



SOUTH CAROLINA
Victim Service Coordinating Council

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

VSCC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2011

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Present: Jeff Moore, Veronica Swain-Kunz, Larry Barker Ph.D., Tom Lucas, Marvin Bryant, Sandi Wofford, Carol Woodard, Pamela Jacobs, BJ Nelson, Mark Fallaw, Nancy Barton, Hope Blackley, Kim Hamm, Felicia Dauway

Proxies: Stephanie Cassavaugh for Barbara Grissom

Absent: Nataki Brown, Shelton Hughes, Barbara Grissom, Dean Kilpatrick Ph.D., Leigh Caldwell, and David Ross

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 then approved by the Council.

II. Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from our last meeting. This motion was seconded and then approved by the Council.

III. Introduction of new VSCC Member(s)

Jeff introduced our new VSCC member, Kim Hamm - Executive Director of South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (SCNCAC). Jeff also announced that Felicia Dauway will be sitting on the Council as the new Director of Victim Services at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

IV. Old Business

Ethel gave the Council an Auditing & Budgeting Year-End Report for FY 10-11. Ethel stated that the auditing team received an estimate of 79 Act 141 Inquiries. Ethel also mentioned that they monitored/reviewed 362 budgets for counties, municipalities and non-profits. For FY 10-11; the total recoupment amount requested was \$767,417.90 and the total recoupment amount received was \$729,597.32. The Council was very proud of the Auditing Team and their hard work. The Council is pleased with the progress, keeping in mind the New Proviso

89.61, knowing that they have the ability to possible prevent so many reoccurrences.

Jeff provided the Council a copy of the 141 Monies Legislative Intent and the definition of Direct Services that the committee worked on. The Council decided that the responsibilities should also be added along with this, on the website.

Sandi brought a concern to the Council from the county about parking tickets. Can parking tickets be paid for out of Victim Funds? The Council discussed this issue and a motion was made that you may not use Victims Funds to pay for parking/parking tickets. This motion was second and approved by the Council. Sandi also mentioned a question that has been on the table about using 141 Monies to pay for witnesses travel. The Council discussed this concern in detail and a motion was made that 141 Monies may not be used to pay for or reimburse any expenses acquire by and/or for victims and witnesses who are not expected to testify at a criminal proceeding. This motion was seconded and then approved by the Council.

V. New Business

Felicia mentioned to the Council that some of the Notifiers and Support Staff have not been able to get their hours because of the lack of available training. A motion was made to grant the Notifiers and Support Staff, that do not have their hours, a waiver for the calendar year 2011 because of the lack of available training and those that did receive their hours will be granted the ability to carry their hours over into 2012. This motion was seconded and then approved by the Council. Felicia also brought the concern of Juvenile Arbitrators and their need to be certified. The Council discussed this issue and a motion was made that Juvenile Arbitrators will not be required to be certified. This motion was seconded and then approved by the Council.

Larry informed the Council that SOVA and SCVAN will be partnering together for Victims' Right Week 2012. Veronica stated that this event will be Wednesday, April 25th thru Friday, April 27, 2012. The Unity Ceremony will be on that Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Larry made a motion for the Council to form a committee to do the Unity Ceremony. This motion was seconded and then approved by the Council.

VI. Next Meeting Date(s)

Victim Service Coordinating Council's 2012 Meeting Schedule;
1st Quarter - Thursday, January 5, 2012, 2nd Quarter - Thursday, April 5, 2012,
3rd Quarter - Thursday, July 5, 2012, 4th Quarter - Thursday, October 4, 2012

VII. Adjournment

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