



**Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Victims' Rights Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

Team Members Present:

Marla Bell	Eryn Menden	Jen Dunn
Monica Paz	Hon. Michael Aprahamian	Elizabeth Lucas
Kendall Schultz		

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Hon. Maria Lazar
Sue Opper	Brittany Marin	

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

Approve Minutes from May 8, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, second by Aprahamian, to approve the minutes from May 8, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Paz, to add Hon. Maria Lazar, Circuit Court Judge to the CJCC Victims' Rights Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Paz, to add Hon. Brad Schimel, Circuit Court Judge to the CJCC Victims' Rights Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Aprahamian will be stepping down from the committee.

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

Dunn distributed and reviewed a document titled "Memorandum" from Amber Peterson.

Lazar stated that the memorandum has been distributed to the judges.

There will be a form that victims can utilize to seek enforcement of their rights. Until the form is ready for distribution and use, victims are encouraged to write to the court if they have concerns. Lazar added that victims may discuss their concerns in the courtroom; written communication is preferred, but verbal communication will not be discouraged.

Opper stated that law enforcement has not been instructed to do anything differently. There are concerns that if law enforcement is asked to explain Marsy's Law to a crime victim, they may not be able to address all of the nuances of the law, nor answer all of victims' questions. Opper is concerned about Riverside reviews on the weekend and suggested that only probable cause be determined and no bail set. She reminded the group that when weekend Riverside reviews began years ago, anyone booked after 12:00 PM on a Saturday would wait until Monday to have their initial appearance where bail was set.

Dunn displayed and reviewed a document titled "Information for Victims of Crime in Wisconsin."

The probable cause documents are publicly-facing documents. The victim's information does not *need* to be on them, but the officer may include it on the Probable Cause Statement.

Dunn displayed and reviewed a document titled "Supplement to Probable Cause Statement and Judicial Determination."

Attendees agreed that simply noting that "the information came from the victim," would be an option on this document. Law enforcement would also be trained on how victim information should be relayed. Lazar added that, in the interim, motions could be entertained to redact/seal the information.

Dunn displayed and reviewed a document titled "Victim Identification Key and Motion to Seal."

Aprahamian suggested utilizing a form that not only identifies the victims, but addresses any future situations that could arise that would impact the case. This form could be filed at the time that the complaint is filed.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The committee agreed to increase meeting frequency during the period of implementing the changes to Marsy's Law.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Paz, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.