

CVRA BOARD MEETING

Anchor Location
Utah Office for Victims of Crime, Training Room
350 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

December 5, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Board Members In Attendance: Brooks Keeshin, Anna Lieber*, Julee Smith*, Vickie Walker*, Jeanetta Williams*

Board Members Absent: Steve O’Camb, Troy Rawlings

UOVC Staff In Attendance: Gary Scheller, Dale Oyler, Angela Pendlebury, Madi Guthrie, Tess McCullough, Caden Erickson, Jaime Echeverria, Rose Smith, Amy Armstrong, Tisha Littlewood, Claudia Leon, Hildegard Koenig*, Jennifer Windley*, Abi Shelton, Dallas Fawson*, Tammy Talbot, Wendy Winder*, Amanda Atkin*, Lupe Gutierrez, Melissa Wayment, Shannon Arrington*, Vickie Bushman*, Denette Stanger*, Matt Anderson - Counsel to UOVC

Guests in Attendance: Jennifer Cambell*, Erin Jemison*

* Via Zoom

1. Approval of the September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes Brooks Keeshin

Brooks Keeshin called the meeting to order. **Julee Smith motioned to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes as written, Anna Lieber seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**

2. Introduction of New Staff Gary Scheller

With Connie Wettlaufer’s retirement, UOVC welcomes Tess McCullough as the administrative assistant.

3. Transitions/Reorganization at UOVC Gary Scheller

Melanie Scarlet has left UOVC and Dale Oyler has been promoted to Assistant Director-Reparations Program Manager. With Dale’s new position there has been reorganization within the reparations department.

4. Financial Update Angela Pendlebury

Angela Pendlebury is the new financial manager at UOVC. She provided the board members a financial update with the final quarter of FY23 and the first quarter of FY24.

Gary Scheller presented a handout listing all of the state's data based on payouts, reparations applications received, population, and violent crime rate. Utah is ranked 15th in payouts and is ranked 7th in reparations applications received.

5. Rule Amendment Status Dale Oyler

Dale Oyler and Gary Scheller presented on the recently approved rule amendment regarding increasing mental health, funeral, and relocation benefits. There was a discussion on when and how the office will let the rule change take effect. **Julee Smith motioned to allow the office to take the most favorable interpretation for the victim and provider within the allowable guidelines based upon the advice of legal counsel, Vickie Walker seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**

The office will bring an updated mental health treatment plan to the board at the March 2024 meeting for approval.

6. Mental Health Extensions

Dale Oyler

Dale Oyler reviewed the mental health extension requests and UOVC determination from the past quarter.

7. Outreach Grant Update

Hildegard Koenig

Hilde presented an update on the Outreach program. Hilde's powerpoint has a summary of the updates.

8. Advocacy Center Update

Rose Smith

Rose's update: let know who is on the team and about new team members. Provided results from the past quarter. Shared significant accomplishments.

9. Sexual Assault Services Initiatives Update

Melissa Wayment

Melissa's update: Team name Sexual Assault Services Funding Team, Introduced a new employee. Melissa's powerpoint has a summary of the updates.

10. Setting 2024 Meeting Schedule

Tess McCullough

Email sent to board members with survey on 2024 meeting day's.

11. Adjourn Meeting