

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTIM SERVICE PROFESSIONALS IN CORRECTIONS

Telephone Conference
Thursday, January 23, 2008
10:30am PST; 1:30pm EST

Those Present: Karin Ho, Kathy Buckley, Bill Stutz, and Traci Dory

Meeting was called to order at 10:37am PST, 1:37pm EST by Karin.

Karin began discussing the OVC grant application. The grant is for governmental or non-profit organizations. Kim Kelberg suggested to Karin that our 501c(3) be a priority. Bill asked if we could apply for the grant with the indication that we are currently pursuing the 501c(3). Karin indicated that no, according to Kim, we would need to have the 501c(3) prior to the grant application being submitted.

Discussion was held regarding the grant application as well as the process. Karin discussed that based on conversations she's had recently, we should look at "victim friendly" states and "non-profit friendly" states as well as partnering with other states for the grant.

Discussion took place regarding topics to consider for best practices/strategic planning for NAVSPIC. The following broad topics were discussed:

- ★ Involving Victims in Correctional Policy Decision-Making
- ★ Prison Visitation issues for Victims
- ★ Establishments of Victims Councils and their roles in Corrections
- ★ Notification
- ★ Restitution
- ★ Victims' Rights Week
- ★ Workplace Violence
- ★ Program marketing strategies (for communities as well as internally)
- ★ How to better serve underserved populations
- ★ Impact of crime program / training
- ★ Mentoring program
- ★ PREA
- ★ Execution protocols
- ★ Victim-Offender Dialogue
- ★ Victim Safety Planning /Offender Re-Entry

Discussion was held regarding the process of dealing with all of the above. It was decided to take on only two or three at a time and start with the basic topics first, and work our way to the more complicated and possibly controversial topics.

Bill discussed having the 501c(3) is the association's first priority and objective. Everyone agreed that needs to be our first priority and objective. It was discussed how to work on having policies in a repository on the website.

The following objectives were decided to focus on for this year:

- 1) 501c(3)
 - a. Budget considerations
- 2) Policy repository on website
- 3) Best practices
 - a. notification
 - i. interstate compact
 - b. impact of crime program
 - c. restitution
 - i. Budget considerations

It was decided that the following should be priorities for the 2nd year vision:

- Mentoring program
- Program marketing strategies (for communities as well as internally)
- Workplace Violence
- Prison Visitation issues for Victims
- Execution protocols
- PREA

The following topics should be priorities for the remainder of the 5 year vision:

- Victim Safety Planning /Offender Re-Entry
- Involving Victims in Correctional Policy Decision-Making
- Establishments of Victims Councils and their roles in Corrections
- Victim-Offender Dialogue
- How to better serve underserved populations

Karin asked if there was anything we were missing from the above list that maybe does not fall into a "best practice" or "strategic plan". Kathy commented on a recognition type of program. She discussed the fact that being able to recognize people from an organizational perspective could be beneficial not only to that individual but also to their department. Karin also discussed the issue of workplace violence and the ramifications involved.

Karin discussed the newsletter and how to keep it moving forward. Traci indicated that she would send out an e-mail today to everyone asking for a 3 to 5 sentence description of project or event that states are involved in. It was decided that we would give a 2-week deadline so that we could review the descriptions at our next conference call.

Karin will contact Peter to get his thoughts about how he would recommend we structure the policy repository on the website. She will also continue to research 501c(3) procedures.

Karin asked if Traci could provide the strategic plan in a separate document from the minutes so that the four of us could edit and send to each other. Traci indicated that the minutes would be sent to everyone today and the strategic document would be sent out tomorrow in a separate e-mail.

It was decided that our next conference call would be on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 10:30am PST; 1:30pm EST.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am PST; 2:50pm EST.