

**NEBRASKA COALITION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME  
MINUTES**

March 20, 2014

Lincoln Child Advocacy Center  
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Present: T. Jensen, R. Rolles, K. Roewert, L. Lange, L. Thompson, E. Aliano, B. McQueen, C. MacTaggart, T. Nelsen, K. McGrury, and I. Svoboda

Participated on the phone: A. Power

Excused: P. Dessel, M. Rohlping, P. Sattler, K. Thomsen

Absent: J. Briggs

Minutes by: I. Svoboda

CALL TO ORDER- T. Jensen called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Introductions/Agency Updates

E. Aliano reports that Kansas will host the Indian Country Conference slated for July 16-17. Topics will be Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, working with Advocates, etc.

Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2013

T. Jensen motioned to approve the September minutes with no changes and E. Aliano seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report -- P. Dessel

Treasurer's Report October 24, 2013 – December 23, 2013  
Beginning balance was \$4632.11 on October 24, 2013. Deposits made were \$718.76. Expenses incurred were \$1180.69. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,102.73), total balance on 12/23/13 was \$16,272.91.

Treasurer's Report December 24, 2013 – February 25, 2014  
Beginning balance was \$4170.18 on December 24, 2013. No deposits were made. Expenses incurred were \$548.37. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,103.03), total balance on 2/28/14 was \$15,724.84.

C. MacTaggart motioned and R. Rolles seconded to approve both Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

*CVRW Conference* T. Nelsen, I. Svoboda, K. Roewert, E. Aliano, K. Thompsen

Have 43 registered so far yet 5 weeks out. We are going to have a Luncheon Speaker to talk about the new Protection Order Portal program. Please continue to promote the training.

*Training & Technical Assistance* T. Jensen, C. MacTaggart, B. McQueen  
Have not met and wanted to have priorities set for the committees before we started working on any new initiatives.

*Election* P. Dessel, R. Rolles, and J. Briggs  
*Membership Orientation, Elections*

We have 13 returns for Board Membership. T. Jensen, R. Rolles, K. Roewert, L. Lange, E. Aliano, B. McQueen, C. MacTaggart, T. Nelsen, I. Svoboda, A. Power, K. Thompsen, P. Sattler, and

K. McGrury would like to serve on the Board for two years starting in May. T. Nelsen motioned and L. Lange seconded. Board discussed that this process is confusing and will plan devising a way to make it more clear. If you are not listed as on the slate of candidates, you may be nominated from the floor throughout the year.

*Public Relations*

K. McGrury and P. Sattler

*Website*

*Annual Report*

*Community Outreach*

K. McGrury regularly updates the blog. T. Jensen will let K. McGrury know that the Board would like a listing of who has signed up. T. Jensen and P. Sattler will be meeting in April to discuss the Annual Report.

*Annual Awards Event*

E. Aliano

Received nominations and the Committee made the following selections: Victim Advocate- Leashalea Wemhoff, Program Award- Patricia Sattler, and Allied Professional Award- Lauren Pilnick. C. MacTaggart motioned to accept the selections and B. McQueen seconded. Motion carried. E. Aliano will let the recipients know of their award. The plaques will be ordered. The speaker will be a State Trooper—one of the first Advocates. The luncheon cost is \$25—chicken alfredo will be served with a salad and roll.

Correspondence

T. Jensen shared that we received correspondence to have a representative at the job fair at UNK (which the date had already passed). Also received was a Criminal Justice Newsletter and materials from National Crimes Victims' Rights week.

Old Business

NEVAA Report – K. Roewert

Nothing new to report.

NCVC Retreat – T. Jensen/E. Aliano

Votes needed on Vision/Mission Statements.

The Board reviewed the following Vision Statements.

Vision #1: We envision a state where the rights and needs of victims are fulfilled.

Vision #2: To be a national leader in victims' rights and services, supporting and empowering victims of crime and the agencies that serve them. “

L. Lange motioned to accept Vision Statement #1. B. McQueen seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board mentioned how they wanted our initial focus to be on Nebraska as opposed to nationally. The group felt like empowering victims was more of a mission statement. Motion carried to approve Vision #1.

Mission: NCVC believes that victims of all crimes deserve to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect. We partner with agencies and individuals to facilitate education, awareness, information sharing and access to services.

E. Aliano motioned to approve the Mission Statement. K. Roewert seconded. Motion carried to approve the Mission Statement as written.

Identification of Goals Exercise

Goals were hung individually around the room. Everyone received 5 blue sticky notes for 1-3 years and then 3-5 years is pink, and yellow is long term goals.

Motion was made to “Assign the Past President as the historian for the board.” C. MacTaggart motioned and L. Thompsen seconded. T. Jensen suggested a modification to the motion—that the Past President become a member of the Executive Committee as the historian. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee will review ratings of the Board and will compile and make committee recommendations. All will be presented before the next Board meeting. Votes on the goals will occur at the May meeting.

New Business

2014 Meetings are May 15, July 17, Sept 18, and November 20.

Male Survivor requested that NCVV be an affiliate sponsor to their annual international conference in New Jersey. We would be listed as a resource to those in their group. Motioned to approve our support as an affiliate member. C. MacTaggart motioned and E. Aliano seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 15, 11 am at Lincoln CAC

Adjourn B. McQueen motioned to adjourn and C. MacTaggart seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

## NEBRASKA COALITION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

### Minutes

May 15, 2014

Lincoln Child Advocacy Center  
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Present: T. Jensen, K. Roewert, E. Aliano, P. Dessel, P. Sattler, C. MacTaggart, and I. Svoboda

Participated on the phone K. McGrury

Excused: K. Thomsen, L. Lange, B. McQueen, R. Rolles, T. Nelsen, A. Power

Absent: None

Minutes by: I. Svoboda

CALL TO ORDER- T. Jensen called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

#### Introductions/Agency Updates

P. Sattler- Will be having a new administration.

K. Roewert- no new news.

T. Jensen- Will be starting a new position as faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan.

E. Aliano- Partnering with Kansas for the Indian Conference this year.

I. Svoboda- Quality Improvement position with the Chapter.

P. Dessel- Financial Resources form is no longer applicable. Only have to use the claim form. CVR does have money. K. McGrury will put this on the blog.

K. McGrury- Had received the CVRW grant—gift bags, 4 billboards in Gage County, displays for partnering agencies.

C. MacTaggart- no new news.

#### Elections of New Officers

P. Dessel passed out ballots for officers. Effective today: Vice President is Traci Nelsen. Secretary is Ivy Svoboda. Treasurer is Kerry McGrury. The meeting was turned over to E. Aliano as President.

#### Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2014

T. Jensen motioned to approve the March minutes with no changes and C. MacTaggart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Treasurers Report -- P. Dessel

Treasurer's Report February 26, 2014 – April 22, 2014

Beginning balance was \$3621.81 on February 26, 2014. Two deposits were made totaling \$1650.

Expenses incurred were \$229.91. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,103.39), total balance on 4/30/14 was \$17,145.29.

T. Jensen motioned and P. Sattler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### *CVRW Conference*

T. Nelsen, I. Svoboda, K. Roewert, E. Aliano, K. Thomsen  
93 attended the conference last month. Evaluations reflected high scores of Kathy Nebel, Barb Jessing and Duane Bowers. Have \$200 outstanding yet \$3243 was balance from the conference. The Committee would like to look at how we will craft the budget for next year's conference.

##### *Training & Technical Assistance*

T. Jensen, C. MacTaggart, B. McQueen  
Have not met and wanted to have priorities set for the committees.

*Election and Membership Orientation* P. Dessel, R. Rolles  
Nothing new to report.

*Public Relations, Website, Annual Report, Community Outreach* K. McGrury and P. Sattler  
K. McGrury has been maintaining the blog. She needs posts for June and July. L. Lange is signed up for August. P. Sattler will send something for July and E. Aliano will promote a post in June.  
T. Jensen and P. Sattler met last week about the annual report. Will keep the report succinct to focus on activities, financials, vision, and mission. No more than 2-3 pages and to include graphics.

*Annual Awards Event* E. Aliano  
Speaker did a great job. Approximately 30 people attended. Encourage people to submit nominations throughout the year and to submit electronically.

#### Correspondence

No correspondence.

#### Old Business

##### **NEVAA Report – K. Roewert**

Tomorrow is the final day to submit applications. Had 11 as of last week. Lauren Pilnick, Coordinator, is leaving the position yet has offered her assistance throughout the summer. NEVAA wants to work with Crime Commission more to support the academy.

##### **Committee Charges and Goals and Committee Member identification – T. Jensen/E. Aliano**

K. Roewert motioned to approve the committee structure as presented by T. Jensen. P. Sattler seconded. Motion carried.

- Executive Committee
  - Chair: E. Aliano
  - Members:
- Membership Committee
  - Chair: T. Nelsen
  - Members:
- Training Committee
  - Chair: C. MacTaggart
  - Members: P. Sattler
  - Conference Sub-Committee
    - Chair: K. Roewert
    - Members: I. Svoboda
- Public Relationship Committee
  - Chair: P. Sattler
  - Members: E. Aliano (Annual Awards Event), K. McGrury (Web site/Blog), T. Jensen (Historian, Annual Report)
- Advocacy and Technical Assistance Committee
  - Chair: T. Jensen
  - Members: E. Aliano

E. Aliano will send an email out to membership about participating in the various Committees. E. Aliano requested all Committees to meet prior to the next meeting.

#### New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting: CHANGED to July 10, 11 am at Lincoln CAC. Ivy will double check meeting location.

Adjourn T. Jensen motioned to adjourn and P. Dessel seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

## NEBRASKA COALITION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

### Minutes

July 10, 2014

Lincoln Child Advocacy Center  
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Present: T. Jensen, K. Roewert, E. Aliano, R. Rolles, T. Nelsen, P. Sattler, L. Lange, and I. Svoboda

Guests Present: C. Vendetti (Douglas County Attorney's Office), J. Kirk-Patrick (Office of Administration Probation and the Courts), M. Peck (Omaha Victims Assistance Unit), A. Lauritsen (Nebraska Alliance of CACs), C. Ditto (intern at WCA), S Yodogawa-Campbell (WCA)

Participated on the phone: K. McGrury, C. Korf (Guest- Victim Witness Director in Lincoln County)

Excused: K. Thomsen, C. MacTaggart, B. McQueen, A. Power

Absent: None

Minutes by: I. Svoboda

CALL TO ORDER- E. Aliano called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

#### Introductions/Agency Updates

E. Aliano- number of trials

K. Roewert- Speaking of Children, NEVAA

P. Sattler- undergoing administration change in January, trials, NEVAA

R. Rolles- received grant with a small increase

I. Svoboda- NEVAA, CACs are working on Quality Improvement Processes

#### Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2014

T. Jensen motioned to approve the March minutes with no changes and P. Sattler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Treasurers Report -- K. McGrury

Treasurer's Report April 23, 2014 – June 23, 2014

Beginning balance was \$5041.90 on April 23, 2014. Six deposits were made totaling \$3214.19.

Expenses incurred were \$3047.20. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,104), total balance on 6/23/14 was \$17,312.89.

R. Rolles motioned and T. Jensen seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. P. Sattler requested that the deposits include a short synopsis to make the deposits more clear, like the narrative listed for the expenses. T. Jensen also mentioned having the report reflecting the budget sections in the future.

#### Committee Reports

##### **Executive Committee**

E. Aliano, T. Nelsen, K. McGrury, I. Svoboda

Executive Committee met on June 6<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the goals from the strategic planning session.

Exploring the needs of Comprehensive Victims programs across the state—the Exec. Committee would like to host a luncheon. T. Nelsen is working on a date and location. Having the luncheon would complement what the Advocacy and Technical Assistance. Executive Committee will continue to work on goals one and two.

**Training**

Chairperson C. MacTaggart  
K. Roewert, P. Sattler, J. Brazda, T. Jensen, B. McQueen

The Training Committee has not had a chance to meet yet.

**CVRW Conference**

Chairperson K. Roewert  
I. Svoboda, T. Nelsen

The CVRW Meeting will meet either Tuesday or Wednesday next week. This will be the first meeting of the year—brainstorm different options of different speaker ideas and roughly frame the conference for next spring. We generally meet at Paradise Café at Village Pointe in Omaha. Remaining balance of \$3000+ left over from last year. The Committee would like to focus on the budget and how it fits in overall with NCVC.

**Membership**

Chairperson T. Nelsen  
R. Rolles, K. McGrury

R. Rolles reported that the Committee started to brainstorm how to bring more people on as members (have competition among Board members to attain members, have a booklet to promote membership, possibly have a meeting in the evening for membership to attend).

**Public Relations**

Chairperson P. Sattler  
K. McGrury, E. Aliano, T. Jensen

The Committee has not had a chance to schedule a meeting yet. What the committee will focus on is branding for NCVC, exploring options for the annual report, and to update the history of NCVC. P. Sattler will create a post for the blog. E. Aliano requested to have the vision and mission statement included to the blog. P. Sattler will also post a legislative article as well.

**Annual Awards Event**

Chairperson E. Aliano  
P. Sattler

The event occurred in May and has been paid for. E. Aliano requested that people should think about who to refer. E. Aliano's goal would be to have a timeline for the event. She is also looking for additional members.

**Advocacy & Technical Asst.**

Chairperson T. Jensen  
E. Aliano, C. Korf, P. Sattler

The Committee met and the first goal was to become the state-wide leader. Therefore the committee has decided to focus on the Victims Bill of Rights. They have begun creating a guide that defines who to access with each area. They have a nine page document so far. They would like to add sample documents. The next goal is focus on standards for victim witness programs. The committee will reach out to the Membership Committee to reach out to those memberships.

Correspondence

Only correspondence were checks.

Old Business

NEVAA Report – K. Roewert

We will have 17 students. There will be a resource table so K. Roewert requested materials from NCVC.

New Business

New Board Member Applications – C. Korf & S. Yodogawa-Campbell

E. Aliano shared the nomination for both members to join the Board. C. Korf filled out the Board Member application, of which E. Aliano shared. C. Korf has joined the Advocacy and Technical Assistance Committee. S. Yodogawa-Campbell also filled out the Board Member application. S. Yodogawa-Campbell participated in the strategic planning process.

T. Jensen made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. P. Sattler seconded. Members and visitor exited the room for discussion. Discussion among the Board. The motion carried.

Special Presentations –E. Aliano wanted to let the Board know that we begin to have special presentation on the day of Board meetings. The presentations will be 15-20 minutes and allow for time for questioning. The next meeting the US Marshals' Fugitive Task Force will attend the next meeting to discuss their warrants process. E. Aliano lined up Alan Potash from the ADL to discuss hate crimes at the November meeting.

Special Presentation for July- Marc Pelka – Council of State Governments Justice Center – Justice Reinvestment [www.csgjusticecenter.org](http://www.csgjusticecenter.org)  
August meeting is open to the public- Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Location TBD.  
[www.cscjusticecenter.org](http://www.cscjusticecenter.org)

Next Meeting: September 18, 2014 - 11 am at Lincoln CAC  
Special Presentation US Marshals' Fugitive Task Force – 12 pm

Adjourn P. Sattler motioned to adjourn and K. Roewert seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.



**NEBRASKA COALITION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**Minutes**

September 18, 2014

Lincoln Child Advocacy Center  
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Present: T. Jensen, K. Roewert, E. Aliano, R. Rolles, T. Nelsen, P. Sattler, B. McQueen, C. MacTaggart, and I. Svoboda

Participated on the phone: K. Thomsen, C. Korf

Guests Present: C. Vendetti (Douglas County Attorney's Office)

Excused: K. McGrury, A. Power

Absent: L. Lange, S Yodogawa-Campbell

Minutes by: I. Svoboda

**CALL TO ORDER-**

E. Aliano called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Introductions/Agency Updates

E. Aliano- Due to a recent vacancy, the US Attorney's office is looking for a Special Assistant US Attorney to work with the Tribes.

K. Roewert- no new updates

C. Vendetti- A defendant pleads guilty to three felony charges although they have documentation of 30 individual women who were victimized.

T. Jensen- Nebraska Wesleyan has an increase in opportunities for SW students to volunteer their time—each student needs to do 60 volunteer hours. Also let T. Jensen know if interested in needing a student intern.

P. Sattler- no new updates

C. MacTaggart- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> is her last day with the Nebraska State Patrol. She will be with the Domestic Violence Council beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>. The NSP Conference is next week- 160 people registered. In the pilot phase, 15 counties are in the portal for VINE. Then will be moving to the victim notification piece.

I. Svoboda- Working with the DHHS Hotline on their policy regarding the identification of intakes that should be referred to CACs according to statute.

T. Nelsen- VINE isn't working for them. The group stated to contact Mike Overton if VINE isn't working.

B. McQueen- Erin Watts is a new victim specialist that started last Friday. Working with others on implementing a "facilitated group" with those in probation related to DV.

R. Rolles- Busy.

K. Thomsen- Busy.

Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2014

T. Jensen motioned to approve the minutes. C. MacTaggart seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report -- K. McGrury

Treasurer's Report June 23, 2014 – August 22, 2014

Recognized that there was a significant increase on the MCI bill. Would like to evaluate the use of the MCI account. E. Aliano will talk with K. McGrury to obtain a list of the calls. \*E. Aliano spoke with K. McGrury the \$81.32 MCI bill is for two months (June/July), \$40.82 is for one month (August).

Beginning balance was \$5208.89 on June 23, 2014. One deposit was made totaling \$120. Expenses incurred were \$146.84. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,104.62), total balance on 8/22/14 was \$17,286.67.

T. Jensen motioned and P. Sattler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

#### **Executive Committee                      E. Aliano, T. Nelsen, K. McGrury, I. Svoboda**

E. Aliano asked all of the Chairs of the Committee Reports to submit a budget by October. Approved \$500 for the NE State Patrol Conference. PR will also have a booth at the conference.

There was a meeting at the end of August with CSG. Council on State Governments presented the data and trends that they are viewing. Justice Reinvestment Project met with several victim service providers and talked more in depth about what they are seeing in our prisons and additional informative information. E. Aliano suggested that the information be posted on the blog.

Victim compensation, restitution, timely victim notification were the topics of the meeting. Nebraska is one of the very few states that tracks restitution in justice. In the last 5 years, as few as 25 inmates were ordered to pay restitution and only \$2800 was collected. Would like to figure out a way to increase orders and also address collections. They will review statutory policy.

Victim compensation payments in Nebraska per capita is low. Discussion ensued as to looking to increasing fees and fines (not waiving them). Victim service capacity—CSG is reviewing this. Only 10 of the 93 counties have a victim witness position. P. Sattler talked about sharing additional data with CSG—obtain information from the Crime Commission and from the NE Alliance of CACs for the CAC utilization.

CSG will be back in October for a meeting for the State-wide Task Force. There was no victim service representation on the Task Force. NCVV will look into identifying allies on the Task Force.

#### **Training**

#### **Chairperson C. MacTaggart**

**K. Roewert, P. Sattler, J. Brazda, T. Jensen, B. McQueen**

Are reviewing the tasks for the strategic plan's first year and are finalizing a date to meet. New committee members are possible.

#### **CVRW Conference                      Chairperson K. Roewert I. Svoboda, T. Nelsen**

All speakers are confirmed- Dr. Darryl Turner, Wanda Stewart (MADD), Justice for our Neighbors (immigration issues), Jean Brazda (facility dog and courts), Alan Potash (responding to HATE crimes). April 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. "Healing Neen" movie will be shown- Tonier Cane to facilitate. Was in jail over 60 times though now is a speaker, has a new book out. Will submit the DAG application after Oct 1. Will need \$600 from NCVV budget and the remaining funds would be from registration fees. Registration fees will be increased to \$50. The proposed venue will be either Project Harmony or the UNO campus at the Pacific Street location.

#### **Membership**

#### **Chairperson T. Nelsen**

**R. Rolles, K. McGrury**

Membership Committee is planning a luncheon for the Victim Witness programs. Invitation went out yesterday. Membership will be asking for \$500 budget. Membership Committee hopes to have a membership drive (or a Happy Hour) at the conference.

Discussion ensued about automatically adding people to the Victim Advocate blog. Our email is [Contact.necvc@gmail.com](mailto:Contact.necvc@gmail.com)

Discussion ensued how some of the committees are working on some of the same tasks. Will discuss at the next Board meeting about committee structure.

## **Public Relations**

**Chairperson P. Sattler**

**K. McGrury, E. Aliano, T. Jensen**

Talked about materials the NCVC has for a display board. It looks like current focus is on victims rather than on victim service professionals. P. Sattler will create a one page flyer.

Meeting stopped at 12:10pm to allow for the US Marshalls to present on the Fugitive Task Force and the victim services that they provide. Rovance Lewis 402-658-0097 Danny Potter 402-669-1507

NCVC Board Meeting resumed at 12:35pm.

### **Public Relations Continued.**

Branding with a logo and branding design. The quote was \$500 to include two sit down meetings and communication regarding materials. \$350 for the design for a 2-3 page annual report. \$110 for the printing of 50 copies. Target date to have the annual report completed each year is September. May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> is our fiscal year. The Committee expressed a request for a one-time motion to approve \$900 to cover the logo, branding, and annual report fees. The thought is that this would come out of savings and not be part of the Committee's annual fee. The branding guide will be specific to NCVC. The Board requested to see samples prior to making a motion.

Public Relations talked about possibly housing the #1-800 under the Attorney General's office.

Discussion ensued with the Board that the phone number should be housed under someone that currently resides with the Board. T. Nelsen will temporarily accept the phone number from October – January 2015. E. Aliano will work on rolling the number over to T. Nelsen. After January, the Board will explore transferring the number under another entity. T. Nelsen will provide a report of the calls received.

The PR Committee would like to do a small presentation at the County Attorney's Association meeting each year. After discussing this with the chair of the Association, the best meeting to present at will be the Kearney meeting next May (LECC conference).

PR discussed having a list serve to send information about NCVC. PR is working in conjunction with additional committees. Committee discussed having the Executive Committee requesting support from the Crime Commission since the Commission works with many of the assistance programs.

### **Annual Awards Event Chairperson E. Aliano**

E. Aliano is working on a date and speaker for next year.

### **Advocacy & Technical Asst. Chairperson T. Jensen**

**E. Aliano, C. Korf**

Working on NE Crime Victims' Rights—creating an awareness of who should notify the victim of their rights, providing a sample letter, etc.—connecting with county attorneys, county courts, law enforcement, etc. Want to create a booklet with tear off sheets for victims to access on VINE.

### Correspondence

No new correspondence.

### Old Business

#### **NEVAA Report – K. Roewert**

Grants funds were extended to the end of the year. Discussed ensued about having 2015 NEVAA in place without a grant. The agenda is set for the curriculum. Registration to NEVAA would pay for training materials, faculty stipends would be the issue. May take on ideas for an advanced web-based academy. Steering Committee is continuing to gauge interest in the academy.

### New Business

Special Presentation – US Marshals' Fugitive Task Force – 12 pm

No additional new business.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2014 - 11 am at Lincoln CAC  
Special Presentation Alan Potash Anti-Defamation League– 12 pm

Adjourn

P. Sattler motioned and C. MacTaggart seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

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Participated on the phone: C. Korf

Guests Present: 2 representatives from the Ponca Tribe

Excused: K. Thomsen, A. Power, T. Nelsen, P. Sattler, and S Yodogawa-Campbell

Absent: none

Minutes by: I. Svoboda

**CALL TO ORDER**

E. Aliano called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Introductions/Agency Updates

E. Aliano- hired a new attorney.

K. McGrury- busy.

P. Sattler- Doug Peterson is the new AG and will take his office in January. She is busy on 3 trials in December and 2 in January.

L. Lange- Nebraska Coalition to End Domestic Violence—had a state conference and a celebration.Svoboda

Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2014

C. MacTaggart motioned to approve the minutes. T. Jensen seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report -- K. McGrury

Treasurer's Report August 22, 2014—October 23, 2014

Beginning balance was \$5182.05 on August 22, 2014. No deposits were made. Expenses incurred were \$3251.87. To include the savings account (balance of \$12,105.22), total balance on 10/23/14 was \$14,035.40.

C. Venditte motioned and R. Rolles seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

**Executive Committee**

**E. Aliano, T. Nelsen, K. McGrury, I. Svoboda**

Luncheon was provided by the Executive Committee on October 8<sup>th</sup>. E. Aliano shared a powerpoint and a conversation ensued about NCVV membership and what their possible training needs were related to their county attorneys and their law enforcement.

The MCI toll-free number was transferred to T. Nelsen from the Lincoln Police Department. Here is our number 1-800-944-6282. She will document the calls.

The Executive Committee also had a conference call with the Council for State Governments. Shared what they are finding with the research—looking at restitution and that they identified a gap in collecting the restitution. They shared model legislation that we can utilize as a state to bring forward in order to collect restitution. Offender's ability to pay for the restitution is one of the main things that judges look at. There will most likely be a bill around prison reform. Senator Bolz wants to look at the Crime Victims Reparation piece. T. Jensen stated that she would be willing to provide some education to the State Senators on behalf of NCVC. Council for State Governments stated that NCVC could write up a Letter to the Editor so discussion ensued, especially that we need to tie in that victims' rights impacts community safety. A member discussed how they would like to see NCVC send a letter to the Justice Reinvestment Task Force to educate about justice reform—there was open agreement on sending the letter. The Governor, Attorney General, and Speaker of the House decided who membership should include.

#### **Training**

**Chairperson C. MacTaggart**

**K. Roewert, P. Sattler, J. Brazda, T. Jensen, B. McQueen**

Email was sent out to schedule a meeting for the Training Committee.

#### **CVRW Conference Chairperson K. Roewert**

**I. Svoboda, T. Nelsen**

We are still waiting for final approval for the funding. The Committee has secured Project Harmony as the conference location although K. Roewert submitted a request to the UNO South Campus that has an auditorium for the movie. There may not even be a fee and we are waiting to hear confirmation on the UNO space first before relinquishing the Project Harmony location. Conference dates are April 22-23.

#### **Membership**

**Chairperson T. Nelsen**

**R. Rolles, K. McGrury**

No new update.

#### **Public Relations**

**Chairperson P. Sattler**

**K. McGrury, E. Aliano, T. Jensen**

P. Sattler would like a decision made on the 2 logo options. Turquoise color was chosen. The Board talked about changing the logo to include the bottom picture, the wording look of the top picture except make "of" in cursive and "Nebraska Coalition For" in black or gray color. There was a request that the recommendations be taken back and then that the Board should vote on this via email.

K. McGrury needs volunteers for Decem February (L. Lange), March (K. Roewert), April (K. McGrury for Crime Victims Rights Month), May (C. MacTaggart).

#### **Annual Awards Event Chairperson E. Aliano**

For the venue, had to wait until after the election for the new Governor. E. Aliano is look at the end of April for dates. T. Nelsen will take care of the event while E. Aliano is on leave.

#### **Advocacy & Technical Asst. Chairperson T. Jensen**

**E. Aliano, C. Korf, K. Roewert**

Creating guides for professions that have a role with victims in identifying their rights. The Committee identified 13 different parties—parole board, victim witness units, etc. Committee has been waiting on the logo to establish a common format.

Secondary project is creating resources for the 13 parties, i.e. writing letter template for them.

**\*\*BREAK** at 11:50am for special presentation- Alan Potash from Anti-Defamation League regarding Hate Crimes

[apotash@adl.org](mailto:apotash@adl.org)

[www.adl.org/hateid](http://www.adl.org/hateid)

Meeting resumed at 12:30pm.

#### Correspondence

Received one membership and general mail was received.

T. Jensen has two crime victim's rights week posters.

#### Old Business

##### **NEVAA Report – K. Roewert**

Tentative dates for August 3-7<sup>th</sup> at Creighton. Hope to have a flyer to be able to send out soon. Working with Sunburst Communication in Omaha who is working on a marketing video (10-12 minutes that can be broken down to short videos). Grant is done at the end of the year and funds left can only be for sustainability. There will be a tuition to attend this year since this is the first year that the grant is on it's own.

##### **CSG Update – P. Sattler**

Included earlier.

#### New Business

##### **Committee Structure**

Was in the minutes from the last meeting. The President suggests to keep the committees as is but to utilize the other committees. We can maybe revisit the structure in another year to evaluate it once the committees have more of an opportunity to implement their goals.

##### **Senator Bolz Meeting – CVR**

Senator Bolz contacted T. Jensen regarding Crimes Victims Rights. The Senator is interested in doing something regarding victims. T. Jensen suggested to her aide that she reviews the make-up of the Board who makes recommendations on which victims receive payments. Apparently, CVR has not paid out all their claims from over the past 2 years. T. Jensen requested feedback of areas to talk to the Senator on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and suggested:

If they are not paying out anything, why?

Do victims not want to go through the process—is it too difficult?

How many claims do they get and how often do they process them?

Can the data be broken down by county or judicial district?

Next Meeting: January 15, 2015- 11 am at Lincoln CAC

Special Presentation – Andrea Frazier – MADD 12 pm

Adjourn- B. McQueen motioned and C. Korf seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.