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Meeting Called to Order

On October 26, 2023, Commission Chair Summa called the October meeting of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chair Summa announced the names of the Commission members of the public body and acknowledged those who are participating in person and virtually.

The following Commission Members were present:

Allyn B. Summa, Commission Chair
David Karst, Commission Vice Chair (Virtual)
Kim Stewart, Sheriff, Commission Member (Virtual)
Cody Rogers, Attorney, Commission Member (Virtual)

The following NMCVRC staff members were present:

Frank Zubia, Director
Donna Richmond, Grants Bureau Chief (Virtual)
Cindy Mok, Chief Financial Officer
Leslie Valenzuela, State Investigator (Virtual)
Debra Yepa, State Investigator
Jacqueline Hernandez, Administrative Secretary
Marivel Baca, State Grants Administrator (Virtual)

The following Attorney General's Office attendee was present:

Delilah Tenorio, Assistant Attorney (Virtual)

The following guests were present:

Diego Jimenez, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Analyst
Scott Sanchez, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Analyst

Review Agenda

Commission Members reviewed the amended agenda and Commission Chair Summa asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commission Member Stewart made the motion to approve. Commission Member Karst seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amended agenda was passed unanimously.

The roll-call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Summa, aye, Commission Member Stewart, aye, Commission Vice Chair Karst, aye, Commission Member Rogers, aye.

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Review and Approval of September 28, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chair Summa and Commission members reviewed the Commission meeting minutes for September 28, 2023. Commission Vice Chair Karst made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commission Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

The roll-call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Summa, aye, Commission Member Stewart, aye, Commission Vice Chair Karst, aye, Commission Member Rogers, aye.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Agency Financial Report

Ms. Mok provided a summary to the Commission regarding the fiscal year FY2024 budget position report regarding victim payments for July 1, 2023, through October 18, 2023. The beginning budget is \$2,579,000. The total compensation approved for victim payouts as of October 18, 2023, is (\$875,438).

In addition, Ms. Mok informed the Commission that CVRC has a balance in the victim budget of \$1.7 million for the remaining fiscal year. As previously mentioned, CVRC is still showing a deficit of \$194,000. However, CVRC is in the process of a special appropriation request for care and support for victim payments.

Ms. Mok presented the FY 2024 Crime Victim Fund Budget Status report to the Commission.

Below are the payments received for the period of July 01, 2023, to October 18, 2023, by type:

Restitution: \$6,927

Corrections: \$65,617

Civil Settlement: \$2,172

Penalty Assessment: \$26,705

Total received: \$101,421

Ms. Mok reviewed with the Commission the Crime Victims Funds Status report totaling **\$101,421** as of the month of October.

Ms. Mok informed the Commission that CVRC still needs to collect from the Corrections Department for September. However, CVRC has received payments for July and August. CVRC has collected about \$15,000 from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the Penalty Assessment for August.

In addition, Ms. Mok informed the Commission that CVRC has a deficit of \$150,579, which translates to CVRC needing to collect, which was projected for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Budget Hearing, Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Ms. Mok informed the Commission that she and Mr. Zubia attended the LFC Budget Hearing on October 24, 2023, where they introduced the FY25 budget request of a **\$4.47 million** increase in attempts to receive additional state appropriation for victim compensation payments and forthcoming VOCA cut.

In addition, Ms. Mok informed the Commission that the Committee had yet to decide as it was only the preliminary budget presentation. The LFC and Governor's Office will publicize their recommendation(s) at the final hearing, scheduled for late January/early February.

New Business

Emergency Assistance RFP 24-780-P707-00800 (Voting Item)

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Ms. Richmond informed the Commission that the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission received fifteen (15) competitive applications for the FY24 State Emergency Assistance Funding solicitation. Four (4) agencies were not recommended for funding. Two (2) agencies did not adhere to the RFP and did not qualify for submission. A list of the recommended agencies was provided to the Commission.

In addition, Ms. Richmond informed the Commission that the funding was previously Federal VOCA funding. Still, to minimize the impending VOCA cuts, CVRC cost shifted and is now State Funding, which will also be less restrictive under Ms. Baca's administration. Guidelines have been revised, and the grant will begin November 1, 2023, and run through June 30, 2024.

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission that the previous Federal Funding expired on September 30, 2023, leaving CVRC with funds that could be utilized until October 31, 2023. Therefore, the start date of state funding is November 1, 2023.

Commission Member Stewart shared with the Commission regarding Sojourners Family Services in Wisconsin, in which they serve extensive services to victims of domestic violence.

Commission Chair Summa and Commission members reviewed the Emergency Assistance RFP 24-780-P707-00800. Commission Vice Chair Karst made a motion to approve the RFP. Commission Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Emergency Assistance RFP passed unanimously.

The roll-call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Summa, aye, Commission Member Stewart, aye, Commission Vice Chair Karst, aye, Commission Member Rogers, aye.

Fifth Judicial District RFP 24-780-P707-00115 (Voting Item)

Ms. Richmond informed the Commission the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission received one (1) competitive application for the FY24 State Fifth Judicial District solicitation. The total FY24 State Fifth Judicial District Funding was \$118,750.00 towards the Phoenix House in this specific district.

In addition, Mr. Zubia informed the Commission this funding will begin November 1, 2023. This funding will be recurring and will be part of the RFP process going forward.

Commission Chair Summa and Commission members reviewed the Fifth Judicial District RFP 24-780-P707-00115. Commission Member Stewart made a motion to approve the RFP. Commission Vice Chair Karst seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Fifth Judicial District RFP passed unanimously.

The roll-call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Summa, aye, Commission Member Stewart, aye, Commission Vice Chair Karst, aye, Commission Member Rogers, aye.

Business

Grants Update (VOCA, VAWA, SASP, and State)

Ms. Richmond informed the Commission seventy-eight (78) VOCA contracts have been sent out for FY24, VAWA annual report is almost finalized for submission.

In addition, Ms. Richmond informed the Commission she assisted the New Mexico Victim Assistance Training Academy (NM VAT), October 2 – 6, at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. CVRC received a great response from participants, who were thankful for the information, resources, and ability to network. Ms. Richmond recognized Mr. Zubia and Ms. Mok with gratitude for their efforts in preparing this conference.

FFY2024 VOCA Victim Assistance Competitive Solicitation Final Award (Voting Item)

Ms. Richmond informed the Commission the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission received three (3) competitive applications for the FFY24 VOCA Victim Assistance solicitation. There was one (1) agency that did not qualify for submission. A preliminary vote took place at the September meeting, no protests were made against these grants.

Commission Chair Summa and Commission members reviewed the FFY2024 VOCA Victim Assistance Competitive Solicitation Final Award. Commission Member Rogers made a motion to approve the award. Commission Vice Chair Karst seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Final Award passed unanimously.

The roll-call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Summa, aye, Commission Member Stewart, aye, Commission Vice Chair Karst, aye, Commission Member Rogers, aye.

CVRC Commission Retreat Rescheduling & Agenda Discussion

Mr. Zubia proposed dates to the Commission Members and unanimously picked the dates of November 17th and 18th, 2023. The Commission Meeting for the month of November will be included in this retreat. Mr. Zubia has made reservations in Santa Fe.

Mr. Zubia informed the Commission Rules and Regulations and dates for the Commission Meetings in 2024 will be discussed during November's Commission Meeting.

In addition, Mr. Zubia will follow up with Commission Member Brown regarding this discussion.

Actions on Items Discussed in Executive Session (Voting Item)

No executive session

The next Commission meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at El Dorado Hotel, 309 West San Francisco St., Santa Fe, NM, 87501. This could change to a virtual meeting depending on direction from the Attorney General.

Adjourned

Commission Chair Summa adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED: Allyn Summa DATE: 11/17/2023
Commission Chair Summa