

Progress Report

DOA / Justice for Sterilization Victims Program

January 31, 2015

Recent Activity:

- **4** Total 2nd Search requests requested by the Industrial Commission (name driven)
- **3** Informational search requests completed
- **82+** Victims contacted NC Bar Association attorneys for assistance (pro bono)
- Check tracking (as of 01/31/15):
 - **220** Checks mailed (not all mailed on 10/28/14 due to missing documentation)
 - **220** Certified Mail Receipts returned or direct clarification of checks delivered
 - **10** Therein: Returned checks re-mailed due to delivery issues
 - **2** Therein: In person delivery (via DHHS)
 - **216** Checks cashed
 - **4** Checks not yet cashed (all received; victims assessing options relative to estate planning, taxes and SSI)

Claim Forms Received To Date by DOA/JSV:

786 Claim forms were logged as of 9/30/14 which represents the FINAL claim count – *seven duplicates were identified from the previously reported figure of 793 due to multiple parties sending in claims for the same person.*

Claim Forms Forwarded to the Industrial Commission for certification of eligibility:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Qty</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Industrial Commission **</u>	
					<u>Initial Orders</u>	<u>Qualified</u>
32	1/15/14		99*	6/12/14	As of 7/2/14	391
38	2/3/14		47	6/26/14	As of 7/31/14	500
35	2/17/14		35	7/17/14	As of 8/31/14	611
50	3/3/14		65	7/31/14	As of 9/30/14	731
44	3/13/14		130	8/31/14	As of 10/31/14	786
41	4/10/14		26*	9/12/14		
41	5/01/14		20	9/25/14		
39	5/14/14		44	9/30/14		
			786	As of 10/31/14		

**Includes duplicate identified, total submission corrected; **Data provided by Industrial Commission*

Remaining Program Milestones: (*completed / completed this month*)

- *JSV Office (JSV) completed Eugenics records searches*
- *JSV prepared remaining files for Industrial Commission (IC) by September 30, 2014*
- *JSV finalized process for Qualified Recipient outreach prior to checks being mailed*
- *JSV finalized Pro Bono assistance process from NC Bar Association*
- *JSV made outreach calls to Qualified Recipients – ongoing*
- *JSV sent information packet to Qualified Recipients - ongoing*
- *IC completed initial determinations – October 15, 2014*
- *JSV and IC calculated INITIAL payment with supporting documentation*
- *Office of the State Controller (OSC) created NCAS vendor file and prepared checks*
- *JSV distributed INITIAL payments prior to October 31, 2014 deadline – 214 checks mailed on 10/28/14 (6 held until necessary documentation received; all victims contacted and all indicated they planned to send documentation as soon as possible);*
- *JSV distributed remaining checks upon receipt of completed documentation requirements*
- *IC continues to address motions for reconsideration and conduct hearings – ongoing*
- *JSV and IC perform additional searches at Archives upon request of IC Deputy Commissioner - ongoing*
- *JSV, IC and OSC collaborate on distributing INITIAL payments to any newly Qualified Recipient identified as a result of Appeal – as needed*
- **JSV and IC address initial archive requirements – October -December**
- *JSV makes plans to close the office by June 30, 2015*
- *JSV and IC calculate FINAL payment with supporting documentation – time TBD*
- *JSV, IC and OSC distribute FINAL payments within 60 days of the last appeal being exhausted – time TBD*

Outreach Efforts Completed:

- Letters mailed to 800+ potential victims who had contacted the office previously;
- Daily calls with claimants to discuss the process; answer questions and provide additional support
- Follow up research on returned mail to identify a correct mailing address;
- Multiple follow up letters mailed to 400+ claimants identifying missing claim information;
- JSV website is routinely updated with pertinent information;
- JSV flier and tri-fold brochure circulated to the CFW, CIA, HRC and DHHS for distribution through their various channels to > 1,400 locations across NC;
- JSV information added to the DMV's closed circuit Motor Vehicle Network;
- UNC Center for Civil Rights/NC Bar Association providing pro bono legal assistance;
- Personal visit to victim's home in Halifax County to assist with claim form completion
- Over 50 media interviews completed
- Successfully lobbied for procedural and technical changes to the Eugenics Compensation program to allow for initial payments to occur by 10/31/14.

- NC Bar Association volunteer attorneys providing pro bono legal assistance relative to tax and estate planning
- JSV contacted all Qualified Recipients to verify addresses and inquire as to their readiness to receive and handle a large check
- JSV continues contact with Qualified Recipients to ensure all necessary documentation has been submitted in order to receive payments

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