



STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE Legislative & Policy Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2026

Meeting was held virtually

Governor Council Appointees Present

Elizabeth Lucas – Co-Chair	
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Committee Members Present

Attorney Amanda Riek	Bronson Stein
Courtney Olson	Julie Landes
Donna Meiselwitz	Karate Zubek
Darald Hanusa	Kari Niesen-LaScala
Jay Laufenberg	Kelsey Mullins
Julie Valadez	Gary Zajc
Martha Brock	Samantha Collier - Co-Chair
Tracy Plamann	Jenna Gormal
Ann Kappauf	
Bennie Higgins	

DCF Staff

Penny Nevicosi	Dana Johnson
Kristen Olson	

Website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/domesticabuse/council/legislative>

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions – Chair Elizabeth Lucas**
 1. DCF new PEI Section Manager – Dana Johnson, MSW.
 2. All members introduced.
- II. **Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes – Chair Elizabeth Lucas**
 - a. Approved, no discussion.
- III. **Domestic Abuse Treatment Standards**
 - a. **Subcommittee Report – Gary Zajc – DVIP Standards Workgroup**
 - i. PowerPoint presentation on how evidence and research informed the workgroups development of DVIP Standards.

- ii. Will present at the Governor's Council meeting scheduled for 7/8/2026 for further action.
- iii. A request for a detailed copy of the documentation be provided to members of this committee.
- iv. The next step would be for the Governor's Council to create a timeline for implementation and select/coordinate with agencies currently certified under previous standards, and work to implement under the new standards.
- v. DOC recently released a revised set of DV standards for their own use and contracting with partners who provide services. These may cause tension between different court jurisdiction (Family Court vs. Criminal Court), as an argument could be made that the DOC Standards should be used in criminal court and Family Court may not know which provider is 'certified' or if one should carry more weight in their certification.
- vi. DOC has the statutory authority of implementing the DV Standards.
- vii. An updated version of the DVIP Standards is located on the Governor's Council [website](#).
- viii. Chair Lucas recommends to connect with Gary Zajc to provide additional feedback or learn more information on the workgroups revised standards.

IV. Fatality Review Commission for Wisconsin

a. Subcommittee Report – Courtney Olson

- i. Website developed to provide information to the public on Fatality Review. <https://widvfatalityreview.com/>
- ii. Overview of the information on the website provided.
- iii. Will not take effect until 2027.

V. Other Action Items - None

Next meeting: October 12, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:01am

Respectfully submitted by Dana Johnson and approved by Chair Lucas.