



## **BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION**

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED, PRESENT & HEARD**

**Minutes from the General Meeting held on August 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM  
Plantation Police Department  
451 N.W. 70<sup>th</sup> Terrace Plantation, FL 33317**

- I. Call to Order: Jenifer Mejia Coronell
  - A. Meeting called to order at 11:06am
- II. Introductions: All Members Present
- III. Read and Approve Minutes from July Meeting: All Present
  - A. Michael Calderin motioned to approve the minutes. Dan Leveille seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Debbie Geller
  - A. General Account
    - Starting Balance: \$33,289.72
    - -\$1,328.78 transferred to Leadership Broward Account
    - \$1000 donation deposited from Lauderhill Police Department
    - Ending Balance: \$32,960.94
  - B. Leadership Broward Account
    - Starting Balance: \$1,227.16
    - -\$476 paid for hotel stay for RLK request
    - \$1,328.78 deposited from the general account
    - Ending Balance: \$2,079.94
  - C. RLK Account
    - Starting Balance: \$1,767.56
    - \$0.01 earned in interest
    - Ending Balance: \$1,767.57
  - D. Jill Fogel motioned to approve the treasurers report. Judy Nesbitt seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Speaker: Misty Cypiak, MSW  
Kid First Supervisor, Kids in Distress
  - A. The KID FIRST In home family strengthening program is funded through the Children's Services Council.
    - The program helps to prevent out of home placement by addressing issues the family is facing.

- Caseloads are limited to 8-10 cases and caseworkers spend 2-3 hours per week with each family.
  - Most referrals are received from DCF investigations – common concerns involve parenting, children’s behavior, or school issues.
  - Referrals can also come from schools, community advocates, and from the families themselves.
  - Many referrals are for low-income households, single parent households, and those with 4+ children. However, the program is not income based and anyone can qualify.
  - Caseworkers cannot work with families in which the alleged perpetrator is still in the home.
  - All participants must agree to a parenting program.
  - Caseworkers advocate for families. They can accompany them to court, iep/school meetings, as needed, and offer a huge support system.
  - Family meetings are held around the family’s schedule. 2-4 short term goals are identified that can be accomplished in the 4-6 month involvement period.
  - Services are offered in English, Spanish, and Creole.
  - There is no internal database or record of participation.
  - No waitlist currently.
  - Community providers/advocates may reach out to Misty for referrals or families can self-referral on the website.
- B. Kinship program – for relative and nonrelative caregivers.
- The program offers support, advocacy, legal assistance, and respite care for children and their caregivers.
  - There are two activities held per month for children and their caregivers to attend.
  - This program is also funded through the Children’s Services Council.
- C. KID merged with Family Central 5 years ago to also provide additional programs. The Family Central programs are offered in Miami Dade, as well.

## VI. New Business:

- A. September meeting will be pushed back to 9/25/24 due to the Regional SART

## VII. Old Business

- A. Bowling event- Jenifer Mejia Coronell

### 1. Donations

### 2. Raffle

- The bowling event is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Registrations have already started coming in.
- b. If you or your agencies are aware of any organizations who may be willing to donate funds or raffle items for the event, please let us know.
- c. Members discussed bringing raffle tickets to the next general meeting so that raffle tickets can be sold prior to the event.

B. RLK Victim Assistance Fund – Debbie Geller

- \$476 paid for a hotel stay for a victim.

C. Social Media Committee – Courtney May filling in for Paulina Quintero

[cmay@browardsao.com](mailto:cmay@browardsao.com).

- Paulina will be out until November. Please submit any social media requests to Courtney in the interim.

D. Speaker's Bureau/Community Outreach – Ashley Conon

- Please e-mail Ashley if you mention BVRC at any speaking engagements [aconon@margatefl.com](mailto:aconon@margatefl.com). BVRC mentions are tracked for grant purposes.

E. Membership – Tara Arena

- Please contact Tara if you have questions regarding your membership status [Tarena@coconutcreek.net](mailto:Tarena@coconutcreek.net).

VIII. Announcements

- A. Deva Cats-Baril: Full day SART training and Symposium will be held at Tree Tops Park in Davie on September 18<sup>th</sup>. All regional SART teams from Okeechobee to the Keys will be in attendance. An agenda and save the date will be forwarded out to BVRC membership.
- B. Jill Fogel: BDVC Train the Trainer is coming up
  - 1. Speakers will discuss updated statutes, civil recourse, victim services, as well as law enforcement perspectives.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Jill Fogel motioned to adjourn. Michael Calderin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:37.

**Next meeting September 25, 2024  
Plantation Police Dept.  
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