



BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION

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Minutes from the General Meeting held on

January 15, 2025

11:00 AM

Nancy J. Cotterman Center

2995 N Dixie Highway

Oakland Park, FL 33334

- I. Call to Order: Sandra Vazquez
 - Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM
- II. Introductions: All Members Present
- III. Read and Approve Minutes from November Meeting: All Present
 - Elena Munoz motioned to approve the minutes; Rosemary Baker seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Ashley Conon
 - There was no standard meeting in December, so this report is for both November and December
 - General Account
 - Starting balance November: \$37,826.75
 - -\$1,513.52 transferred to Leadership Broward Account
 - -\$13.01 in service fees
 - \$959.19 in deposits:
 - a. \$525 in delayed bowling registrations,
 - b. \$434.19 for annual meeting payments
 - Ending balance November: \$37,259.41
 - Starting balance December: \$37,259.41
 - -\$5,500.00 for holiday helper
 - -\$500.00 RLK payment to victim/survivor from State Attorney's Office (SAO), Victim Advocacy Unit (VAU)
 - -\$1,987.62 paid to Jacaranda Country Club for annual meeting
 - -\$237.60 transferred to RLK Account
 - -2.80 charged in service free
 - \$1,955.24 deposited from annual meeting registration fees, raffle ticket purchases and centerpiece purchases
 - Ending balance December: \$30,986.63
 - RLK Account
 - Starting balance November: \$1,267.60
 - -\$250.00 payment to victim/survivor from Lauderhill
 - -\$150.00 payment to victim/survivor from Hallandale
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 - \$450.00 deposit from funds earned at the bowling event
 - \$0.01 in interest

- Ending balance November: \$967.61
- Starting balance December: \$967.61
 - \$237.60 transferred from General Account
 - \$0.01 in interest
- Ending balance December: \$1,205.22
- Leadership Broward Account
 - Starting balance November: \$1,010.48
 - \$1,513.52 deposit from General Account
 - Ending balance December: \$2,524.00
 - Starting balance December: \$2,524.00
 - -\$500.00 payment for RLK victim/survivor from Hallandale
 - -\$199.99 payment to Go Daddy
 - \$497.00 deposit from cash earned from the annual meeting
 - Ending balance November: \$2,321.01
- Other updates:
 - Holiday helper event: assisted 15 families, 55 individuals for a total of \$5,500,
 - Working with Go Daddy to see if the \$199.99 charge from the Leadership Broward Account is refundable/reversible
 - Judy Nesbitt motions to approve the treasurer's report, Victoria Sexton seconds. Motion passed.

- V. Speaker: Naromie Louis, M.S., Behavioral Health Clinician – Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC), “Case Management and the Human Trafficking Survivor”
- January is human trafficking awareness month
 - The presentation covers the case management/coordination process and services available from the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit at NJCC for victims/survivors of human trafficking (both labor and sex trafficking) and those at risk of human trafficking
 - NJCC's Anti-Human Trafficking Unit began in 2019 in response to an increase in human trafficking in South Florida
 - The team consist of 1 supervisor, 2 Behavior Health Clinicians (BHCs), 1 Family Advocate
 - BHCs help clients access resources to meet their needs. BHCs work with clients to develop a service plan and continuously check in to make sure needs are met
 - The Unit's workflow looks like: Identification, referral, screening, assessments (needs and human trafficking tool), case coordination (first month, weekly, after monthly, with the ability to meet as often as needed), discharge (successful: able to do things are needed unsuccessful: not engaged in services, want another)
 - Risk factors for human trafficking include criminal justice system involvement, lack of age-appropriate relationships, history of sexual violence/abuse, history of drug/alcohol use, mental health diagnoses, unstable housing, runaway history, and history of DCF reports or previous human trafficking experiences
 - Screening process: consent forms and release of authorization, all interactions are confidential
 - Work with client regardless of immigration status
 - Program follows the principles of trauma informed care: safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration and empowerment
 - The unit also offers outreach (bring awareness to the community), youth prevention groups, crisis intervention and support groups
 - Several community resources are available (such as ChildNet, the flight center etc.)
 - NJCC does not have shelter
 - The unit does work in collaboration with police
 - NJCC's 24-hour line for crisis intervention for victim/survivors and referrals to the Unit: 954-761-RAPE

- Florida Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96-ABUSE
- National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
- Naromie Louis, Behavioral Health Clinician: 954-357-5642, nlouis@broward.org

VI. New Business:

- National Crime Victim's Rights Week (NCVRW) April 6th -12th –Theme: Kinship, Connecting & Healing
- GARDEN COMMITTEE
 - Judy Nesbitt is the lead – need to get together quickly to start the process
 - The garden committee needs at least 4 members, past members are welcomed to join – sign in sheet going around
 - Need the names of families/individuals for engraving by February 1st – application will be sent out shortly
 - Meetings: do not need to meet in person, can all be done by email
 - No need to re-invent the wheel, if there are suggestions from what worked last year, email Judy (jnesbitt@davie-fl.gov)
 - Vigil: 4/8 (pending venue verification)
- EVENTS COMMITTEE – Jenifer Mejia Coronell
 - Volunteers – at minimum 4 – sign in sheet going around
 - Meetings will be virtual and via emails
 - NCVRW Training & Awards Luncheon: 4/10/25 (pending venue verification) - \$51/pp rate right now; looking for other places, please email Jenifer (jcoronell@sao17.state.fl.us) with any suggestions
 - Trainers/Office of Victims of Crime TTAC will come for free and are high quality, Elena Muñoz will coordinate
 - Topics offered:
 - a. Overcoming Barriers to Collaboration to Improve Coordinated Community Responses to Crime Victims – can change name to make it work for our needs – membership suggests we shorten the title, but the topic sounds good/relevant
- AWARDS COMMITTEE – Elena Muñoz
 - Recognize colleague during NCVRW week
 - Who have you recognized in the community that is going above and beyond?
 - a. Volunteers are needed for the committee (at minimum 2)
 - b. Meetings will be held virtually
 - c. Applications will be sent out shortly

VII. Standing items

- Annual meeting wrap-up – Ashley Conon
 - Beautiful event, thanks to Marta for the center pieces, great baskets
 - Total cost: \$2,700
 - Income: \$2,800
 - Earnings: \$151.75
 - 59 attendees
- RLK Victim Assistance Fund – Elena Muñoz
 - Belize Leiva is officially appointed as a committee member, with 7 members the RLK committee is complete

- Reminder that the RLK fund is a victim assistance fund of last resort, with a funding limit of \$500.00/applicant
- Must be a BVRC member in good standing to apply
 - a. Need an incident report as proof of crime
 - b. The financial need must relate to the crime
 - c. No cash, can pay a service provider (i.e., locksmith), and provide gift cards
- No new applications since December
- Application is online via the BVRC website, and via PDF - send applications to Elena (emunoz@sao17.state.fl.us)
- Social Media Committee – Sandra Vazquez for Paulina Quintero
 - If you have any events relevant to BVRC and want to share it on the social media, let Paulina know (pquintero@sao17.state.fl.us)
- Speaker’s Bureau/ Community Outreach – Ashley Conon
 - If anyone has speaking engagements where you mention BVRC, email Jenifer (jcoronell@sao17.state.fl.us) and let her know approximately how many people, topic discussed, how many times name is out there, this is helpful for applying for future grants
- Membership – Belize Leiva
 - Dues are due!
 - Membership list is available – check with Belize (\$60/agency; \$25/individual; \$10/student); due in February. If you are unsure if you are a paid member or if your membership is up to date, contact Belize (bleiva@lauderhill-fl.gov)

VIII. Announcements

- Jill Fogel: Domestic Violence training rescheduled due to rain in October;
 - February 26th 9:00AM-5:00PM
 - Capacity has increased due to relocation to Broward College
 - If you registered you should have gotten an email; will send to BVRC, please pass it around
- Victoria Sexton: Stripes Committee 3rd annual event
 - BHTC QR code event January 17th, 2025 (Friday)
- Ariel Ladner: Availability to present on how Legal Aid can help your agency – contact Ariel (aladner@legalaid.org) to discuss

IX. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn Victoria Sexton, Elena Munoz seconds. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

Next meeting
February 19, 2024
11:00am
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