| APPROVED SECOND DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING | |
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| **Committee** | Second District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting |
| **Date**<br>**Time**<br>**Location** | June 4, 2025<br>10:00-11:30 am<br>Weber/Morgan CJC 1845 Jackson Ave., Ogden, UT 84401 or ZOOM:<br>https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvsOl8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfA.1 |
| **Members Present** | Virtual Attendance:<br><br>In-Person Attendance: Reed Richards, Rod Layton, Christine Watters, Chris Allred, Gary Heward, Scott Brenkman, Lisa Frazier |
| **Staff & Visitors** | Staff: Katie Fox<br><br>Visitors:  C.M., T.S. (virtual) |
| **Agenda Item** | **Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum -Reed Richards** |
| **Notes** | Reed Richards welcomed the committee and introductions were given. A quorum was established. |
| **Agenda Item** | **Approval of February 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes- Reed Richards** |
| **Notes** | The minutes from the February 5, 2025 meeting were reviewed.<br><br>**Motion**: Chris Allred made a motion to approve the minutes.  The motion was seconded by Rod Layton. The motion passed unanimously. |
| **Agenda Item** | **Review of  Complaints** |
| **Notes** | **A.  S.P.**<br><br>S.P. filed a complaint that they did not receive appropriate services from the victim advocate in the prosecutor's office. S.P. wanted a mental health evaluation and drug test for the defendant as well as an examination of his computer. Lisa Fraizer tried to reach out to S.P., but was not successful. The Committee discussed that the prosecutor's office lacks the authority to mandate drug tests or mental health evaluations at the early stages of a case. The prosecutor's office also lacks the authority to examine a computer without a warrant. The underlying case with S.P. is  still open and has not yet made it to a Preliminary Hearing. The Committee discussed the impacts of trauma on a victims' ability to participate in the process and may also impact their ability to process information that they are receiving about the court process. The Committee stressed the importance of victim advocates in assisting in communicating with victims in crisis.<br><br>**Motion:** Lisa Frazier made a motion that there was not a violation of S.P.'s victim's rights. Gary Heward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.<br><br>**Action Items:** Reed Richards will prepare a letter for S.P. informing her of the outcome of the complaint. In the letter Reed will include that it appears that S.P. is getting good services from the victim advocate and the county attorney's office, but if she has further concerns, she can contact the committee.  Katie Fox will send the letter and offer resources to S.P.<br><br>**B.  C.M.**<br>The committee discussed theC.M.'s  complaint for the second time.  C.M. was present and spoke with the committee. C.M. provided additional information to the committee regarding her complaint. C.M. made several attempts to contact the prosecutors office to see when the charges would be screened.  The charges were filed in 2024. C.M. was not present for the Sentencing Hearing as she was given the wrong date to attend.. The Ogden City Prosecutor's Office provided a written response to the committee. C.M. expressed a desire for something good to come of the complaint. |

**Motion**: A motion was made by Reed Richards to find that Ogden City violated C.M.'s right to be informed and C.M.'s right to a speed disposition of the criminal justice process were violated.The motion was seconded by Gary Heward.  The motion passed unanimously.

**Action items**: Reed Richard will prepare a letter for C.M. and Ogden City informing them of the outcome.Katie Fox will send a copy of Ogden City's response and a copy of Reed's letter to C.M. and offer resources.

    C.  **T.S.**

The committee discussed the T.S.'s complaint.  T.S. was present virtually and spoke with the committee. The committee also received a written response from the Ogden City Prosecutor's office. T.S. expressed a strong desire for more accountability for the system failures in their case. T.S. highlighted that they felt the judge, prosecutor and victim advocate failed to protect her throughout the process. Ogden City acknowledged that there could have been modifications to the protective order and that T.S. should have been given an opportunity to speak at the Sentencing Hearing.  T.S. has a civil protective order independently because they felt ignored by the prosecutor's office and the victim advocate. T.S. was offered an opportunity to meet with the new prosecutor assigned to the case as the previous prosecutor has left the office.  T.S. would also like information on how to be connected with the Board of Pardons and Parole advocate, Lora Flanigan.

**Motion**: Chris Allred made a motion to find two victim's rights violations made by the former prosecutor at Ogden City. Those violations are that T.M. was not notified of important criminal justice hearings and T.M. was informed of the plea offer made in the case.  Gary Heward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items**: Reed Richards will prepare a letter to T.M. and the Ogden City Prosecutor's Office informing them of the outcome. In the letter Reed should include that the committee found that Ogden City appears to be aware of this issue and are working to take the correct steps going forward to remedy the issues. Katie Fox will send the letters to T.M. and Ogden City.  Katie will also send T.M. the letter from Ogden City and the contact information for the Board of Pardon's advocate with DHHS and an advocate at Ogden City.

| Agenda Item | Future Meetings |
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| | The committee will meet again when additional complaints are received. |

| Agenda Item | Other Business |
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| Notes | None |

| Agenda Item | Public Comment |
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| | Public comment was received during the review of the complaints. |

| Agenda Item | Adjourn |
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| Notes | The committee adjourned.<br><br>Next Meeting: TBD<br>Zoom link:<br>https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvsOl8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfA.1 |