

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
November 1, 2017**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on November 1, 2017, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present:

Charles Ryan, Chairperson, Director, Department of Corrections
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirsten Flores representing
Dave Cole, Retired Judge by phone
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Vanessa Helms representing
Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Kip Rustenberg representing
CT Wright, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency by phone

Staff Participating:

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Ryan at 10:00 am. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson Ryan called for approval of the minutes. Shawn Cox questioned the outcome included in the minutes related to committee approval of victim compensation program rule recommendation two in Table VS1. Mr. Grubbs informed the committee that the minutes were taken directly from the audio transcript and that the audio had been reviewed prior to inclusion of the recommendation for Commission approval. Mr. Grubbs suggested the audio record of committee action related to recommendation two could be made available for committee member review. Ms. Cox moved to table the approval of the minutes pending a review of the related audio. Judge Cole seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. FY2019 Victim Assistance Grant Program

Mr. Grubbs provided a review of current FY18 ACJC victim assistance grant funding priorities, the current victim services funding environment, and potential grant funding priorities for FY19. Mr. Grubbs requested direction from committee members on how to proceed in identifying funding priorities for FY19. Members discussed the funding options identified by Mr. Grubbs, identifying concerns or areas for further review on those options. Members request that Mr. Grubbs provide current FY18 award information to committee members as further information prior to their next meeting. Members of the committee indicated a need for additional information on the following funding options: Maintaining the FY19 funding priorities to include only those project types which fall within the current rules and are also VOCA assistance ineligible; expanding the FY19 funding priorities to incorporate proposed rule changes which will be in effect at the start of the FY19 grant period; and/or expanding funding priorities to provide coverage for VOCA assistance eligible activities on a limited basis with a focus on providing funding to programs who cannot apply for a DPS VOCA assistance grant until the grant reopens for applications in 3 years.

IV. Medical Billing Review Pilot Project

Mr. Grubbs reviewed the medical billing review pilot project ACJC will be starting in January to explore what medical payment rates are most acceptable to medical providers, and determining ways to balance cost effectiveness and administrative burden.

V. Call to the Public

Angie Swart with Chrysalis spoke about how the emergency direct client assistance project funded with a victim assistance grant from ACJC has a huge impact for victims, and expressed appreciation.

VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Crime Victims Committee meeting is to be determined at a later date. Information with the date of the next meeting will be posted.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre", written in a cursive style.

Andrew T. LeFevre
Executive Director

Audio recording available upon request.