

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission

Victim Issues Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

March 14, 2019

10:00 - 11:30 am

Office of Victim Services, 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield

Committee Members Present: Natasha M. Pierre, Chairperson, Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA); Marc Pelka, CJPAC Chair; Liza Andrews, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV); Linda Cimino, Office of Victim Services (OVS); Melissa Conway, Office of Policy & Management (OPM); Su Hintz, Survivors of Homicide

Topic of Discussion: the role of the Victim Issues Subcommittee in Criminal Justice Reform Efforts

Action Items/Assigned to:

1. Reach out to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to encourage its involvement. Natasha
2. Expand membership to include Board of Pardon and Paroles. Natasha
3. Set meeting dates for the year. Natasha
4. Highlight Victims Issues at the May CJPAC Meeting - focusing on the existing gaps in the criminal justice system that must be filled before advancing criminal justice reform efforts. Committee
5. Seek a Proclamation from the Governor honoring Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Week in April—done, OVA has it
6. Research resources available to conduct a National Crime Victimization Study. Marc