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Approved Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2023

Members Present: Abbey Simon, Alyssa Kuehne, Mary Krueger, Ann Landry, Commissioner Robert Quinn, Lyn Schollett, Dr. Scott Hampton, Chief Jim Semertgakis, Rep. Jodi Nelson, Senator Sharon Carson, Andrea Bonito, Dianne Martin

Welcome and Intoductions

New member, (replaced a resigned position) Chief Joe Semertgakis from Warren introduced himself

Homework – Review the NH DV Fatality Review Report in preparation for a formal presentation next time we meet so we can have interaction as well as be educated.

Attorney General's office data collection presentation will be forthcoming.

Next meetings are at Supreme Court, except January. Dates for 2023/2024: November 17th. Jan 19th (admin office of court) March 15th, May 17th, Sept 20th, November 15th All meetings are from 9:00AM to 10:30AM.

Chief Osgood from Concord has replaced a resigned position.

Legislative Committee Update:

Met 3 times this summer, and finalized a charter, worked from language in the Executive Order.

Senator Carson addressed the issue of AI stalking and the need for legislation.

Committee focused on discussion surrounding wire tapping.

Commission discussed issues surrounding wiretapping and privacy.

Recap of Partnering for a Future Without Violence

512 people registered, largest groups were prosecutors and advocates.

Very successful, with a lot of different topics offered in workshops, with local and out of state presenters.

Evaluations haven't been fully reviewed yet, but will be used to improve, affirm the effectiveness of the conference.

Commissioner Quinn stated grant money was received for test for YST and YSTR chromosomes.

Service dogs and comfort dogs were discussed.

Offender Accountibility Programs Update

Discussed what the charges of the committee are.

20% of programs that were once operating in the state are still operating. There were approximately 30 programs at one point and now there are 6.

Some online programs are being offered, are they effective in changing behavior?

Offenders are having a hard time finding help.

Rep. Nelson asked if lack of programs are causing issues with offenders in family court with visitations with children, custody issues.

Senator Carson shared a CSG study about recidivism.

Civil Protection Order Committee

Not organized yet.

Updates from Members

Jodi – working with Scott Hampton and the Chairman of C &FL Committee surrounding visitation centers and speaking to our committee on his work.

Alyssa - Felonies first rewind initiative.

Mary – Shared flow chart on protective orders and Civil Legal Protective Order Fact sheets that will be available to people seeking protection.

Motion to end meeting Lyn Seconded by Jodi, meeting adjourned at 10:34AM