



State of Louisiana
Crime Victims Reparations Board
MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Nancy Adcock, Mr. Lamarr Davis, Mr. Carroll DiBenedetto, Sr., Ms. Mary L. Fanara, Mr. Rustin Legendre, Ms. Ann Polak, Ms. Sharon Rodi, Ms. Carolyn Stapleton, Ms. Lucille Williams,

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Wertz, Carla Trahan, Haley Plauche

GUESTS PRESENT: Erich Duchmann, Jessica Thornhill, Kent Wolkart, Stephanie Minto-Gibson, Hortense Rogers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Davis called the meeting of the Crime Victims Reparations Board for the date of March 11, 2014 to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Polak made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPEALS

A 1. Orleans 12-025

Mr. Dibenedetto made a motion to deny. Mr. Dibenedetto withdrew his motion. Ms. Polak made a motion to uphold the appeal and to award \$4,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A 2. Orleans 13-087

Ms. Polak made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A 3. St. Tammany 12-015

Ms. Polak made a motion to review this case first due to the claimant's presence at the meeting. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Adcock made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Dibenedetto seconded the motion. The Board entered Executive Session. Ms. Polak made a motion to re-enter General Session. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion. The Board re-entered General Session. Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to uphold the appeal and to approve eligibility at 100% of statutorily paid amounts. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. EMERGENCY CONFIRM/DENY

Ms. Adcock made a motion to confirm the emergency rulings for the previous month. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. ITEMS FOR FULL DISCUSSION

F 1. Acadia 13-004

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$4,066.00 for FUNERAL. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 2. Allen 13-004

Ms. Adcock made a motion to approve eligibility but to defer the funeral claim awaiting a Claim Form for Funeral Expenses. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 3. Allen 97-009

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$992.46 for MEDICAL MILEAGE, \$2,527.50 for MEDICAL. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 4. Ascension 13-009

Ms. Polak made a motion to defer claims awaiting a Mental Health Initial Treatment Plan and Mental Health Treatment Update as of 2/15/14 from mental. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 5. Assumption 13-002

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$904.11 for MEDICAL. Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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F 6. Caddo 13-034

Ms. Adcock made a motion to award \$186.95 for MEDICAL, \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 7. Caddo 13-062

Ms. Adcock made a motion to award \$3,850.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 8. Caddo 13-064

Ms. Adcock made a motion to award \$10,000.00 for MEDICAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed 8 to 1 with no abstentions. The board also agreed to mark the case as "closed".

F 9. Calcasieu 11-074

Ms. Polak made a motion to defer ruling awaiting more information from law enforcement. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 10. Calcasieu 12-030

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$1,350.00 for MENTAL HEALTH. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board also agreed to request an Updated Mental Health Treatment Plan as of 01/27/14.

F 11. Calcasieu 13-007

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$487.36 for MEDICAL, \$150.00 for AMBULANCE TRANSPORT (MEDICAL). The claim amounts were reduced by 50 % for contribution. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 12. Calcasieu 13-031

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$10,000.00 for MEDICAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board also agreed to mark the case as "closed".

F 13. Calcasieu 13-046

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$764.35 for MEDICAL. Estimate approved for: \$2,531.10 for MEDICAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 14. Calcasieu 14-004

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 15. Concordia 13-007

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to defer ruling awaiting more information from law enforcement. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 16. East Baton Rouge 12-070

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$545.00 for MENTAL HEALTH and to deny the remainder of the MENTAL HEALTH expenses of \$135.00 because the mental health maximum allowable of \$2,500.00 has been reached. Ms. Williams seconded the motion

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and the motion passed unanimously.

F 17. East Baton Rouge 13-071

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$4,500.00 for FUNERAL. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed 8 to 0 with 1 abstention.

F 18. East Baton Rouge 13-073

Ms. Adcock made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 19. East Baton Rouge 13-074

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 20. Jefferson 13-003

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$3,386.31 for FUNERAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 21. Jefferson 13-018

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$1,677.39 in MEDICAL expenses but to defer \$8,322.11 in Medical expenses awaiting Medicaid payment/denial information. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 22. Jefferson 13-028

Ms. Rodi made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 23. Jefferson 13-032

Ms. Polak made a motion to defer ruling awaiting more information from law enforcement. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 24. Jefferson 13-034

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$1,370.05 for MEDICAL, \$138.00 for AMBULANCE TRANSPORT (MEDICAL) and to deny the LOST WAGE claim of \$5,600 due to lack of proper documentation from the treating physician. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 25. Jefferson 13-036

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to defer ruling awaiting more information from law enforcement. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 26. Lafayette 10-015

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to award \$8,649.10 for MEDICAL, \$300.00 for AMBULANCE TRANSPORT (MEDICAL). Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 27. Lafayette 10-035

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to defer ruling awaiting outcome of trial. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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F 28. Lafayette 12-026

Ms. Polak made a motion to approve eligibility. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion. Motion failed. Ms. Stapleton made a motion to defer ruling awaiting supplemental report from law enforcement. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 29. Lafourche 13-046

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to approve the eligibility of this claimant. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 30. Lafourche 13-055

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$4,568.34 for MEDICAL. Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 31. Lafourche 13-057

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$2,000.00 for FUNERAL. The claim amounts were reduced by 50 % for contribution. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 32. Lafourche 13-059

Ms. Rodi made a motion to award \$1,636.33 for MEDICAL. Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 33. Lafourche 13-070

Ms. Fanara made a motion to award \$4,500.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 34. Livingston 14-001

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to award \$3,851.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 35. Morehouse 13-002

Ms. Polak made a motion to defer ruling awaiting supplemental report from law enforcement. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 36. Orleans 12-094

Ms. Polak made a motion to approve eligibility but to defer claims awaiting a receipt of claimant payment to funeral home. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 37. Orleans 13-059

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$3,993.40 for FUNERAL. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 38. Orleans 13-063

Ms. Rodi made a motion to award \$11.90 for MEDICAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 39. Orleans 13-072

Ms. Fanara made a motion to award \$920.90 for MEDICAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the

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motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 40. Orleans 13-101

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$4,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 41. Orleans 13-119

Ms. Fanara made a motion to award \$4,697.12 for FUNERAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 42. Orleans 13-128

Ms. Williams made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board agreed to waive the one year deadline for applying for reparations.

F 43. Orleans 13-129

Ms. Williams made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 44. Rapides 13-010

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$2,243.80 for FUNERAL. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 45. Rapides 13-011

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed 8 to 1 with no abstentions.

F 46. Rapides 13-013

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$2,500.00 for FUNERAL. The claim amounts were reduced by 50 % for contribution. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed 8 to 1 with no abstentions.

F 47. Sabine 13-010

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to defer ruling awaiting investigative report from law enforcement. Mr. Legendre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 48. St. Charles 11-067

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$675.00 for MENTAL HEALTH. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 49. St. Landry 14-001

Ms. Polak made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 50. St. Landry 14-002

Ms. Fanara made a motion to defer ruling awaiting more information (specifically, victim's tox screen results). Ms. Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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F 51. Tangipahoa 13-003

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to defer ruling awaiting supplemental report from law enforcement. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 52. Tensas 13-003

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 53. Tensas 13-004

Ms. Polak made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(iii) (victim contribution). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 54. Terrebonne 13-007

Ms. Williams made a motion to award \$754.91 for MEDICAL, \$43.92 for AMBULANCE TRANSPORT (MEDICAL). Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 55. Terrebonne 13-009

Ms. Polak made a motion to deny under authority of R.S. 46:1809 B(3)(b) (failed or refused cooperation). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 56. Vermillion 13-004

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 57. Washington 13-002

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(i) (illegal activity). Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 58. Washington 13-013

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$302.50 for MEDICAL. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F 59. Webster 13-004

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(i) (illegal activity). Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. LATE ADDITIONS

L 1. St. Mary 13-011

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 2. Acadia 13-006

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to defer. Motion died. Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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L 3. Acadia 13-007

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$4,775.38 for FUNERAL. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 4. Caddo 13-044

Ms. Adcock made a motion to deny under authority of R.S. 46:1809 B(3)(b) (failed or refused cooperation) (failed to file workers' compensation claim). Ms. Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 5. Caddo 13-047

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$71.50 for MEDICAL. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 6. Calcasieu 13-061

Ms. Polak made a motion to approve the eligibility of this claimant. Ms. Fanara seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 7. East Baton Rouge 13-045

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$3,088.74 for WAGE. Ms. Polak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 8. East Baton Rouge 13-075

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 9. East Baton Rouge 13-080

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to award \$4,481.94 for FUNERAL. Ms. Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 10. Lafayette 13-014

Ms. Polak made a motion to defer ruling awaiting police report. Ms. Adcock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 11. Lafourche 08-068

Ms. Polak made a motion to deny under authority of R.S. 46:1809 B(1) (not a compensable expense/not filed timely). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 12. Orleans 12-129

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to award \$655.00 for MENTAL HEALTH. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 13. Orleans 13-104

Ms. Rodi made a motion to award \$5,000.00 for FUNERAL. Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 14. St. John The Baptist 13-010

Ms. Polak made a motion to approve eligibility but to defer the claim awaiting the death

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certificate, state of estate (copy of succession). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 15. St. Landry 13-001

Ms. Adcock made a motion to deny under authority of LAC22:8.301(A)(1)(a)(ii) (felony convictions). Mr. DiBenedetto seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

L 16. St. Mary 13-009

Ms. Polak made a motion to award \$4,004.25 for FUNERAL. Ms. Rodi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board wanted to be certain that they receive an offense report (or a statement from the investigator) even with child-related cases.

The Board discussed expungements and decided, as they had in the past, that since the victim had, in fact, been convicted of a felony, eligibility should be denied.

Mr. DiBenedetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Polak seconded the motion. Mr. Davis adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.