



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: 4/14/2025

Time: 11:00-11:52

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present: Brenda Frasser

Committee Members Present: Courtney Olson, Jaime Sathasivam, Holland Dvorak, Leanna Liska, Natalie Hayden, Jenna Gormal, Kelsey Mullins, Suzi Schoenhof, Jessi Trauth, Leah Forlenza, and Carly Hirsch

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present: None

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Items to Bring Forward to Committee:

- Training on review teams
- Medical College of Wisconsin has notified Courtney that they will be reintroducing legislation for review teams

Topics Discussed

- Two day training opportunity has been offered by Dr. Neil Websdale. The training would be provided to the WI team for free, through their VAWA funds if completed before October.
 - Location options likely would be Madison or Milwaukee. Madison might be a better option to include lawmakers in the training.
 - Participation at the training would be as broad in profession as possible
 - Options for free in Madison: Neighborhood house Madison, Goodman Community Center, UW Madison
 - Will need to confirm with Medical College of Wisconsin when they would be available before setting a firm date with Dr. Websdale.
 - Summer was suggested to ensure funding through the VAWA funds.
 - June would be the best month for Legislators.
- Notification from Medical College of Wisconsin that they have reintroduced legislation (SB188 last session)
 - Changes from AB 188 include:
 - Included terminology around IPV, DV and community-based violence. It wasn't explicitly mentioned in previous version
 - No longer a mention around non-DHS teams being "rogue". There is no prohibition for teams to exist separate from this organized team for the state.
 - Acknowledges advocates or service providers in this version.
 - Suicide reviews would be standard in this bill, but all other review teams are optional.

- Jenna noted she has some questions around confidentiality and Advocates.
 - There is still no funding budgeted.
- The committee members agree to review the proposed legislation independently and discuss at the next meeting with a formal recommendation. Additional recommendations may come after the training with Dr. Websdale, hopefully in June.

Other Business

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 12, at the same link.

Adjourn at 11:52