**Interagency Crime Victim Certification Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 30, 2022**

**Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**Attendees:**

*Anjeza Xhemollari: Co*-Chair

*Liam Lowney:* Co-Chair

*Edgar Cruz*

*Chief Tom Fowler*

*Julie Dahlstrom*

*Erviola Morcka*

*Ayan Warfa*

*Tara McGuire*

*Nancy Rothstein*

**Absentee:**

*AAG Beth Keely*

*Catherine Piedad*

*Hema Sarang-Sieminski*

1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Co – Chair Xhemollari and Co – Chair Lowney called the meeting to order at 2:09 once a quorum was established. Roll call was taken, and the members introduced themselves to the Committee.

1. **Introduction of the Open Meeting Law**

Atty. Mullaney provided the board with an overview of the Open Meeting Law. Members had the opportunity to discuss any questions they may have regarding Open Meeting Law. All agendas will be posted and sent to committee members 48 hours prior to the convening.

1. **Overview of Mandate Chapter 24 of 2021**

Julie Dahlstrom provided and overview of the Statute in which created the steering committee.

1. **Steering Committee Future Plans for 2022**

The committee discussed the future plans for the remainder of calendar year 2022. It was determined that the committee will forgo meeting during the summer months as obtaining a quorum may be difficult given vacation plans. A poll will be sent out to members to determine the scheduling of the April meeting.

1. **Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting**

Atty. Rothstein asked for clarification between the difference of a Steering Committee and an Over sight Committee. The response was that the Steering Committee will be providing feedback to the legislation and to the certifying entities.

Erviola Morcka asked the board if the individual can be certified if they do not press charges? The response from Julie Dahlstrom was that Judges are a certifying entity and can certify if needed.

Edgar Cruz asked the board what happens if the survivor files before the age of 18 and then turns 18 as the process continues. Julie Dahlstrom responded that it coincides with the visa that was granted to the individual.

1. **Adjourn**

Chief Fowler motioned to adjourn; Julie Dahlstrom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.