



STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE
Legislative and Policy Committee
WI Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative
MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 9, 2026
Time: 11:00 am

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present: Elizabeth Lucas and Brenda Frasser

Committee Members Present: Stacey Cicero, Courtney Olson, Jenna Gormal, Julie Valadez, Dr. Autumn Lacy, Jaime Sathavisam, Karate Zubek, Natalie Hayden, Kelsey Mullins, Leanna Liska, Stephanie Prevost, Suzi Schoenhof

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present: Stacey Cicero

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves and shared brief agency information

Topics Discussed

DHS request for DV Fatality Team funding. Republicans voted in favor, Democrats voted against. There is not currently funding allocated for this project. Governor Evers may veto. If no funding is allocated, it won't pass. \$375,000 to staff/fund is needed.

Senator Royce of the house committee talked about finding supports for this project and gun violence in the bill. The next action steps will include calling/writing the Governor's office to ask for support with this bill even if funding is not included. The hope is to "find" funding from 'somewhere else'. The Governor's Office has 'found' funding in the past. Hopeful.

Julie Valadez requested a template or script for calls, letters or visits to support the ask. Jenna will send. Julie asked if the bill does not get voted on, can the Governor still sign and use unallocated funds? Jenna stated legislature has to approve first. The best way to get legislative branch to vote/approve is if it becomes a budgetary item reflecting that advocacy is needed.

Courtney stated the OVP grant applications have been submitted. Courtney applied for the DV Fatality Review Initiative. The turn-around is quick and awards will be announced February or March of 2026. Courtney asked if the issue of the Confidentiality Amendment was passed. This can be voted on in the future.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

11:29 am

Next Meeting 3/9/26 @ 11 am