

**Center for Crime Victim Services
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018**

Board Members Present: Bob Paolini, Susan Ide, Richard Katzman. **Absent:** Margaret Joyal, Jerry O’Neill.

Staff Members Present: Chris Fenno, Carol Morgan, Christine Morrison, Jodie Bacon , Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Elaine Boyce, Melinda Meyer. **Absent:** other staff were not present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM.

REVIEW MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of August 13, 2018, and approved them as presented.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no legislative update this month.

COMPENSATION CLAIMS REPORT

Christine Morrison presented the Compensation report for August 2018. This August, a lot of new claims were received, with an increase of 30.19 % compared to the previous August. Looking at payments by type of crime, Christine noted that payments so far in FY19 look higher than last year’s for travel-related expenses related to Domestic Violence and Homicide. She added that this may turn out to be the “new normal” under the new mileage reimbursement rate for crime victims. However, payments related to homicide claims in August were all made on claims from previous months. There were no new homicide claims in August 2018. The Compensation Report was accepted as presented.

REVIEW OF SPECIFIC COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Claim 65755 – This claim was brought to the Board to determine if the Board would consider payment of a homicide survivor’s health insurance premium for one month. The surviving parent was unable to work following the death of their child, which affected their health insurance coverage. The parent was seeking compensation for one month’s insurance premium of \$796.59. The Board voted all-in-favor to approve payment, and agreed that any similar cases in the future will also be brought to the Board for a case-by-case review.

Claim 65257 – This claim was brought to the Board for consideration of travel expenses above the travel expense cap per policy of \$2,000.00. The suspect was charged with First Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault on an infant child. The minor victim and mother would like to attend the sentencing hearing. The cost of the anticipated travel expenses beyond the \$2,000 cap for airfare, hotel, and food, was projected to be \$446.52. The Board voted all-in-favor to approve payment of up to \$1,000 to cover potential travel charges above the cap.

Claim 65155 – This claim was originally brought to the Board on Dec. 4, 2017. The charge was LSA(a)-Property Damage. The victim sustained injury and incurred medical expenses. The Board had originally tabled the claim, pending the outcome of payment of medical expenses by

insurance/Medicaid. The Board had instructed staff to bring the case back to the Board if medical expenses were paid in full by the insurance/Medicaid. Therefore this claim was now brought back to the Board for determination of claim eligibility. Bob Paolini summarized that since insurance/Medicaid had paid in full and there was no payment needed from the Compensation Program, the question now before the Board was whether or not the claim should be left open and considered eligible for potential future payments. After discussion, the Board voted all-in-favor to find the claim ineligible for compensation.

RESTITUTION UNIT REPORT

There was no report on the Restitution Unit this month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no Financial Report this month.

CENTER UPDATE

There was no Center Update this month.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:33 PM

Next VCCVS Board Meeting Date:

**Monday,
Oct. 8, 2018
1:30 – 3:30 PM**

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