



STATE OF WISCONSIN

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE**

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**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE  
BUDGET, FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE 2024  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2024  
1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Meeting was held virtually  
Approved February 11, 2025**

**Council Members Present:** Sue Sippel, Abdul Shour, Shannon Barry

**Committee Members Present:** Suzi Schoenhoft, Renee Schulz, Deb Lee, Barb Fischer, Ann Kappauf, Katie Bement, Jen Bisterfeldt, Jane Graham Jennings, Jaime Sathasivam, Tegan Swanson, Liz Marquardt, Pa Thao, Angela Mancuso, Robin Scott

**DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present:** Stacey Cicero, Ricky Ferrari Traner, Rachel Nili, Nadya Perez Reyes

**Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Sippel called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Members were welcomed and members provided introductions.

A quorum was present.

April Minutes approved Shannon/Barb. All aye.

**Open meeting requirements for committee and work groups**

Sippel reported that the recommendation from DCF is that minutes and attendance be taken at each committee meeting and any workgroup meetings. Based on Wisconsin open meeting laws, these meetings (committee and workgroup) must be publicly noticed. The full council will meet tomorrow and an attorney from DOJ will present information on open meeting laws.

**Review and Update of Committee Goals and Objectives**

Reviewed and discussed the draft of the goals and objectives. Motion to approve the draft by Fischer, second by Barry. All aye.

**Budget Update**

VOCA RFP has been released and closed. Waiting on award letters.  
Act 241 application has been released and closed. Waiting on award letters.  
Discussion of funding opportunities and state funding.

**Dissemination of the policy brief: *Securing Adequate Funding for Domestic Abuse Services in Wisconsin***

Budget committee referred the brief to the full council for approval at the July meeting.  
Discussion of where and with whom the brief would be shared.

**Next Steps**

Next meeting Oct 8.  
Future agenda items may be emailed to DCF staff and the committee co-chairs.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Note: The revisions shown in red were made by the Budget Committee of the Governor's Council at the Committee Meeting on 4/9/24. Because there was not quorum, these serve only as suggestions and will be reviewed by the Budget Committee at the July Committee Meeting.

## **BUDGET, FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE 2024**

### **Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse**

### **Committee Goals & Projects**

The Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse works to make the issue of domestic abuse visible to the residents and policy makers of the State of Wisconsin.

The **Budget, Finance and Sustainability Committee** of the Governor's Council plays an important role in accomplishing this mission. The Committee's work focuses on the following goals:

- Guide budget related projects and initiatives, play a role in the development of a Long Range Funding Plan.
- Identify and address issues related to budget and financial sustainability of domestic abuse programs.
- Provide guidance input to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) on the distribution of domestic abuse funding.
- Advance recommendations for sustainable funding to assure a robust and responsive network of providers to meet the needs of DV survivors in Wisconsin.

#### **History and Projects**

- Promoted the priorities identified in "Vision. Hope. Safety. - 2014-2020 Long Range Plan for a Safe Wisconsin" and support efforts for the next Long Range Plan.
- Developed and promoted the *Fair Minimum Budget* and *Why the Fair Minimum Budget* for domestic abuse programs.
- Researched the rising costs of Worker's Comp and investigated ways to mitigate the costs.
- Developed the previous funding formula for Basic Services, prior to it becoming competitive.
- Advised DCF on how to distribute the \$5M increase in funding in 2015.

#### **Current/Future Projects:**

- Develop an updated Fair Minimum Budget(s) and with companion piece if any. that explains the actual staffing and budget needs in order to accomplish the statutory expectations for core funding for domestic abuse programs.
- Work with a Budget Committee member on a policy brief: "Securing Adequate Funding for Domestic Violence Services in Wisconsin."
- Discuss the impact of funding on the landscape of local programs in Wisconsin and disseminate information.

#### **Committee Meetings and Structure**

- The Budget, Finance and Sustainability Committee meets five times per year: February, April, June, and October, ~~and December~~. Members represent a diverse group of people from around the state, council and non-council members alike. We do conference calls between meetings, or schedule additional meetings, when working on projects.
- Meetings are usually two hours, depending on the length and intensity of current projects. If necessary, additional meetings may be scheduled by the committee co-chairs.

- Currently all meetings are being held in person. Persons close to Madison usually attend meetings in person. We also offer options to connect via conference call or virtual meetings. Mileage and hotel reimbursements are available.

If you would like to get involved or have a question about the Budget, Finance and Sustainability Committee, **contact Stacey Cicero at [Stacey.cicero@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Stacey.cicero@wisconsin.gov)**.