn will provide more information when it is available.

Lazar arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Dunn distributed and reviewed the following documents: Victim Identification Key, Motion and Order to Seal Victim Impact Statement(s), Motion and Order to Seal Victim Identification Key, Motion and Order to Seal Restitution Information, Request for Restitution, Confidential Crime Victim(s) Information. The District Attorney's Office hopes to begin utilizing the forms in the near future.

Bell and Menden expressed concerns about the new forms possibly preventing their respective organizations from receiving necessary information.

Schimel arrived at 12:32 p.m.

There is an area on the "Confidential Crime Victim(s) Information" form that could be utilized for the purpose of sharing restitution needs.

During the pandemic, victims were not required to have the Restitution Affidavit notarized. Dunn hopes to send out the "Request for Restitution" form to victims sooner in the process so the form can be returned to the courts in a more timely manner. Lazar commented that, because the Local Rule states there must be an

affidavit, and affidavits are notarized, the process cannot be changed without another change to the Local Rule.

Lucas left at 1:00 p.m.

Lazar and Schimel will discuss the Local Rule and Restitution Affidavit at the next judges' meeting on July 21.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Update from July 21 judges' meeting

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Lazar moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.