

CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES DIVISION ★ CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS SECTION
TASK FORCE ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT
MEETING MINUTES



Date: February 23, 2015

Committee: **Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement**

Attendees: Terry Thompson, Seantel Heisel, Brad Berry, Jeff Howes, Kristin Wings-Yanez, Doug Hanson, Denise Pena, Michelle Roland-Schwartz, Kim Larson, Debra Bridges, and John Stein

Teleconference Attendees: Juliet Britton, Rosemary Brewer, Meg Garvin, Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura, Thomas Hunt, Mark Cotter, Shawn Wiley, Matt English, and Guest: Aaron Knott

Staff Attendees: Shannon Sivell, Helen O'Brien, Ronelle Shankle, and Sherree Rodriguez

Introductions and welcome – Helen O'Brien

Legislative Updates – Aaron Knott

Aaron provided a list of legislative bills related to crime victims' rights, as follows: HB 2311, HB2339, HB2342, HB2343, HB2776, SB199, HB2226A, SB188 and SB646.

Brad Berry explained House Bill 2844, addressing strangulation and assault. See attachment.

Technical Assistance from National Institute of Corrections (NIC) re: Post Sentencing – Denise Pena

Denise shared her request for assistance submitted to NIC in October and the response received (letter attached). The NIC has offered to use the request as a demonstration project to provide a potential model for other states in expanding and defining their victim services program. Denise extended an invitation to the group to participate in the project or to recommend others for that purpose. Helen O'Brien volunteered. Denise suggested the optimal group size would be 15 participants. Meetings will take place at the Crime Victims Services Division large conference room.

ACTIONS:

- Denise will draft an invitation.
- Debra Bridges will invite participation to the other District Attorney Victims' Advocates across the state.

Best Practices HIV as Prototype – Helen O'Brien

Helen submitted her draft of this document as a prototype for future documents. There was a consensus that this is a good approach. Best Practices documents will eventually be distributed for general use on the CVSD website, to our partner agencies and for trainings. Brad Berry suggested he can submit it to the District Attorneys for review.

ACTION: Helen will address any feedback to the document and set a date for endorsement by the group.

Follow up / Action Items from last meeting

Non-Compliance Draft Submitted

Helen submitted a draft of the Non-Compliance Complaint Process, which had been reviewed by the volunteer non-compliance review committee members. Helen invited to the entire group to provide additional feedback. There was general agreement that this pilot project, if approved, would be non-judicial and would not include the Juvenile system. It is anticipated that the draft process will be more fully reviewed by DOJ after April.

ACTION: The Task Force will send feedback to Helen by email regarding this document.

Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights Subcommittee

Chanpone Sinlapasai shared that there is a trend of subpoenaing immigration attorneys in criminal cases. NCVLI is assisting with how to address this issue. This month an outreach event in Newport planned with free legal advice and resources to indigenous people.

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

Terry Thompson said the group has established a meeting schedule and they are working on updating the roster of attendees and focusing on setting goals.

Other Business

2015 Task Force Meeting Schedule:

Monday, April 27, 2015 – Helen noted this may be cancelled due to a heavy April schedule.

Monday, July 27, 2015

Monday, October 26, 2015

October 27, 2014 Minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.