

CVRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2014

Present

Loydene Berg
Dave Fowers
Sandi Johnson
Chet Loftis
Michael Madsen
Shane Minor

Gary Scheller
Tisha Littlewood
Lori Maroney
Mark McDermott
Dale Oyler

Susana Salgado
Julie Summers
Dana Thomas
Christine Watters
Connie Wettlaufer
Paul Tonks, AG's Office

Excused

Lyndsey Green
Diane Stuart

Dr. Madsen convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Loydene Berg, seconded by Shane Minor, to approve the June 9, 2014 minutes as written. Motion passed. All in favor.

2. Financial Review Gary Scheller
Gary provided the Board with a handout that detailed UOVC's revenue and expenditures for FY14 and projected the financial activity for FY15. During FY14, 1.5 million was drawn from the Trust Fund; however, due in part to \$877,000 transferred to UOVC from the Board of Pardons and CCJJ, UOVC was able to return the 1.5 million to the Trust Fund. In addition, Ron Gordon was successful in amending statute to allow for a one-time grant of \$700,000 to the CVR Trust Fund. Gary based the projections for FY15 on the first two months of the fiscal year. CCJJ's administrative funds will no longer be taken from the trust fund, which will help a great deal. Gary is projecting a positive balance of a little over 2 million dollars for FY15.

3. SUCCESS Program Gary Scheller
Under Governor Herbert's directive, the SUCCESS Program was initiated. All state agencies were directed to improve the quality and throughput of their agency by 25 percent over four years. UOVC has shown a 68 percent improvement since April 2013. To get to that point, Gary and the staff worked hard to develop the process that would be used for the SUCCESS program. Staff met several times. It was decided the ultimate goal was to have the measure of quality be the percentage of applications with determinations made in 45 days or less. Reparation officers were the only staff with statutory authority to determine eligibility and authorize benefits. A study of the tasks they performed on a daily basis showed a lot of duplication and duties that were hindering the process of making the determinations. It was decided that a Full Kit concept would be the key component. The victim advocates were enlisted to help obtain the documentation needed for a Full Kit. A shortened timeframe for the input of applications was established. Comp time was approved for the officers to get caught up with the backlog. At the start of the SUCCESS program, UOVC was processing at a rate of 37.5% of determinations in 45 days or less. By June 2014, production had greatly increased to 90% of determinations made in 45 days or less.

4. VAWA Progress Reports and Trainings Christine Watters, Julie Summers
VAWA grant analyst, Julie Summers, explained the grant RFP process. Board members were shown the RFP announcement letter, application timeline, and training packet. Training sessions were held in St. George and Salt Lake City. Eighty-five people attended the mandatory training provided by Julie Summers, Lori Olsen and Christine Watters. The training packet prepared by Julie was presented to the Board. Julie explained that each application, as required by VAWA statute, has to be in one of five categories: discretionary, law enforcement, prosecution, victim services and courts. Christine said thirteen agencies were represented who had not previously received a VAWA grant. Applications are due on October 15, 2014.

5. Restorative Justice Roundtables Report Christine Watters
On September 9 and 10, five representatives for the PEW Charitable Trust came to Utah to convene in a roundtable setting to speak with victims, victim advocates and victim service providers to get input on all aspects of criminal justice. The PEW Charitable Trust has been studying issues Governor Herbert is concerned with such as protecting public safety, holding offenders accountable and controlling corrections. The Trust is taxed with recommending sentencing and correction reform to the Governor and to the Legislature. Essentially, input is wanted from crime victims and advocates so that their input is included in the guidelines and recommended action final report that will go to the Governor and Legislature. The roundtables were very successful and very rewarding. Gary said that this agenda item should actually be titled the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.
6. Subrogation Claims Dana Thomas
A. Claim Number 172166
This claim was sent to the Board for a Mail Vote. The outcome was that everyone voted to forgive the lien of \$20,000.50. The attorney has been notified of the decision. Both the victim and attorney have expressed their gratitude to the Board for its consideration on the claim.

B. Claim Number 1008974
No Board action was needed on this claim. The amount of UOVC's lien of \$5091.98 was received in restitution. The victim also received a settlement which Gary decided the victim should keep.

C. Claim Number 1018183
This case was first brought before the Board on October 24, 2013. At that time, the Board voted to reduce the lien by 10 percent and leave the case open. The victim's attorney was informed that the victim was obligated to return a total of \$30,530.88 to UOVC. Dana reported that a check in the amount of \$5,923.20 was received today. The attorney has now requested that the Board reduce UOVC's lien by \$12,000. **A motion was made by Chet Loftis, seconded by Loydene Berg, to adopt the recommendation of Dana Thomas to take \$15,000 and the claim be closed. All in favor. Motion passed.**
7. Training Initiative Discussion Gary Scheller, Michael Madsen
Gary said he and Dr. Madsen feel that there are many opportunities to provide training such as to judges, prosecution and the courts. He would like to maximize the use of UOVC's training facility. Anyone with suggestions for areas where training would be helpful should contact Gary.
8. Restitution Initiative Dana Thomas
Dana provided a presentation that outlined new areas being developed and/or considered for restitution collection such as (1) accepting credit card payments from offenders, (2) pursuing collecting restitution from offenders' funds held by the Department of Corrections, (3) providing training for AP&P officers and (4) providing offender restitution classes.

Dana also reported on the progress made incorporating offender information into the UCIJS database. Anyone who has security access to the UCIJS database will be able to access UOVC's database for information on offenders related to restitution. She has worked with the programmers from both UCIJS and DTS to develop the screens that will provide the search information. Dana showed slides of the UCIJS screens and explained how they would be accessed and how to search. No victim information will be accessible.
9. Legislative and Rule Initiative Discussion Gary Scheller, Michael Madsen
This agenda item was tabled.

The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned.