



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Victims' Rights Committee Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021**

Team Members Present:

Jen Dunn (Co-Chair)	Hon. Maria Lazar	Monica Paz
Elizabeth Lucas	Hon. Brad Schimel	

Team Members Absent:

Marla Bell (Co-Chair)	Kendall Schultz	Eryn Menden
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Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Brittany Marin	Maura McMahon (proxy for Menden)
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Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from October 26, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Paz moved, second by Dunn, to approve the minutes from October 26, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

Victim Witness staff are working with the Juvenile Court staff to properly utilize the victim identification key. While the key is being utilized, attorneys are unable to view it electronically. Paz will discuss the issue with the Juvenile Clerk of Court, Kelly Haag.

Paz reported that the Criminal/Traffic Division judges would like to have more advanced notice when a victim plans to appear for court.

Lucas stated that the Department of Corrections (DOC) has updated its procedures for revocation hearings. She also mentioned to the group that the DOJ has created an email address to submit Marsy's Law questions.

Dunn shared that Marsy's Law has provided additional focus on other issues, not necessarily related to Marsy's law, that were problems previously and are now getting some attention.

Continue Discussion on Communication of Restitution Information

Dunn hopes to begin utilizing the Confidential Crime Victim(s) Information (CR-247) form within the next two weeks, to communicate restitution information with the DOC. The form will be shared from Victim Witness, to the Clerk of Courts, and then to the DOC.

Discuss New Forms the State has Released Regarding Victims' Rights

Dunn displayed and reviewed a document titled "Request for Enforcement of Victim's Rights (CR-296)."

Paz stated that the Clerk of Courts conference will be held on February 11 and 12, and they will be discussing how to use the form at that time.

Lazar stressed that the form should only be given to victims if they say that their rights were violated; the form should not be given to all victims.

Lucas asked if the form would be utilized only pre-conviction, or also post-conviction. Dunn responded that she is not sure but will look into it.

Discuss Other Victim Privacy Issues

Dunn reported that there is an issue with victims having to provide their name and date of birth on record during Zoom court hearings. Lazar suggested having victims announced in a format of "Victim A in Jones Matter." She will discuss the idea with Schimel and ask to have it added to the next Criminal/Traffic judges' meeting.

Announcements

The Victim Witness division received service dog, Pepper, on December 10, who can be utilized by anyone upon request. Dunn applied for grants to receive Pepper and will continue to fundraise for her ongoing expenses.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Judge Lazar may miss the meeting due to a conference
- Confidential Crime Victim(s) Information form (CR-247)
- Enforcement of Victim's Rights form (CR-296)

Schimel arrived at 12:58 p.m. Lucas left at 12:58 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

McMahon left at 1:03 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. due to lack of quorum.