

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR



FRANK ZUBIA
DIRECTOR

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION
6200 Uptown Blvd. NE Suite #210
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Video Conferencing Platform – Zoom Meeting

In accordance with the COVID-19, State of New Mexico Public Health Emergency- Executive Order 2020-004 Crime Victims Reparation Commission Virtual Meeting information was posted with detailed instructions on the CVRC Website for members of the public to attend and listen via telephone, live streaming or other similar technologies.

Virtual Meeting Called to Order

On March 30, 2022, Commission Chair Lee called the March virtual meeting of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Commission Chair Lee announced the names of those members of the public body who are participating remotely.

The following Commission Members were present via webcast:

Marron Lee, Commission Chair
Mark Myers, Commission Vice Chair
Erica Jorgensen, Commission Member

The following NMCVRC staff members were present via webcast:

Frank Zubia, Director
Moises Valdez, Compensation Bureau Chief
MaryEllen Garcia, Grants Bureau Chief
Cindy Mok, Chief Financial Officer
Pamela Brendler, State Investigator
Rose Martinez, Compensation Management Analyst

Attorney General's Office
Delilah Tenorio

Review Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by Commission Chair Lee who made a motion to amend the agenda due to time constraints. Commission Chair Lee amended the agenda after public comment to start with item #8, followed by item #6 and item #7. In addition, item #5-Agency Financial Report will be removed from the agenda until the next Commission meeting.

Commission Chair Lee stated for the record that item #5-Agency Financial Report was sent to the Commission prior to the meeting and no further action is needed.

Commission Vice-Chair Myers made a motion to approve the agenda changes. Commission Member Jorgensen seconded the motion. The motion to change the agenda was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Review and Approval of February 17, 2022, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chair Lee reviewed the Commission meeting minutes for February 17, 2022, with the Commission. Commission Member Jorgensen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commission Vice Chair Myers seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

At 10:03 a.m., Commission Chair Lee requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commission Vice Chair Myers made the motion. Commission Member Jorgensen seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session.

A poll of the Commission Members was made as follows: Commission Chair Lee, aye, Commission Member Jorgensen, aye, Commission Vice Chair Myers, aye.

Commission Chair Lee stated that pursuant to Section 10-15-1(J) NMSA 1978 the matters discussed in the closed meeting (Executive Session) were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

Actions on Items Discussed in Executive Session (Voting Item)

211540 – Good Cause

221697 – Good Cause

222361 – Contributory

222427 – Contributory

At 10:16 a.m., Commission Chair Lee asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commission Member Jorgensen made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Commission Vice Chair Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Commission Chair Lee reviewed with the Commission claim #211540 for Good Cause. The consensus of Commission is to deny this claim. The motion to deny was passed unanimously.

Commission Chair Lee reviewed with the Commission claim #221697 for Good Cause. The consensus of Commission was to approve for good cause. The motion to approve was passed unanimously.

Commission Chair Lee reviewed with the Commission claim #222361 for Contributory misconduct. Vice Chair Myers recused himself from this vote. The consensus of Commission Chair Lee and Commission Member Jorgensen is to deny claim #222361. The motion to deny passed.

Commission Chair Lee reviewed with the Commission claim #222427 for Contributory misconduct. The consensus of the Commission is to deny claim #222427. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

New Business

House Memorial 28

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission about House Memorial 28, which was introduced by Representative Kelly Fajardo, Representative Rebecca Dow, and Representative William R. Rehm to recognize victims of violent crime and their families and honoring their loss and suffering. A copy of the House Memorial 28 legislation was sent to our agency and Mr. Zubia provided the Commission with a copy.

Mr. Zubia previously provided data to the Committee outlining CVRC's largest paid expenses. CVRC has paid out \$4.6 million for funeral expenses in the past five years. In comparison to our counterparts across the country that have large payouts for medical.

Commission Chair Lee was pleased with House Memorial 28 and stated our agency will continue to recognize the victims of crime.

Advocacy In Action 2.0

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission that the agency's Advocacy in Action (AIA) 2.0 took place virtually on March 30, 2022. Mr. Zubia stated it went well, with only a few technical issues. The CVRC's leadership will continue to have workshop trainings throughout the year on a monthly basis.

Executive Directors across the state have expressed support with the new approach on AIA, flexibility and being able to access the recordings of the presentations and trainings are helping their agencies and they are also able to add more people to these trainings.

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission that the month of April consists of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness, and also, Victims' Rights. CVRC is coordinating trainings to relate to these areas.

Commission Chair Lee is pleased with the AIA 2.0 training workshops and wants to ensure that we are getting the people to be fully engaged in the trainings. Mr. Zubia informed the Commission that participants will have to take a test to receive any continuing education units (CEU's).

Region VI Human Trafficking Workgroup (NM, OK, AK, TX, LA)

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission that CVRC will be hosting the Region VI Human Trafficking Workgroup from NM, OK, AK, TX, and LA at the CVRC office starting on March 31, 2021, for two days. Our agency requested to host this workshop to ensure ongoing collaboration between governmental, non-profits and other states. The New Mexico Office of the Attorney General will also participate and provide information on their human trafficking services.

Commission Chair Lee is pleased that CVRC is hosting this workgroup and is looking forward to more ideas and implementation of services to assist Human Trafficking victims. Commission Chair Lee shared some of the Human Trafficking programs that are offered in the Northwest region of our country and hopes that we can implement these services in the near future.

Business

Grants Status Report (VOCA, VAWA, SASP and State)

Ms. Garcia, Grants Bureau Chief, informed the Commission of the following:

The FFY2023 STOP VAWA Request for Proposal was issued on January 21, 2022, were due, March 28, 2022. Both competitive and continuation applications were received.

The State Human Trafficking Request for Proposal will be released March 30, 2022. A grant writing webinar has been recorded and will be included in the solitation to assist applicants.

The State Human Trafficking Request for Proposal was released March 28, 2022. A grant writing webinar was recorded and was includes in the solitation to assist applications.

The Sexual Assault Services Scope of Work will be released April 4, 2022. A grant writing webinar has been recorded and will be included in the solitation to assist applicants.

The Grants Bureau Chief continues to participate on the Board of the Association of VAWA Administrators, AVA has been hosting a series of Peer-to-Peer calls in reference to the VAWA Implementation Planning process and the Grants Bureau Chief has been facilitating those conversations.

Commission Meeting March 30, 2022

The Statewide Implantation Planning process is still underway. We will be meeting with tribal advocates, tribal governments, law enforcement, victim services, prosecutors and community-based services over the next several months. These meetings will help establish the 2021-2025 Statewide Implementation Plan, which should be adopted before the end of April 2022.

The Grants Department continues to provide technical assistance to program and projects that are funded through CVRC state and federal funding.

La Casa, Inc. Status

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission that La Casa has hired a new Executive Director.

Roberta's Place Status

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission that Roberta's Place will be hiring a new Executive Director from within the organization. Roberta's Place will be training this person to ensure they have all necessary resources to be successful.

Arise Sexual Assault Services Status

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission from previous meetings that Arise Sexual Assault Services is trying to transition from a hospital setting to becoming an independent agency with its own 501(c)3. Upon further review, it was determined that the contracts and infrastructure, along with multiple funding sources cannot take place until the next fiscal year. The Coalition and the funders will be assisting ARISE and the leadership of the hospital to ensure that this transition does not impact victim services.

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission that our agency will be resending the contract with Arise until the transition takes place as previously reviewed.

DVRC

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission that the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) has hired a new Executive Director.

Commission Chair Lee thanked everyone for their hard work.

The next Commission meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. which will be a virtual meeting.

Adjourned

Commission Member Jorgensen moved to adjourn the Commission meeting. Commission Chair Lee seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The virtual meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

3.30.2022

APPROVED:  DATE: _____
Marron Lee, Commission Chair