



# OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Colorado's 4th Judicial District - Serving El Paso & Teller Counties

## VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD

### VALE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2025

The VALE Board met on September 8, 2025 at 8:00am at the Office of the District Attorney, 105 E. Vermijo, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Colorado Springs, CO. Virtually present were Board Chair Maricela Dennis, Board Members Jan Isaacs Henry, Ariel Baty, and Daniel Thompson, and VALE Administrator Amber Holland.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Maricela Dennis.

- I. Review the minutes from August 11, 2025: **Minutes reviewed. Jan Isaacs Henry motioned to approve. Ariel Baty seconded. Minutes unanimously pass.**

II. VALE Financial Summary

a. Main VALE Fund Balance:	\$ 2,620,761.78	(as of July 31, 2025)
b. Deposits:	\$ 157,500.52	(for the month of July 2025)
c. Total Encumbered Funds:	\$ 389,950.43	(remaining in 2025)
d. VALE Grant Awards:	\$ 389,950.43	(2025 third quarter)
e. DA Admin. Fund Balance:	\$ 3,158.74	(as of July 31, 2025)
f. DA Admin Expenditures:	\$ 10,773.18	(for the month of July 2025)
g. DCJ Admin Fund Balance:	\$ 4,585.77	(as of July 31, 2025)
h. DCJ Admin Expenditures:	\$ 12,604.62	(for the month of July 2025)

III. Agency Oral Board Presentations

- Kidpower: Diane Loschen
  - **Requesting \$71,968.68 for approximately 50% salary/fringe for a Community Relations Coordinator and Program Coordinator.**
  - **Jan Isaacs Henry left the meeting during Kidpower's presentation due to a conflict of interest. Left: 8:31am, Returned: 8:48am**
- Catholic Charities of Central Colorado: Claudia Goldin
  - **Requesting \$20,000 for approximately 10% salary/fringe for n Advocate for Immigrant Crime Victims, 2% salary/fringe for Lead Immigration Counselor, 3% salary/fringe for Legal Assistant, and 9% salary/fringe for Director of Family and Immigration.**
- Kingdom Builder's Family Life Center: Lisa Jenkins
  - **Requesting \$245,300 for approximately 95% salary/fringe for two Adult Services Advocates and 1 Adult & Youth Services Advocate.**
- Safe Passage: Emily Bowker
  - **Requesting \$86,900 for approximately 56% salary for a Director of Advocacy and 40% salary for the Director of Forensic Interviewing.**

- **The Board noted that the goals are based on full agency victim service budget instead of the specific positions funded. Updated goals/objectives will be needed, if funded.**
- Lotus Foundation: Heather Starr
  - **Requesting \$52,000 for the full salary for 1 Case Manager and 1 Victim Advocate.**
- Centro de La Familia: Jacqueline Jaramillo
  - **Requesting \$169,999.80 for approximately 83% salary for a Behavioral Health Clinician and 83% salary for a Bilingual Advocate 2.**
  - **The Board requested a copy of a more recent financial audit.**
- Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center: Emily Tofte Nestaval and Kazi Houston
  - **Requesting \$21,476 for approximately 5% salary/fringe for the Senior Staff Attorney, Senior Victim Services Specialist, and Intake Specialist, and approximately 4% salary/fringe for a Staff Attorney.**
- Lutheran Family Services: Traci Hearne
  - **Requesting \$20,000 for approximately 41% salary/fringe for a caregiver.**
  - **The Board noted that the goals/objectives are based on full agency services. Updated goals/objectives specific to the funded position will be needed, if funded.**
- District Attorney's Office: Michael Allen and Benjamin Garrett
  - **Amber Holland left the meeting during the District Attorney's Office presentation due to a conflict of interest. Left: 1:10pm, Returned: 1:20pm**

#### IV. New Information / Agency Updates

- Available funds discussion: **The Board reviewed the projections from January 2025 with projections based on revenue to date. The available funding amount was determined to be close to the original projections.**
- EPSO Change in Project Director – Gillespie to Mancini: **The Board acknowledged receipt of the change in project directors.**
- Safe Passage – Reporting Update: **Tabled for further discussion at the September 9, 2025 meeting.**

V. Oral Presentation Schedule: September 9, 2025 from 8:15am to 1:30pm, and, if needed, September 22, 2025 from 8:15am to 1:30pm.

VI. Set next meeting date: September 9 at 8:15am, virtual

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40p.m.