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Meeting Called to Order

On March 28, 2024, Commission Chair Summa called the March meeting of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission to order at 10:13 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 remotely.

The following Commission Members were present:

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

The following NMCVRC staff members were present via a video conferencing platform:

- Frank Zubia, Director (Virtual)
- Donna Richmond, Grants Bureau Chief
- Cindy Mok, Chief Financial Officer
- Jacqueline Chavez-Sanchez, Compensation Bureau Chief
- Jacqueline Hernandez, Administrative Secretary
- Leslie Valenzuela, State Investigator (Virtual)

Review Agenda

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

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

Review and Approval of February 22, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chair Summa and Commission members reviewed the Commission meeting minutes for February 22, 2024. Commission Member Stewart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commission Member Rogers 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 Member Rogers, aye.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Agency Financial Report

Ms. Mok updated the Commission regarding the fiscal year FY2024 budget position report regarding victim payments for the period of July 1, 2023, through March 21, 2024.

The victim payment allocation is \$2,579,000. The compensation victim batch payouts as of March 21, 2024, are \$2,374,464, with an available budget of \$204,536 for the remaining state fiscal year; there are 15 weeks remaining in the fiscal year to close out FY2024. Furthermore, Ms. Mok informed the Commission that an anticipated amount of \$1,000,000 would be required to close out the remaining three (3) months of the fiscal year. As previously communicated, CVRC intends to utilize the remaining funds from the FY23 VOCA Comp Federal award to cover a portion of this requirement. However, it was highlighted that CVRC would still face a shortfall of \$182,000.

Ms. Mok further elaborated that CVRC currently holds approximately \$200,000 in crime victim funds, which will be utilized to mitigate this shortfall. It was noted, however, that utilizing these funds would deplete the organization's fund balance entirely, leaving no reserve for the commencement of FY25.

Ms. Mok presented the FY 2023 Crime Victim Fund Budget Status report to the Commission. Below are the payments received for the period of July 01, 2023, to February 19, 2024, by type:

Restitution: \$43,069

Corrections: \$318,732

Civil Settlement: \$8,909

Penalty Assessment: \$102,238

Total received: \$472,948

Ms. Mok reviewed the Crime Victims Funds Status report with the Commission, totaling **\$472,948**.

Ms. Mok informed the Commission that CVRC is not meeting the target for what was projected in the beginning of the fiscal year. In addition, CVRC has not received the payments for the months of February and March from the Administrative Office of the Courts, Ms. Mok assured the Commission that she would provide further updates on this matter during the next meeting.

In a positive update, Ms. Mok shared with the Commission that the legislature has allocated a recurring appropriation of \$750,000 for care and support, along with a one-time grow fund or junior appropriation of \$240,000 for the same purpose. Additionally, Ms. Mok announced that the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has notified CVRC of the federal FY24 VOCA Compensation Award Allocation, amounting to \$1,200,000, which will soon be received by the organization.

New Business**Office for Victims of Crime, Compensation Program Administrator Meeting**

Mr. Zubia provided the Commission with an update on constructive discussions on the federal government's plan to address the VOCA cut, which directly impacted CVRC's budget. He outlined a significant \$7,300,000,000 appropriation to the crime victim fund as part of the president's budget. He aimed to assist over the next five federal fiscal years to help stabilize the situation with a \$2,000,000 spending cap. OVC clarified that this appropriation would not be reflected for FY25 but for the subsequent year.

Mr. Zubia emphasized the importance of this measure given the substantial 40.9% cut from CVRC's previous funding of \$8,800,000, which now stands at \$5,198,000. Mr. Zubia reassured the Commission that CVRC has developed a strategic plan to sustain all of CVRC's programs, setting the ultimate goal for the next three fiscal years. Additionally, Mr. Zubia highlighted ongoing legislative efforts at the federal level to sustain funding until 2034, indicating promising developments in progress.

Furthermore, Mr. Zubia mentioned a settlement of \$1,500,000,000 designated for the fund, which, while promising, cannot be tapped into until FY25.

Business

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

Ms. Richmond updated the Commission regarding various Request for Proposals (RFPs) and funding allocations. Ms. Richmond shared that CVRC has secured \$1,100,000 in continuation funding, alongside nine new applications amounting to \$209,000 in funding. Additionally, Ms. Richmond informed the Commission about the ongoing work on State RFPs for state funding. One such RFP is called VOCA supplement, which prioritizes funding for all current VOCA subrecipients considering anticipated federal cuts to be supplemented with state appropriation.

Furthermore, Ms. Richmond highlighted an allocation of \$1,940,000 for Community Service Providers for victims of sexual assault and the release of an RFP for new competitive programs. She also mentioned a \$2,300,000 appropriation from the state legislature to support these providers.

In summary, Ms. Richmond emphasized that three (3) RFPs are forthcoming for state appropriations. She also noted the recent closure of the VAWA Sexual Assault Service Providers federal funding, facilitated through the Coalition, with the RFP closing the previous week. Moreover, Ms. Richmond mentioned an increase of **\$250,000** compared to last year's contract; the Grants Department is scheduled to hold an upcoming peer review meeting and assured the Commission that updates on these matters would be provided during the next meeting.

Executive Session

No Items.

The next Commission meeting has been scheduled tentatively for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 6200 Uptown Blvd. N.E., Suite #210, Albuquerque, NM in the conference room. This could change to a virtual meeting depending on direction from the Attorney General.

Adjourned

Commission Chair Summa adjourned the March meeting.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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APPROVED: Allyn Summa - Commission Chair DATE: 5/9/2024
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