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Oklahoma Department of Corrections Victim Justice Advisory Council

It is the policy of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections that the Oklahoma Department of Corrections establish a Victim Justice Advisory Council. This council will serve as a resource to the department’s interfacing with victims of crime.

I. Mission Statement (2-CO-1A-15, 4-4447-1, 4-4461-1)

The mission of the Victim Justice Advisory Council will be to serve as a resource to the department in ensuring operational decisions regarding victim related issues are made with consideration of the needs and perspective of victims.

II. Council Membership

The department will develop criteria for appointment of council members, ensuring a diverse group of interested individuals are represented, and will develop operational guidelines for the council.

III. Goals (2-CO-4G-02, 4-4447-1, 4-4461-1)

The goals of the council are to:

- A. Serve as a resource in the development of the department’s strategic plan for supporting victims as they interface with the agency.
- B. Provide information and insight as to the perspective of victims in the on-going development and operation of the department’s Victim Services Unit to include:
 - 1. Victim/offender mediation and dialogue;
 - 2. Victim coordination and support during executions;
 - 3. Victim notification and information;
 - 4. Staff education, awareness and training;

5. Offender education, awareness and training;
 6. Restitution advocacy; and
 7. Community outreach and education.
- C. Facilitate communication between victims of crime, the department, the community and offenders.

IV. Action

The director is responsible for compliance with this policy.

The director is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this policy statement will require prior written approval of the Board of Corrections.

This policy is effective as indicated

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