

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

VICTIM ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023,
10:00am – 11:30am**

In-person Meeting, 450 Capital Ave, Hartford Ct 06101

Attendance: Linda Cimino (Judicial Branch OVS), Bob Gargiulo (MADD), Bridget Koestner (CT Alliance), Jennifer Zaccagnini (BOPP), Marc Pelka (OPM), Mary Kozicki (Judicial Branch OVS), Gerrie Wild (CCADV), Joe Garibaldi (BOPP), Merit Lajoie (OVA), Liza Andrews (CCADV)

OPM Staff in Attendance: Andre LJ Simons (OPM), Emily Burnett (OPM),

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of March Minutes

- Liza proposes, Marc Seconds

2. Statewide Victimization Survey Update (OVS)

- Continued work on fact sheets, which will highlight the data from the Market Decisions Research report in a digestible way based on subject matter area (e.g., domestic violence and sexual violence).

3. Data Workgroup Update (OPM)

- The latest Data Workgroup explored The Office on Violence Against Women discretionary grants for next year.

4. 2023 Legislative Issues and Updates

- Marc provided a high-level overview of criminal justice bills that were considered or enacted during the legislative session.
- The enacted state budget includes American Rescue Plan Act authorizations for FY 2024 and FY 2025 to fill the gap in Victims of Crime Act Assistance funding.

5. Programmatic Updates

- OVS described a recent learning center workshop on vicarious trauma and has been in conversations with the Office for Victims of Crime on continuing education on this subject. Other members expressed interest in joining the initiative to further their trauma-informed approaches.

6. Discussion/Review of Available Grants

- Updates covered the Byrne JAG and Byrne SCIP grant programs as well as other general grant opportunities.

7. Member Updates and Announcements

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 20

8. Recognition of Linda Cimino's tenure of service for crime victims and survivors, particularly her leadership of Judicial Branch OVS.

9. Adjournment

- Linda Proposes, Liza Seconds

Remaining 2023 CJPAC VIS Meetings

September 20
November 15