



SOUTH CAROLINA
Victim Service Coordinating Council

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

VSCC Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2011

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Present: Jeff Moore, Veronica Swain–Kunz, Mark Fallaw, Nataki Brown, BJ Nelson, Hope Blackley, David Ross, Dean Kilpatrick, Ph. D., Barbara Grissom, Tom Lucas, Nancy Barton, Marvin Bryant, and Carol Woodard

Conference Call In(s): Leigh Caldwell

Proxies: Ethel Ford for Larry Barker Ph.D.

Absent: Larry Barker Ph.D., Sandi Wofford, Vicki Bourus, Peggy Payne, Surleaner Lakin-Smith and Shelton Hughes

I. Called To Order

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

The Public Notice of the VSCC's operation in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and Americans with Disabilities Act was read. A motion was made to approve the Council's compliance. This motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

II. Minutes

There was one correction that needed to be made with the previous minutes. Ethel said that currently Horry County has 30 to 45 paid Grade 14 and 1 Restitution Officer. A motion was made to except the minutes with the above correction. This motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

III. Introduction of new VSCC Member

Jeff introduced and welcomed our new VSCC member David Ross, with the SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

IV. New Web-Based Program Presentation

Jeff introduced Jimmy Sligh from the Department of Corrections, Division of Operations. Jimmy Sligh, along with Joey Moss informed the Council that the Sentencing Guidelines Oversight Committee requested that they develop a web-based program that allows one to enter convictions and sentences and get an idea about the amount of time a person would have to serve. Jimmy said that the Committee asked that they offer to demonstrate this program to judges,

solicitors, defense attorneys, and victim groups. Jimmy and Joey demonstrated the program and answered questions from the Council. The floor was then opened for any comments and or suggestions from the Council that would enhance the program. The Council thought that the program was very good and would be very useful. The Council was also able to give some suggested adjustments that would be very beneficial to those that view and use this program. Jimmy left his contact information and stated that he would be emailing some program information to the Council to pass on to others. {Jimmy Sligh / 803-896-8540}

V. Old Business

Jeff informed the Council about the Proviso(s) that he and others worked on at the General Assembly that dealt directly with Victim & Victim Services. Jeff stated that a change was made in the current proviso in the budgets section that allows audits and penalties. The original Audit Amendment/Penalty Section says if the penalty isn't met and money isn't replaced, the State Treasury will withhold a certain amount of money from the individual Political Subdivision. This was removed by the request of the Association of Counties. The reasoning behind this request was that the county shouldn't receive a financial penalty when an agency, they are not in control of, violates the law/procedures. Jeff said that it was agreed upon to remove this language. Jeff said another change was that the Crime Victims' funds would be expended according to the guidelines developed by the VSCC and no longer expended according to the law. It was also stated that a Department of Corrections' Proviso was adopted. The Department of Corrections will transfer \$20,500, each month, to the Department of Public Safety for them to use in their State Office of Victim Assistance Program

Ethel gave the Council an Audit & Budget Update. The Council was informed that SOVA completed a total of 12 Audits. Ethel stated that SOVA completed 7/Audits, 3/90 Day Follow-Up Audits, that was a result of SOVA's initial Audit, and 2/90 Day Follow-Up Audits that was a result of the State Auditor's Office initial Audit. Ethel also told the Council that all of the counties turned in their Budgets. SOVA reviewed 254 Budgets during their Winter Phases. SOVA, in their Summer Phase, has received 50 Budgets so far that has not been started on. Ethel also updated the Council about Horry County and explained their current status with the Town of McColl.

VI. New Business

Tom wanted to share a Domestic Violence idea and opportunity with the Council. Tom met a lady named Susan Murphy and thought that the Council would be interested in getting involved with some of the things that she is doing. Tom said that Susan has written 5 books and her latest book is "Time's Up". Tom stated that her latest book is a guideline on how to leave and survive a domestic situation. He also said that this book has checks and balances of what a person should do as they try to save their life, get out of the domestic situation and how to do it in the right manner. Tom said that the Council may want to get her to come and speak to the Council for about 30 minutes. It was suggested and then

okayed by the Jeff for Nancy to read the book and let the Council know her suggestions, Nancy agreed.

Marvin made the Council aware of the Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. - South Carolina Chapter Ten (10) Year Anniversary on September 22, 2011. As Chapter Leader, Marvin requested the Council's support in the celebration of this important occasion. Marvin also informed the Council that the Board of Directors will be planning a formal recognition event (TBA).

Barbara informed the Council about the upcoming Conference on Offender Re-entry, September 18 – 21, 2011, in Columbia at the Marriot. Barbara stated that she is encouraging Victim Service Providers to be at the table when Offender Re-entry is discussed so that victims are included in the planning.

Carol reminded the Council about the SCDPPPS' Open House & Victim Information Fair on April 12, 2011. Carol informed the Council of the various speakers that would be attending this event. Carol also reminded the Council that the VSCC would have a table at the Fair.

Veronica and Ethel informed the Council of some updated information about the Victims' Rights Week Conference, April 13 - April 15, 2011, at the Marriott in Columbia. Veronica stated that there was over 100 Crime Victims registered for the Conference this year. The Council was reminded that they will be having a table, for the entire week, at the Conference.. The Council was also asked to assist, as much as possible, at the 24th Annual Conference, sponsored by SCVAN and SOVA.

Jeff stated that the correct usage of 141 Monies has been an unsettled conversation when discussing Expenditure Guidelines. The Council discussed and agreed that a sub-committee needs to meet and bring some clarity to Direct Victim Services in which the 141 Monies is being and/or wanting to be used for. Jeff stated that he will have a meeting set up so that we can eliminate any grey areas when talking about what the 141 Monies can and should not be used. The sub-committee will consist of Jeff, Veronica, Larry, Sandi, Vicki, Dean, Nataki, Surleaner, Felicia and David.

VII. Next Meeting Dates

VSCC next meeting will be on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM and the last schedule meeting for this year will be on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

VIII. Adjournment

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