

ICJC Victim Services Subcommittee

March 11, 2026

2:00 p.m. MST

3056 W. Elder Street Boise, Idaho 83705

Commission Conference Room

OR

Via Zoom

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1. Call to Order
 - a. 2:02 p.m.
 - b. Attendees: Christine Starr, Brittney Thorndyke, Jackie Smith, Lauren Atwood, Patricia Buchholz, Susan Nalley, and Sara White
2. Approval of the Minutes from February 11, 2026 meeting – **ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Patricia Buchholz motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 11, 2026, Susan Nalley 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Update from Subcommittee Teams
 - a. Enhancing VWC training consistency
 - i. COPP and IDOC budget cuts impacting training accessibility.
 - ii. Free online trainings being made available when possible.
 1. It is important to spread the word when these trainings are announced.
 - iii. Gem County is seeing an increase in law enforcement attending VWC trainings in their county which is great.
 - b. Bridging the gap between sentencing and post-conviction/appellate victim services
 - i. COPP and IDOC have officially started sending out a notice of rights and services to victims of individuals coming through RDU.
 - ii. COPP exploring sending letters to victims 6 months to 1 year before parole hearing.
 1. This will allow victims to start considering safety planning, counseling, etc.
 - c. One-stop shop for resources
 - i. Adding info to website similar to AGs office or link to AGs website.
 - ii. Discussed having QR code on website or in email signatures.
 - iii. Discussed having QR code stickers sent out to agencies to include in their office's paperwork.
 1. Director Starr indicated that COPP admin staff could help send out the QR codes if a resource is needed.
4. Updates to ICJC Subcommittee presentation
 - a. Friday, April 3, 2026 at 9 a.m. is the ICJC meeting time.
 - b. The meeting will be streamed and for ICJC participants there will be a meeting link.
 - c. Sub-committee members who want to talk or do part of presentation will need the meeting link.
 - i. Let Brittney know if you are able to attend so she can ensure a info/link is provided.
 - ii. Brittney, Aleshea, and Lauren will be present in person.
 - d. This will be a good time to further discuss the need for a statewide victim database and whether the ICJC is willing to support efforts in that direction.

5. General discussion about things going on in victim services around the state
 - a. Discussed the Constitutional Amendment to expand victim rights.
 - i. Some feel the language is not expanding the rights, but instead might be limiting them.
 - ii. Some feel the intention is good and that some of the additions are good.
 1. IPAA has pointed out that it is prosecutor's responsibility to notify victims regardless of whether someone opts in or out of being notified.
 2. Consensus was that VSC/agencies will still do all they are doing now to comply and provide the best service possible to victims.
 - iii. Discussion regarding NRA's effort to keep victims from speaking at firearms restoration hearings.
 - iv. Discussed the importance of making sure we are all communicating and keeping everyone in the loop on any updates.
 - b. Gem County is staying busy with cases.
 - c. Bingham County reported that everything is going well. Child protection cases have been down, which may be a good thing, but they are wondering what is causing the decrease. Concerns about whether a lack of reporting was causing the decrease were expressed.
 - d. Canyon County is finally back at full staff after having a long-time VWC retire.
 - e. Ada County indicated there is a DV scam targeting victims of offenders who are currently in the county jail. The caller is telling victims they need to pay a sum of money, or the offender will be released.
 - f. IDOC had a death row resident passed away. The AG's Office and IDOC worked to notify victims quickly. The effort showed great teamwork and ensured victims were notified before the media released any information.
6. Adjourn
 - a. 2:42 p.m.

*Next Meeting – April 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.