



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE**  
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*Legislative and Policy Committee*

*WI Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: December 8, 2025**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Meeting was held virtually**

**Council Members Present:** Brenda Frasser, Elizabeth Lucas

**Committee Members Present:** Courtney Olson, Holland Dvorak, Kelsey Mullins, Stephanie Prevost, Charles Vear, Natalie Hayden, Suzi Schoenholt, Deanna Grundl, Skye Alloway, Julie Valadez, Karate Ashlee

**DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present:** Stacey Cicero

**Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

**Elizabeth Lucas volunteered to act as Note Taker**

**November 2025 Minutes were reviewed- no changes recommended**

**Items to Bring Forward to Committee**

**1. Possible grant funding update for future DVFRB**

- Courtney shared that the grant application submitted to the Medical College of Wisconsin successfully passed the first 2 evaluations in the process. The last step was down to 5 applications, and we were not selected.
- A 6 minute (started out as 10 minute) video was produced as a requirement of the Medical College grant application. May be used in future grant applications (see below).
- The Governor's Office of Violence Prevention has announced a new \$10 million grant program to reduce crime and violence. Courtney will use the Medical College of WI application as the foundation to submit a new proposal on behalf of the workgroup for this grant as well.

**2. 2- pager to support Fatality Review Bill**

- The one/two-pager aims to articulate the importance of the initiative and serve as a tool for advocacy.
- The team agrees this document will be used to inform and engage partners, legislators, and the broader community.

- This is the 7<sup>th</sup> draft of this document.
- Edits were reviewed, and agreed upon.
- The correct bill number is now in on the document.

### **3. Holland's research on Legislator's regional impact**

- Holland shared a document she created that includes specific DV fatality cases and the related districts/jurisdictions.

### **4. Possibly create a video version of 2-pager**

- Julie V offered to help coordinate and edit a video.
- This would need to be done fairly quickly, as legislative education needs to be completed between now and February, 2026.
- Courtney shared the video produced for the WI Medical College of WI grant application. We could use that video, or create an entirely new one.
- Karate shared the latest accessibility requirements for any video we create.  
<https://uwm.edu/digital-accessibility/documentation-guides/>
- Natalie can connect with the man who helped with the grant video and inquire about him helping again.
- Courtney will schedule a separate meeting with those interested in working on a video (Skye, Julie, Courtney, Natalie, Brenda, Elizabeth)

### **Topics Discussed**

### **Other Business**

**Adjourned: 12:00pm**