

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Victim Issues Subcommittee

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023
10:00am – 11:30am**

Hybrid Meeting

In Person: OPM, 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06106 Conf. Room 2A Virtual:

[Microsoft Teams meeting](#), Meeting ID: 242 996 507 861, Passcode: i8wVi8

Meeting Facilitators: Liza Andrews, Bridget Koestner

Participants: Barbara (Barbie) Curatolo, Linda Cimino, Gerrie Wild, Jessica Pizzano, Mary Kozicki, Gail Hardy, Emily Burnett, BOPP Chair Jennifer Zaccagnini, and Bob Garguilo

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of March Minutes

- Approval of April meeting minutes – Motion made by Marc Pelka, Linda Cimino seconds.

2. Statewide Victimization Survey Update

- Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services (OVS) shared that there is a draft of the domestic violence fact sheet nearing completion.
- After all fact sheets covering the various topics are completed, they will be released together.

3. CJPAC VIS Data Workgroup Update

- The workgroup is developing on a rough draft of a survey to inform a landscape overview regarding victim-related data already collected in Connecticut and to establish or reaffirm key contacts.

4. 2023 Legislative Issues and Updates

- Participants provided policy updates:
 - The Appropriations Committee's proposed budget authorized American Rescue Plan Act funds for FY 2024 and 2025 to fill the gap left by the reduction to Connecticut's portion of the federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance funding.
 - The status of other pending legislation was discussed.

5. Trends in Criminal Cases

- The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) and OVS have collaborated on ways to address victim notification for pending cases and post-conviction matters.
- DCJ shared updates regarding policies and training, including OVS leading a training for DCJ about victim compensation.
- Pre-trial conferences were discussed.

6. Commutation Process

- The new Chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Parole, Jennifer Medina Zaccagnini, was introduced to the subcommittee, and she provided an update on the BOPP's activities.
- Participants discussed the victim notification procedures the Board employs and possible changes.

7. Programmatic Updates

- A monthly agenda item for members to share information about their organization's programs that may be relevant for full CJPAC

8. Discussion/Review of Available Grants

- Byrne JAG applications are available for application now, and a Byrne SCIP program and budget plan is being developed that seeks stakeholder input.

9. Other Member Updates and Announcements

10. Adjournment

2023 Meeting Schedule

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023

September 20, 2023

November 15, 2023