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# *ANNUAL REPORT*

**Financial Assistance for Innocent Victims of Violent Crime**

## *Kentucky* Crime Victims Compensation Board



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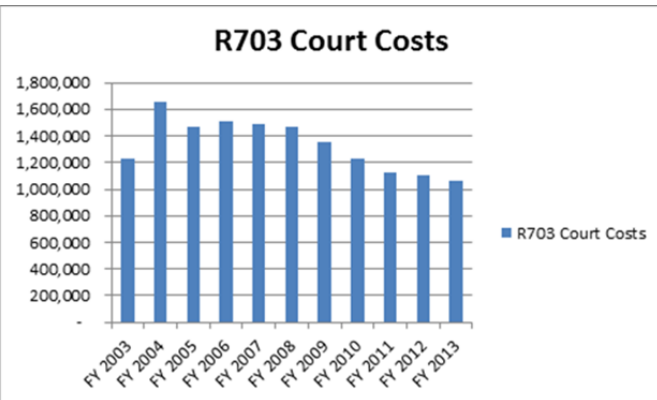
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## Letter from the executive director

As our budget went into the fifth year of shortages, any possible ways to shore up the deficiencies were explored. KRS 346.185 (2) states that, "in the event there are insufficient funds in the fund to pay all claims in full, all claims shall be paid at seventy percent (70%). If there are no moneys in the fund, then no claim shall be paid until moneys have again accumulated." In order for claims to be paid in full, my strategy has been to defer payment of claims until money becomes available. This has resulted in less and less money being paid out monthly, which also reflects drops in the annual award numbers and payment taking up to a year for the Sexual Assault Exam Program and two years for crime victims. On top of which, we



continue to qualify for less from the federal matching grant. To the left is a chart illustrating the drop in court cost revenue – our biggest source of revenue – over the last eight years.

CVCB has begun to notice an increase in the number of applicants that have some form of insurance coverage as a result of Kentucky Kynect and the national Affordable Care Act. This has reduced the award amounts for individual claims – in some cases significantly, and has probably eliminated the need for some claims to be filed. The Sexual Assault Exam Program has noticed a sizable impact, but has identified disturbing inconsistencies in how and what insurance will pay for, an issue we plan to research, beginning with consultation with the state Medicaid agency.

The restitution / recovery program continues to become institutionalized through our partnership with Correctional Institutions and the Commissioner of Corrections, and we have expanded interception of inmate earnings at county facilities holding state prisoners. While requiring a significant amount of effort to run, this program shows great promise in recouping a portion of our expenditures. Another beneficial byproduct is the message it sends to offenders about the consequences of their criminal behavior.

Challenges resulting from reduced revenues provide incentive to work even harder across agency lines to find opportunities to cut costs and creative, collaborative ways to accomplish goals. This will be a focus for the next year, while striving to meet the needs of crime victims.

Respectfully,

*Virginia Woodward*



## A brief agency history / description

The national Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passed in 1984, and through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) began disseminating the first assistance grants to the states in 1986. By then, Kentucky's Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) was already more than a decade old. Established on June 19, 1976 (KRS 346), the CVCB was one of the country's first such entities with jurisdiction to assign relief for claims made by innocent victims of violent crime for payment or reimbursement of medical / dental expenses, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and loss of wages resulting directly from the crime.

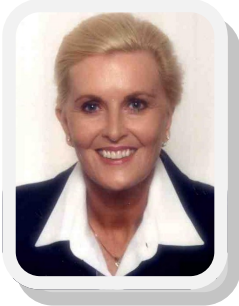
The Crime Victims Compensation Fund has been designated by the Legislature as the payer of last resort. In other words, the Board considers payment of expenses not covered by any other sources, including: medical, car or life insurance; social security benefits; Medicaid or Medicare; unemployment benefits or Worker's Compensation benefits; lawsuits and restitution.

Currently, the cap for payments is an aggregate of \$25,000, with funeral expenses paid up to \$5000 and loss of wages reimbursed up to \$150 a week. Mental health counseling can be approved for up to two years of payment.

Revenue sources for payment of claims include: a Kentucky general fund allocation (designated for sexual assault exams); a restricted fund that is replenished through court costs assessments statewide; and, federal matching grants renewed on a yearly basis.

Restitution has previously been a very small part of replenishing the restricted fund, but a newly established Recovery Program and restitution officer provides promise for a more robust collection system in partnership and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

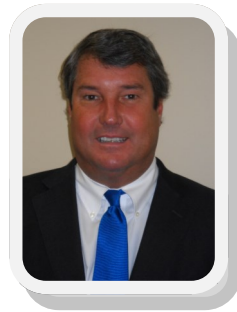
## CVC Board Members



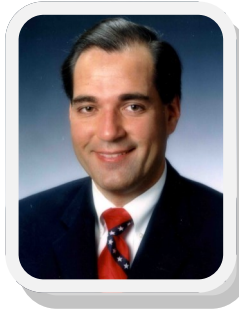
**Jo Ann Phillips**, chair, Louisville  
08/07/2006–07/01/2016



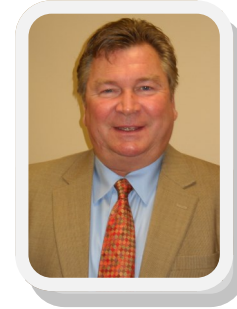
**Suzanne Cassidy**, Lexington  
07/07/2011–07/01/2015



**Larry O'Bryan**, Louisville  
08/11/2011–07/01/2015



**Michael Plummer**, Fort Mitchell  
08/19/2014–07/01/2018



**James F. Sullivan**, Frankfort  
08/07/2008–07/01/2016

### *In the Voice of Victims...*

*"The only closure I have left is this debt hanging over me. Thank you for giving me that closure. Maybe now I can move forward."*

Fayette County Claimant

*"Thank all of you for your constant work on my case. You can not imagine how I feel with my teeth getting back to where I can smile and not cry. I'll never forget what everyone did to go to bat for me."*

Jefferson County Claimant

## Accomplishments

- Executive Director Virginia Woodward continued serving as the first Kentucky member of the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards.
- Continued to add information to the agency procedures binder.
- Continued updating procedures and revising procedures manual.
- Six staff attended NACVCB national training in Portland Oregon September 9-13, 2013.
- Monitored Jefferson District Court case#13-T-015915, which addresses issues related to separation of powers and the Constitutional authority of the courts versus elected county attorneys who are diverting traffic cases and dismissing court costs.
- Worked closely with Corrections on our interface of data and implementation of KOMS access in preparation for Parole Board documents.
- Continued further implementation of the office paperless plan through electronic transfer of working documents to the BOC/CVC board members.

## CVCB Staff

**Jennifer Barrie**, recovery officer  
02/01/09–present  
**Leslie Bishop**, investigator  
09/01/12–present  
**Lindsay Crawford**, policy advisor  
5/01/09– present  
**Martin Green**, investigator  
11/16/04–present  
**Larry Hembree**, internal policy analyst  
12/16/08– present

**Virginia Woodward**, executive director  
5/01/09–present

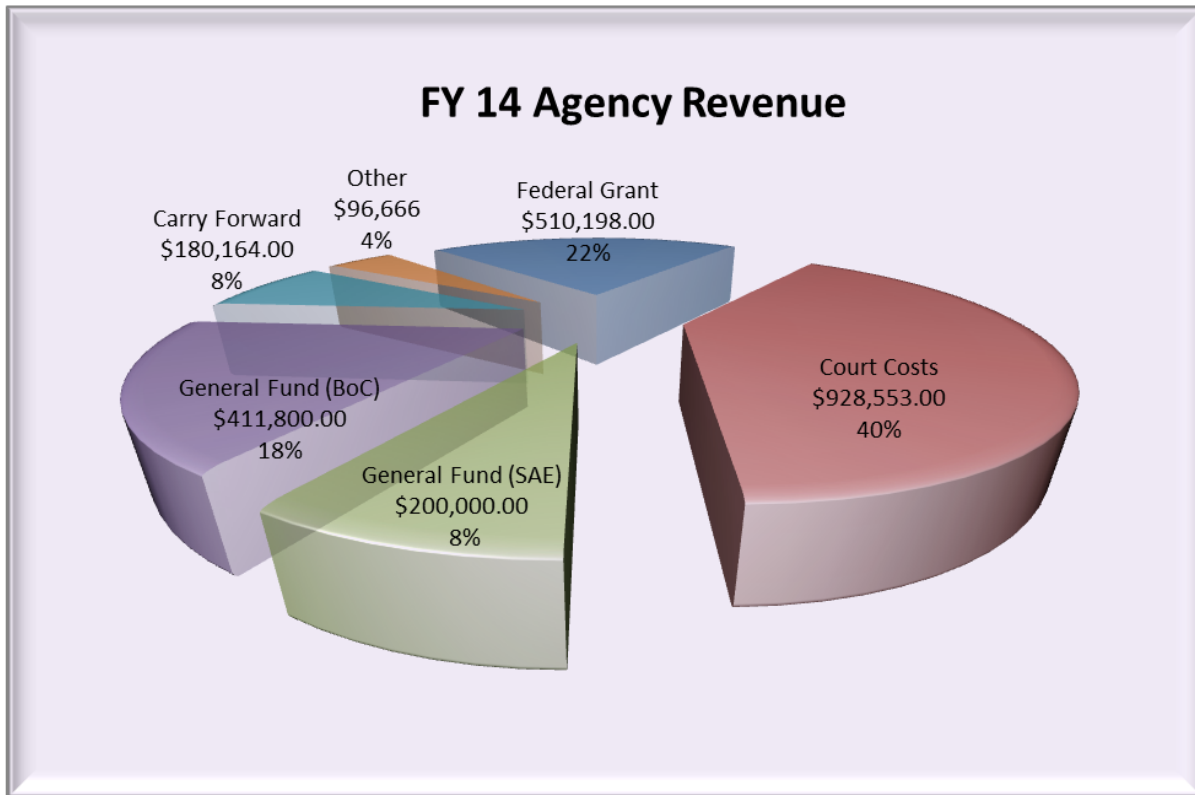
**Mitchell Mattingly**, counsel  
08/01/00–present  
**Janet Meyer**, admin spec, (temp)  
02/01/10–present  
**Raymond Shields**, clerk  
10/08/2012–06/15/13 (temp)  
06/16/13 -present  
**Stephanie Vandever**, investigator  
08/01/1999–present  
**Sarah Young**, sexual assault program coordinator (temp)  
09/16/2012–9/18/2014

## CVCB Snapshot

Claims received:	<b>939 (CV–245; Sexual Assault Exams–694)</b>
Claims accepted:	<b>1014 (CV–281; Sexual Assault Exams–733)</b>
Claims assigned to Board members:	<b>461 (CV only)</b>
Claims assigned to investigators:	<b>457 (CV only)</b>
Claims awarded:	<b>1082 (CV–166; Sexual Assault Exams–916)</b>
Claims denied:	<b>142 (CV–108; Sexual Assault Exams–34)</b>

## Accomplishments

- Executive director was selected as a compensation board administrator to participate in the OVC VOCA Administrator Regional Roundtable Meeting in Washington, DC.
- Attended OVC CTTAC trainer conference called “Train the Trainer” April 14-16, 2014, in Frankfort.
- Presented at the Attorney General’s conference for advocates in Lexington.
- Presented at the military training conference.
- Continued serving on the planning committee for and presented at the 2014 State Victims Assistance Academy for KY (SAVVKY).
- Signed a Master Agreement for agency use of CourtNet.
- Collaborated with other agency recipients of court cost revenue to address shrinking proceeds.

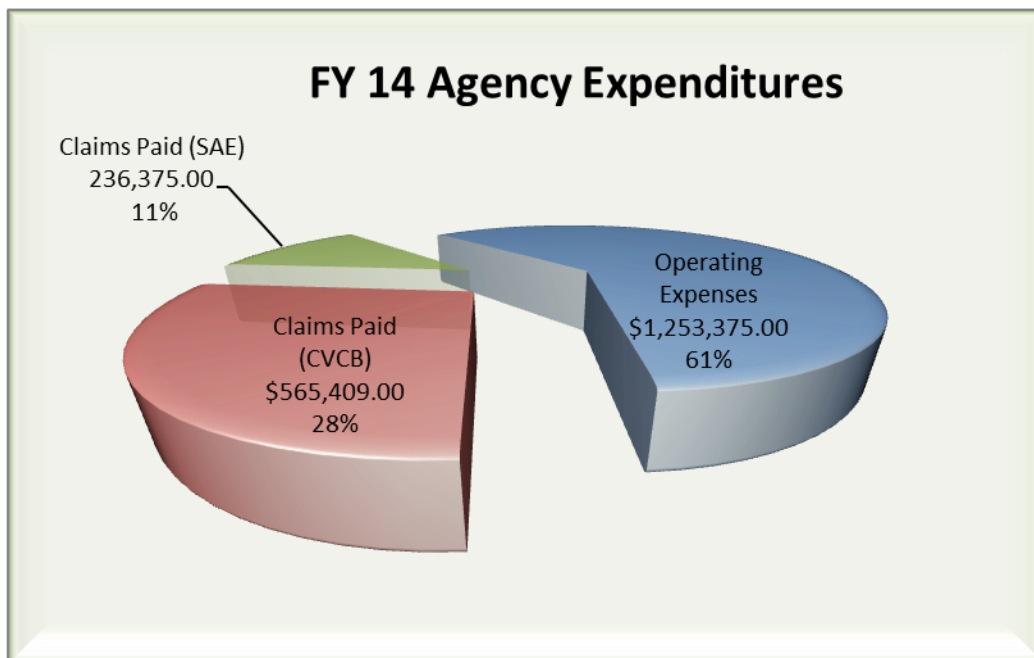


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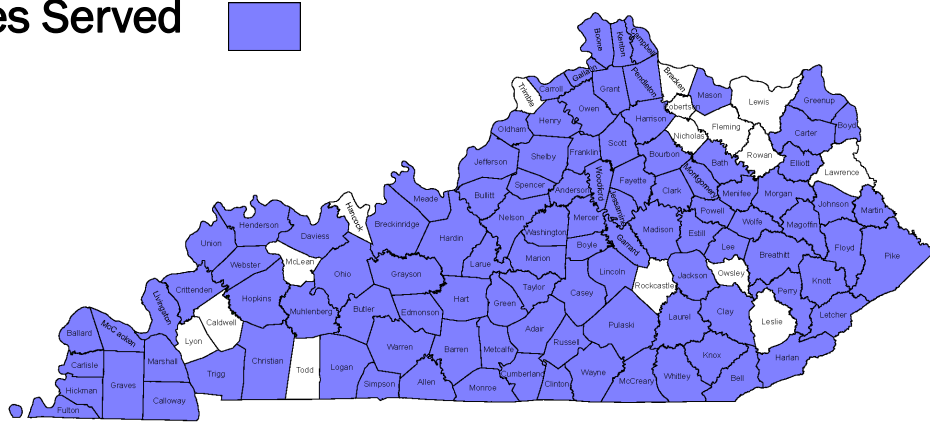
\*Agency means both CVCB and the Board of Claims.

\*The "Other" category in Revenue Sources includes restitution, subrogation, refunds, donations and miscellaneous.

\*The "Carry Forward" in Revenue Sources includes only restricted funds ("Court Costs" and the "Other" ) that are left over from the previous FY.



## Counties Served



County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Adair	\$4,068.04	2
Allen	\$350.00	5
Anderson	\$1,798.93	0
Ballard	\$1,763.80	2
Barren	\$19,400.35	14
Bath	\$696.82	0
Bell	\$450.00	1
Boone	\$8,593.78	17
Bourbon	\$411.07	1
Boyd	\$2,308.66	1
Boyle	\$1,550.00	3
Bracken	\$0	0
Breathitt	\$0	1
Breckinridge	\$8,525.03	0
Bullitt	\$1,848.00	8
Butler	\$1,398.80	4
Caldwell	\$0	0
Calloway	\$1,616.00	8
Campbell	\$28,106.29	36
Carlisle	\$0	1
Carroll	\$504.44	2
Carter	\$538.00	1
Casey	\$1,076.00	3
Christian	\$7,881.00	16
Clark	\$450.00	5
Clay	\$5,000.00	1

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Clinton	\$1,966.50	0
Crittenden	\$538.00	1
Cumberland	\$1,944.29	4
Daviess	\$14,772.61	14
Edmonson	\$25,000.00	3
Elliott	\$538.00	0
Estill	\$0	3
Fayette	\$112,548.46	81
Fleming	\$0	0
Floyd	\$2,831.49	8
Franklin	\$7,801.20	3
Fulton	\$3,586.00	3
Gallatin	\$1,100.00	0
Garrard	\$0	2
Grant	\$465.00	7
Graves	\$900.00	3
Grayson	\$887.89	2
Green	\$538.00	6
Greenup	\$450.00	1
Hancock	\$0	0
Hardin	\$8,702.01	26
Harlan	\$419.24	2
Harrison	\$5,106.68	0
Hart	\$1,300.00	6
Henderson	\$3,300.00	3
Henry	\$12,500.00	3

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Hickman	\$0	1
Hopkins	\$988.00	8
Jackson	\$13,322.30	0
Jefferson	\$209,613.41	219
Jessamine	\$10,116.64	3
Johnson	\$4,541.88	0
Kenton	\$32,002.89	52
Knott	\$3,242.92	1
Knox	\$1,130.39	3
Larue	\$0	1
Laurel	\$800.00	5
Lawrence	\$0	0
Lee	\$0	1
Leslie	\$0	0
Letcher	\$0	5
Lewis	\$0	0
Lincoln	\$856.56	0
Livingston	\$1,929.39	1
Logan	\$2,980.00	4
Lyon	\$0	0
Madison	\$27,744.66	6
Magoffin	\$650.00	0
Marion	\$888.00	3
Marshall	\$1,487.80	4
Martin	\$24,222.36	2
Mason	\$0	2
McCracken	\$7,415.08	16
McCreary	\$0	3
McLean	\$0	0
Meade	\$236.17	2
Menifee	\$0	1
Mercer	\$13,829.01	1
Metcalfe	\$550.00	0
Monroe	\$0	2
Montgomery	\$350.00	1

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Morgan	\$4,400.20	0
Muhlenberg	\$1,221.01	1
Nelson	\$2,370.03	3
Nicholas	\$0	0
Ohio	\$0	2
Oldham	\$0	3
Owen	\$25,458.00	0
Owsley	\$0	0
Pendleton	\$22,553.59	1
Perry	\$25,000.00	0
Pike	\$2,064.00	6
Powell	\$411.40	0
Pulaski	\$2,235.15	8
Robertson	\$0	0
Rockcastle	\$0	0
Rowan	\$0	0
Russell	\$4,476.00	1
Scott	\$1,250.00	2
Shelby	\$0	2
Simpson	\$4,50.00	3
Spencer	\$2,900.00	0
Taylor	\$2,764.00	7
Todd	\$0	0
Trigg	\$5,819.37	0
Trimble	\$0	0
Union	\$0	1
Warren	\$11,883.13	33
Washington	\$0	2
Wayne	\$0	2
Webster	\$0	2
Whitley	\$2,717.54	4
Wolfe	\$0	1
Woodford	\$0	2
Out of State	\$0	0

\*NOTE: If for any county a "0" appears in one column while a number appears in the other, the following may apply: in the case of SAEs, a crime occurs in one county but the service provider is in another; a claim may have been filed in one FY, but paid in another; a claim may have been filed, but denied. This data includes both crime victims compensation and sexual assault exams.



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