

**Center for Crime Victim Services
Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022**

Board Members Present: Bob Paolini, Susan Ide, Richard Katzman, Susie Carr, Alycia Post.

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Poehlmann, Carol Morgan, Christine Morrison, Jodie Bacon, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Michelle Pelletier, Carol Brochu, Melinda Meyer.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM, with Bob Paolini present and other board members attending via Zoom.

REVIEW MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of June 6, 2022, and unanimously approved them as presented.

COMPENSATION CLAIMS REPORT

Christine Morrison presented the Compensation reports for June 2022. A total of 34 regular claims and 13 sexual assault (SA) claims were received. June was the last month of the state's fiscal year 2022 (FY22), and both types of claims had increased in FY22 compared to the prior fiscal year. Year-to-date regular claims for FY22 were up 11.29%, and SA claims were up 15.34% compared to the previous fiscal year. Looking at expenses, the amount paid for regular claims in FY22 was \$37K less than in the prior fiscal year, however expenses for SA claims were \$40K higher than in the prior fiscal year, resulting in an overall increase of about \$3K in total compensation payments. The Compensation Report was accepted as presented.

RESTITUTION UNIT REPORT

Michelle Pelletier reported on the Restitution Unit (RU) for June 2022. State-wide, a total of 50 Restitution Judgement Orders (RJOs) were received by the RU this June. Which county sends in the most RJOs has been varying month by month, more than it used to. Michelle remarked that some counties have begun working more with alternative justice organizations such as Court Diversion. June 2022 was a great month for collections, with Case Managers bringing in \$111,306 to exceed the month's goal by \$63K. Another \$13.5K came in via tax offsets. With June marking the last month of FY22, the year's total collections were the best since the pandemic had limited operations in FY20. The RU paid twice as many victims in FY22 as in FY21. The RU was seeing more juvenile offenders, who the RU can't collect from until they turn 18. Prior to that time, organizations such as the Department for Children and Families (DCF) collect what they can. The Restitution Report was accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Carol Brochu presented the Finance Report through June 2022. CCVS finances were in better shape at the end of FY22 than at the same point in the prior fiscal year. Special Fund receipts into the Restitution Fund had increased, while Compensation Fund receipts had declined. Carol remarked that because CCVS has no control over its revenues, that unknown makes it challenging to budget, but CCVS had done well at holding costs within her projected figures. She explained that CCVS had been awarded one-time appropriations to address the shortfall in revenues. Those appropriations were not yet included in the special fund balances, but would be shown in July's report. When the one-time appropriations are included, CCVS will have a better idea of the starting numbers for fiscal year 2023 (FY23). Carol advised that CCVS's new online grants management system had been launched and was saving time and effort for grantees and CCVS staff, compared to the previous paper-based system. The Financial Report was accepted as presented.

CENTER UPDATE

Jennifer Poehlmann advised the board on multiple issues. She remarked that a group of new legislators would be coming into the statehouse, and she expected many of them to be helpful with CCVS's efforts. CCVS was working to fill two vacant positions, including one for a grants specialist to support current administrative staff. CCVS was working on hosting a retreat for court-based advocates, focused on providing them connection and support. The board was reminded of the public annual meeting to be held in September and Jennifer invited their input.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn. Adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Next VCCVS Board Meeting Date:
Monday, August 15, 2022
12:00 noon
In the conference room
At 60 South Main Street, Waterbury.