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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE
Budget, Finance, & Sustainability Committee

MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

Meeting was held virtually

Committee Members Present

Shannon Barry – Co-Chair	Suzi Schoenhoft – Co-Chair
Sue Sippel	Ann Kappauf
Jane Graham Jennings	Cia Siab Vang
Deb Lee	Courtney Olson
Jaime Sathasivam	Tegan Swanson

DCF Staff

Dana Johnson

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions – Shannon Barry

II. Approval of July 2026 Meeting Minutes – Shannon Barry
a. Motion to approve the minutes (1st Suzi Schoenhoft, 2nd Ann Kappauf)

III. Statewide Compensation and Benefit Survey Workgroup Update – Courtney Olson
a. Request for survey responses by DA program directors in early 2026, survey results were distributed in July via email. Survey results of areas were only provided when there were more than 5 respondents to ensure confidentiality.
b. Last compensation survey was conducted in 2020. It is recommended conducting the survey on a yearly cycle, to provide the ability to compile information and compare it to current salary market rates and be more maneuverable in resource allocation.
c. Discussion as to if DA program directors used the survey results to revise salaries of program staff. Respondents indicated no adjustments in salaries at this time and is important for future consideration and supporting program staff.

d. Discussion of some inaccuracies of other sources of statewide data on housing and living costs (affordability), and how this may impact program staff and what would meet a 'living wage' salary in a given geographic location.
e. **Recommendation:** Conduct the survey, annually; to be issued by the Governor's Council, as a project of the Budget, Finance, and Sustainability Committee.

IV. Funding Formula Review Workgroup Update – Shannon Barry

i. Five (5) total meetings held, five (5) proposals brought forth to the committee for review and determining next steps for recommendation to the Governor's Council and the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

ii. The Committee and Governor's Council advanced one proposal to DCF for consideration as the Department determines the funding formula for future statewide DV contracts.

V. New Business & Other Action Items

a. Shannon Barry shared that she will be stepping out of the Co-Chair role of the Governor's Council, after the two-year term is completed at the end of October. The Governor's Council will seek to find a replacement for both Co-Chairs.

Next meeting: Future meetings will be schedule in late Fall for calendar year 2027.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jaime Sathasivam, 2nd by Courtney Olson. Adjourned at 1:25pm CST.

Respectfully submitted by Dana Johnson.