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Steve relayed that they made a decision as a work group to focus, at least for now, on providers. The logistics of trying to do providers and the victims at the same time keeping the data separate and compiled appropriately was too complicated. The focus is now on providers, but responses from victims were very interesting.

Proposed VOCA Rule: Debbie mentioned that when VOCA funding comes into South Carolina, it comes through Joe's office or her office. In recent months OVC sent out a proposed VOCA Rule that are changes to the conditions of the Grant. Debbie stated that she has some concerns with a couple of suggested changes.



Christina Toler announced the hiring of a new employee that started a month ago. She also mentioned that Veronica ran the stats from the same time period of 2023. The calls for assistance are up 75%.

Trisha Allen mentioned that COVID has backed everything up with court in her area.

Sara Barber mentioned that they are revamping their VSP curriculum for online training. Their expected launch date is next May. They had a summit where they discussed overhauling the Domestic Abuse Act. On June 21st they sponsored training on cyber intimate partner abuse. Sara was invited to DC to attend ( )0.UTd ( )Tj -0.0054-.7 (0.5 i)-2.6 u0



Joe Core stated that we're going to get 12 million from the OVC which is a 40% cut from 2023 when we had 21 million. He mentioned that we have 4 million in state funding that we got two years ago that we held back. He said that the strategy is to put almost everything we have to projects. His thinking is if not now when. Joe stated they are looking at reverted funding that was spent in previous years. He said that they are looking at a tier cut if they have to, if we don't get the full 12 million. He further said that they will look at what agencies have reverted in the previous years and are breaking their formula to see how to deal with that. BJ asked, "and if we get 3 million?" He responded that if we get 3 million the cut to subrecipients could be 25-30% and if we get 5 million it would be a little closer to 20% and these are merely estimates. Dean commented that there is no way to do that without drastically cutting employees. Joe agreed with Dean saying that about a little over 90% of our grants are personnel. Joe said that we fund 711 positions and a 20% cut would be 142 positions. Joe stated that they would work on Trisha's idea of giving a breakdown of full-time, part-time positions and break it out by types law enforcement, private, non-profit and state agencies and get back with the Council on his findings. Dean announced that the Mass Violence Center is holding a virtual summit on Mass Violence which will be happening on June 17, 2024. It is free with more than 1000 people signed up for it.

Sherri Rhodes mentioned that they noticed court picking up from victim notifications and that they are working on their battery intervention programs going into two of their institutions. She mentioned that Karen was training more of their peers, because it seems like every day they're getting more

