

Court Process Workgroup: Victim Access Subgroup Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM Virtual

Members Present: Hon. Susan Stoney, Nora Mahoney, Tina Spurlock, Kacey Kirkland, Stephanie Romonchuk, Renee Carroll-Grate, Pam Sejas, Sandra Guerrero Perez, David Steib, Fazia Dean Guests present: Det. Amanda Wallace

Welcome

II. PO Process Material Review

a. How to File a Violation of the PO

Edits made included changing events that would trigger a criminal law violation to bullet format to make it easier to read. Other changes included edits to the language on ways a litigant can report a violation and what law enforcement needs to consider in acting on a reported violation — review of evidence (probable cause). Language on the possible penalties for a violation was also amended. The language regarding rules to show cause was reviewed and edited to conform to current law and court procedures.

b. How to File an Extension of the PO

The group began making edits and modifications to the document to ensure edits were accurate and consistent with current processes and procedures. Further edits were tabled to the next meeting when member(s) of the J&DRCT bench can be present to comment on any changes to the procedure given the new law in effect July 1.

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

IV. Next Steps

Nora Mahoney will incorporate the edits and the group will meet again in person to finalize the materials on filing an extension of the PO with input from members(s) of the J&DRDCT Bench on any procedural changes to the process given the new law changes effective July 1, 2023.

The group will also need to consider how survivors will give feedback about the material that has been drafted once it is finalized and edits are complete.

In keeping with meeting rules, the August meeting will be in person because the July meeting was virtual. Brittany will send out a meeting poll to identify the larger number of people who will have in person availability in the fall/early winter. months.

V. Adjourn

Next meeting: August 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Room 201.1 Fairfax County Courthouse