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To: James Wells, Clerk, Board of Examiners

Through: Patrick Cates, Director of Administration

From: Bryan Nix, Coordinator, Victims of Crime Program

Re: VOCP 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2017 Report, and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2017

Recommendation

NRS 217.260 requires the Board of Examiners to estimate available revenue and anticipated claim costs each quarter. The VOCP pays claims in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 217.130. When a vendor accepts a payment reduced pursuant to these policies, NRS 217.245 provides that the claim is deemed paid in full. Claims are categorized as to their priority; and Claims categorized as the highest priority are paid, in whole or in part, before other claims.

Priority One and Two claims are paid weekly during the quarter, and accrued Priority Three claims are paid at the end of each quarter. Priority One and Two claims are bills for current medical treatment, lost wages, funeral expenses, counseling, etc. Priority Three claims are bills the applicant owed prior to claim acceptance such as hospital emergency room and related bills. The VOCP pays the "approved" amount, which is the amount approved for payment after bill review and application of fee schedules or other payment adjustments pursuant to Board policies.

Payments by Priority – 3rd Quarter FY 2017							
Type of Expense	Number of Bills	Total Victim Bills Submitted	Amount Saved by Bill Review	Amount Paid to Providers			
Priority 1 & 2 Payments	1300	1,045,600.76	166,411.11	879,189.65			
Priority 3 Payments	301	1,227,624.63	887,546.41	340,078.22			
Total 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Payments	1601	\$2,273,225.39	\$1,053,957.52	\$1,219,267.87			

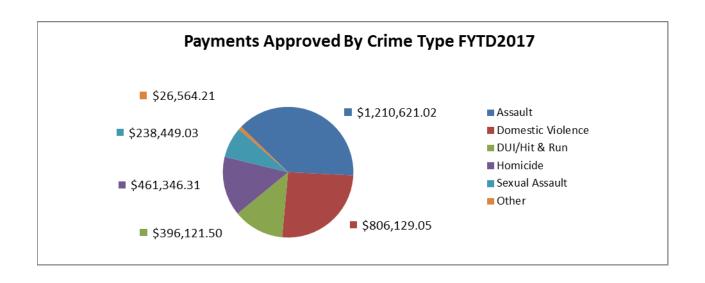
## **Claim Payments**

The following chart shows claim payments made in FYTD 2017 by benefit type. As this chart shows, the VOCP satisfied \$6,122,307.75 in victim medical bills and claims for \$2,225,110.91 of available funding. After bill review and application of Board Policies we have had a total savings of \$3,897,196.84 over the billed amount in fiscal YTD 2017.

Payment Amounts by Type Fiscal Year 2017						
Type of Expense	Number of Bills	Total Victim Bills Submitted	Amount Saved by Bill Review	Amount Paid to Providers		
Chiropractic/Physical Therapy	192	90,944.35	21,452.82	69,491.53		
Counseling	1436	474,374.73	134,940.45	339,434.28		
Survivor Benefits	95	73,075.00	1,470.00	71,605.00		
Dental	89	156,127.34	48,147.83	107,979.51		
Discretionary*	765	688,501.25	2,741.82	685,759.43		
Funeral Expense	144	457,148.88	17,109.18	440,039.70		
Lost Wages	394	384,973.74	309.55	384,664.19		
Medical - Hospital	294	4,793,131.15	4,290,277.80	502,853.35		
Medical - Other	1184	1,229,916.80	434,217.84	795,698.96		
Prescription	99	18,386.54	0.62	18,385.92		
Vision	61	36,574.62	1,975.78	34,598.84		
Total Payments YTD FY2017	4753	\$8,403,154.40	\$4,952,643.69	\$3,450,510.71		
*Discretionary payments include: Relocations, Temporary Housing, Crime Scene Clean-up, etc.						
*Totals subject to change based on stale and stopped payments, lost checks, and reclassified bill types.						

# **Victim Payments by Crime Type**

The following pie chart shows amounts approved for payment by crime type, year-to-date Fiscal Year 2017.



#### **Financial Review**

The chart below shows projected revenues and fund balances, including reserves for FY 2017, and recommendations for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY 2017 based on projections. These projections of revenue and anticipated expenses are used for purposes of determining compliance with NRS 217.260 and policies of the Board.

Financial Position and Fourth Quarter 2017 Projections	
Projected Funds Available for Payments FY17 Less 45 Day Reserves	\$16,446,850.51
Less: 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Payments	\$1,134,679.62
Less: 2nd Quarter Payments	\$1,106,675.62
3rd Quarter Priority 1 & 2 Payments	\$879,189.65
3rd Quarter Priority 3 Payments	\$340,078.22
Total 3rd Quarter 2017 Payments	\$1,219,267.87
Projected Funds Available for Remainder of FY17 Less 45 Day Reserves	\$12,986,227.40
Projected Payments 4th Quarter FY17	\$1,073,087.15
Projected Funds Available after 4th Quarter Payments	\$11,913,140.25
Recommended Priority 3 Payment Percentage 4th Quarter FY17	100%
*Based on average of last 6 quarterly periods.	

As required, a 45 day operating expense reserve of \$809,370.49 is maintained to cover up to 45 days of victim's claims and administrative expenses.

Historically, most of the program's funding has been spent on emergency medical treatment for uninsured victims of violent crimes. While the number of applications received by the program has increased by more than 7%, we have seen a significant decrease in hospital and other emergency medical expenses due to changes made to Medicaid rules under the Affordable Care Act. Qualified applicants are receiving retroactive Medicaid coverage, limiting program financial assistance for medical expense to their copay amount. Our current Reserves stand at \$11 million, and we anticipate Revenues of almost \$8 million for FY 2017. Our expenses are projected to total \$6.5 million in FY 2017, which would leave the program with \$12.5 million in Reserves after all expenses are covered. These Reserves will allow us to pay existing crime related expenses at 100% for the foreseeable future, and also allow us to continue allocating more resources for crime victims' recovery expenses – such as Lost Wages, Survivor Benefits and Relocation Expenses.

### Recommendation

We are projecting Priority One and Two payments totaling **\$797,404.34** and projected Priority Three payments totaling **\$275,682.81** for a total expense of **\$1,073,087.15** for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

After reserving **\$809,370.49** for 45 days operating expenses, our budget shows VOCP revenues and reserves available for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter total **\$12,986,227.40**.

Based on these projections the VOCP recommends paying Priority One and Two and Three claims at **100**% of the approved amount for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY 2017.