

**MINUTES**  
**Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime**  
**April 22, 2009**

The Connecticut Advisory Council for Victims of Crime met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, in the fourth floor conference room on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from 3:11 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Co-chairs Deputy Chief Court Administrator the Honorable Patrick L. Carroll, III and Steve Eppler-Epstein, Larry Bostrom, Cheryl Burack, Nancy Kushins, Janice Heggie Margolis, Tonya Johnson for Erika Tindill, and Jan VanTassel

**Members Excused or Absent:**

Fernando Betancourt, Joseph Bibisi, Chester Brodnicki, John Duffey, Kevin Lawlor, Jo-Ann Miller, and Neil O'Leary

**Guests Present:** Shirley Bostrom, Bruce Carlson, Jessica Norton, Danielle Rea, Dr. Samuel Rieger, and Wanda Rieger

**OVS Staff Present:**

Linda J. Cimino, James Morgan, Tina Bouchard, Joanna Buikus, Valina Carpenter, Brenda Jordan, and Rachel McKnight

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Steve Eppler-Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Steve welcomed and thanked guests and members for attending. Guests and members introduced themselves.

2. Discussion – Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

Steve stated that the Council convened this meeting to discuss the Council's response to the transfer of \$1 million from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) to the General Fund and a number of other legislative proposals that may remove additional monies from the CICF.

Linda Cimino distributed and reviewed a packet that contained:

- A flowchart describing how fines and fees are deposited into and appropriations are allocated from the CICF.
- A Compensation Program budget statement for month ending March 31, 2009.
- A statement of the financial position of the CICF for fiscal year 2008-2009 as of March 31, 2009.

- A fund balance analysis that includes the transfer of \$1 million from the deficit mitigation bill and anticipated future deficit mitigation withdrawals.
- Substitute Bill No. 6703, which removes the CICF from the appropriations budget and also allows compensation to be awarded to Connecticut residents that were a victim of a crime in a country that does not have a victim compensation program.
- An Appropriations Committee membership list.

Members and guests discussed strategies to prevent the removal of further funds from the CICF and agreed to the following next steps:

- Linda would provide talking points/fact sheet to Steve by April 24, 2009.
- Council members and guests would initiate conversations with legislative members.
- Identify victims who benefited from the Compensation Program and are willing to have their story told. Members and guests are to forward victims' names and/or information to Steve in the next two weeks.

In addition, Linda agreed to forward to members and guests the Judicial Branch Budget and Planning Office's cautionary note to the Office of Fiscal Analysis on the impact to the CICF balance from a combination of "sweeps" and additional expenditures.

Danielle Rea offered to members and guests to attend the National Crime Victims' Rights Week reception on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 as a forum to bring the issue to legislative members.

### 3. Adjournment

Steve called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Brenda Jordan, Recorder