

# Center for Crime Victim Services

## Annual Meeting Minutes April 19, 2021

### Virtual meeting via Zoom

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

**Absent:** Susan Ide. **Presenters and Guests:** Chris Fenno, Gene Nelson, Samantha Talbot, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Michelle Pelletier, Carol Brochu, Roz Renfrew, Omara Rivera-Vazquez, Elaine Boyce, Melinda Meyer, Carol Morgan, Christine Morrison, Jodie Bacon, Sadie Donovan, Bobbie Lawson, Mallory Parker, Keith Monroe, Gina Yalicki, Kira Krier, Julie Frailey, Jessica Spitzer, Richard Spitzer, rep. Trevor Squirrel, rep. Karen Dolan, rep. Mike Yantachka, rep. Art Peterson, Tracy Patnoe, Michelle Teegarden.

The annual meeting began at 1:31 PM.

#### A BRIEF HISTORY

Board Chairman Bob Paolini provided a brief history of the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services.

#### INTRODUCTION

Chris Fenno, Executive Director of C CVS, welcomed the meeting participants.

#### A CRIME SURVIVOR’S STORY

Jessica Spitzer spoke about her personal experience as a survivor of crime.

#### OUTREACH & TRAINING OVERVIEW

Samantha Talbot, Social Media & Communications Coordinator, gave an overview of C CVS’s outreach efforts, including social media, trainings, and The Mend podcast.

#### FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Manager Carol Brochu presented annual data on C CVS funding and expenses for the most recently completed state fiscal year 2020 (FY20).

#### VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Compensation Claims Specialist, presented annual data on the Vermont Victims Compensation Program for the most recently completed state fiscal year 2020 (FY20).

## RESTITUTION UNIT ANNUAL REPORT

Michelle Pelletier, Manager of the Restitution Unit, presented annual data on the Restitution Unit for the most recently completed state fiscal year 2020 (FY20).

## GRANTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Grants Manager Gene Nelson presented on CCVS grants programs for the most recently completed state fiscal year 2020 (FY20); including highlighting special initiatives such as the Legal Partnership for Crime Victims, which has increased access to free legal services for crime victims in Vermont.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING OVERVIEW

Rosalind Renfrew, Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator, provided an overview of the Task Force's work. Efforts include raising awareness of Human Trafficking in Vermont, providing trainings and resources for professionals, and developing a multi-disciplinary response.

## MEETING WRAP-UP / QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Grants Manager Omara Rivera-Vazquez invited meeting participants to ask questions, thanked the group, and provided contact information for anyone who wished to reach out to CCVS in the future.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:30 PM**