

Utah Council for Victims of Crime Meeting

UOVC and Zoom

July 16, 2021

Council Members Present: James Swink, Marlesse Jones, Lynn Excell, Doug Fawson, Brett Peterson, Tyler Kotter, Tracey Tabet, Dan Burton*, Mike Haddon*, Tonya Murray*, Barry Huntington*, Shelley Haupt-Teeple*, Teresa Brechlin*, Ryan Arbon*, Ned Searle*, Yvette Rodier*, Reg Garff*, Diane Moore*, Heidi Nestel*, Tom Ross*. Support Staff: Tallie Viteri, Madi Radcliff

Guests- Rachelle Hill*, Rod Layton*

*Via Zoom

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Memorial and Recognition of Dee Smith
 - a. James spoke of his relationship with Dee Smith.
 - b. A scholarship or award in Dee's name for the Crime Victims Conference was suggested.
 - c. Tracey motioned to update the conference's Prosecutor Award to the Dee W. Smith Outstanding Prosecutor award, to give Dee's wife an appreciation gift now, to present her the award at the 34th Annual Crime Victims Conference, and to invite her to future conferences to assist in the award presentations. Marlesse seconded. All in favor.
3. Financial Report, UOVC Budget Request
 - a. There is no financial report update.
 - b. Tallie told the Council about the UOVC's Training Room updates. UOVC put the request that the Council contributes \$1,000 to the updates. Lynn motioned to approve the contribution and Marlesse seconded the motion, all in favor.
4. Council Vacancies
 - a. Department of Health-VIPP: Teresa Brechlin. Doug motioned for Teresa to join the Council, Tracey seconded, all in favor.
 - b. 2nd District Chair: Reed is willing to accept this position. Doug motioned to move Reed to this position, Lynn seconded, all in favor.
 - c. Citizen representative: Laura Blanchard is willing to step into this position. Doug motioned to nominate Laura in this position, Tom and Tyler seconded, all in favor.
 - d. Native American Community: Herman Daniels is still in this position and James will follow up with Herman.
 - e. Crime Victim: Tracey suggested Rabbi Avremi Zippel. Follow-up with Heidi's suggestion. Brett motioned to invite Rabbi Zippel as an ad hoc member, Doug seconded, all in favor.
 - f. Marlesse suggested involving more ad hoc members or subcommittees such as financial fraud victims. This topic will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
5. District Rights Committee Report
 - a. No district rights committee updates.
6. 2022 Conference Planning Update

- a. Marlesse provided an update after a conference planning meeting earlier today. Marlesse put out a call for more Council members to join the planning committee. The theme this year is Raising the Bar: Exploring New Approaches to Justice and Healing.
 - b. It had been suggested to have this conference be a hybrid. Rachelle is looking into prices and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - c. Tom suggested a JRI topic be considered in the agenda. Teresa suggested topics including: implementing a trauma informed approach in your workforce, risk factors that lead to law enforcement involvement/perpetrators, promoting protective factors in communities disproportionately affected by crime.
7. Death Row Inmates in General Population
- a. Doug gave his experience about death row inmates being integrated from Uintah 1 into the general population. Doug suggested that maybe meeting with surviving victims to listen to their thoughts and to provide accurate information and reassurance.
 - b. Rod Layton gave his experience working with surviving victims and their thoughts of a death row inmate being in the general population.
 - c. Doug will speak with DOC's executive leadership to talk through this with the Council.
 - d. A group starting with Reed, Shelley, and Rod will be created to work with the surviving victims.
8. Legislative Follow-up
- a. DUI Amendments: James passed out proposed draft DUI amendment language.
 - b. Pets in POs, Bail Reform: To be tabled.
9. Next Meetings
- a. September 17, 2021 12:00-2:00pm at UOVC and Zoom.
 - b. November 19, 2021 12:00-2:00pm at UOVC and Zoom.