



SOUTH CAROLINA
Victim Service Coordinating Council

*Edgar Brown Building, Room 415 * 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia South Carolina 29201*

VSCC Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2011

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Present: Larry Barker Ph.D., Jeff Moore, Veronica Swain-Kunz, Nancy Barton, Hope Blackley, Sandi Wofford, Dean Kilpatrick, Ph. D., Tom Lucas, Nataki Brown, Marvin Bryant, Mark Fallaw, Surleaner Lakin-Smith, BJ Nelson, Vicki Bourus and Carol Woodard

Absent: William Bilton, Shelton Hughes, Barbara Grissom and Leigh Caldwell

I. Called To Order

Today's meeting was called to order by Jeff Moore.

II. Minutes

A motion was made to suspend the previous meeting minutes. The minutes were not out in enough time for the Council to read them before having to approve them in today's meeting. This motion was second and approved by the Council. An error, as far as attendance, was noted about the minutes from the last meeting. Veronica Swain-Kunz and Marvin Bryant needed to be listed as being present to the last meeting, they were listed as absent.

III. Old Business

Larry Barker informed the Council that things are at a standstill in reference to the RFP appeal. As for right now we are waiting on the Budget Control Board.

Jeff Moore led the Council in the continuation of the bylaw approvals beginning at Section 4, Proxies, under Articles III-Members. A motion to approve Section 4, Proxies, was made, seconded and approved by the Council. A motion to approve Article IV-Administrative Services was made, seconded and approved by the Council. Tom Lucas asked why Section IV, under this Article, needed to be in the bylaws. Surleaner Lakin-Smith stated that people were doing things that didn't represent the Council. It was also stated that we need to add the statement that Section IV can be done only when advance notice has been made. A motion to approve Section IV, including the suggested added statement under this Article, was made, seconded and approved by the Council with one member not in favor of the motion. A motion to approve Section V, VI, VII, VIII was made, seconded and approved by the Council. It was stated that Section 1, under Article V-Officers, needed to say that the elections would be done through a nomination process. A motion to approve Section 1 including the suggested added statement was made,

seconded and approve by the Council. A motion to approve Section 2 and 3, under Article VI-Meeting, was made, seconded and approved by the Council.

IV. New Business

Chandra McPherson informed the Council of the results from the Chair and Vice Chair's election. The new Council's Chairman is Jeff Moore and the Council's Vice Chairman is Veronica Swain-Kunz. The Council was also made aware that James Irby's seat was open on the board. Peggy Payne was introduced as the interim Director for the Child Advocacy Centers.

Ethel Ford informed the Council about Horry County's Audit. Currently Horry County has 30 to 45 paid Grade 14 and 1 Restitution Officer. The Council was made aware that SOVA does not pay their restitution. Ethel said that they met with all the lead advocates. Horry County has had a decrease in funding. It was suggested that the money be removed from restitution and used to pay for a law enforcement advocate. Veronica stated that there are no advocates in law enforcement. Some of the Council members had some concerns in reference to Horry County. Some concerns were the spending of funds and the assistance that are or are not being given to victims. Ethel stated that there hasn't been a problem as far as returning money. Larry suggested that we wait until a full audit was done to discuss changes that needed to be made. It was suggested that a report be done by April. Vicki suggested we interview with some of the advocates. Jeff suggested that we get a committee together and look at the legislative and see what capabilities the Council actually has. A committee was then formed of suggested people by Jeff along with some volunteers. The Legislative Committee consists of Vicki, Sandi, Larry, Veronica, Dean, Tom, Felica and Surleaner. The committee will meet on January 7, 2011. Ethel also informed the Council of a request from an advocate for a protective vest. Ethel said the advocate responds to domestic violence case along with other cases where she feels she could be in danger. Some of the Council members had a concern that if we got a vest for one advocate we would have other advocates with requests. A motion to not purchase the vest was made, second and approved by the Council with five not in favor of the motion.

V. Committee Reports

Jeff Moore also made the Council aware of a call made to the wrong Council to ask about a purchase. It was stated that the call was answer and the purchase was approved by someone who knowingly did not have that authority. A motion was made to create a public relation or awareness committee. This motion was seconded and approved by the Council. Some volunteers from the Council were Nataki, Carol, Larry, Jeff, Marvin and Tom. Jeff informed the Council that he is meeting with the person that answered the call and approved the purchase.

Sandi Woofford informed the Council that someone has been paying light bills, rent, as well as other bills for victims out of the 141 money. It was brought to the

Council's attention that under the Victim Assistance Funds, on our website, it says that victims are able to get assistance in those areas.

Leslie Sims submitted a report on the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification numbers for 2010. Leslie was concerned about those that had not completed their training. The Council informed Leslie that she needed to send a letter to those people that have not completed their trainings as well as send a letter to their supervisor. Jeff said he is willing to make trainings available. It was stated that the training power point needed to be worked on. Dean will make updates to the power point and send it to Chandra.

VI. Next Meeting Dates

Chandra McPherson informed the Council of the next meeting which is on Thursday, April 7, 2011. The Council was also made aware of the potential scheduled meetings for 2011; Thursday, July 7, 2011 and Thursday, October 6, 2011

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was motioned for adjournment, seconded and approved by the Council.