

## **Violent Crime Advisory Council Meeting**

Office of the Illinois Attorney General  
Quarter Two Meeting, 2023  
August 25, 2023

**Attendance:** Steve Spagnolo, Melissa Ellison (Absent), Erica Katava (Absent), Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Jacob Schlosser (Absent), Celina Colon, Eddie Lopez, Rep Noreen Hammond, Kathy Daniher, Dr. Tony Salaam, Sarah Mentel, Chief Mitchell Davis (Absent), Michelle McNarney, Dr. Kim Miiller, Mrs. Gloria Hicks, Rep Gordon Booth (Absent), Dr. Derrick Booth (Absent), Kathryn Bocanegra (Chair)

### **Agenda**

Welcome and Attendance provided by Christelle Perez

Office Spotlight: Jacob Gilbert, Consumer Protection

Approval of Minutes 3-17-23

(Mrs. Gloria Hicks 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Kim Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Updates from Crime Victims and Violence Prevention Bureau

- Statutory updates: filing a complaint if someone has violated a victim's right- complaint form available on the website

Topic 1: Taking Care of the Workforce

- The Chair provided a brief overview of existing research on burnout, compassion fatigue, secondary traumatic stress, and moral distress
- Subsequently resources were shared related to how to help victim advocates who may be experiencing one of these phenomena
- Member discussions centered around primary stressors facing victim advocates, and beneficial practices to mitigate these stressors

Topic 2: Cooperation with Law Enforcement

- Christelle Perez reviewed Crime Victims Compensation Statute and the components that address cooperation with law enforcement
- Member discussion: primary issues related to cooperation with law enforcement, and evidence-based practices to address these challenges
- Additional discussion on how advocates working with survivors of domestic violence consider challenges related to cooperation with law enforcement