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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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LEGISLATIVE, POLICY & SYSTEMS COORDINATION SUB COMMITTEE

Workgroup Meeting: Standards and Treatment Revisions Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2024

11AM-12 PM

Meeting was held virtually

Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3Ahz3My-eE5v645U_1_3dYnVJZB9tUNiPbxnXm0K2lkumeJbcYZMexOOAwwjCbdh.tBoQTEbarBBZ1IQk

Council Members Present:

Elizabeth Lucas

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present:

None

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions 10:07am

Committee Members Present:

Courtney Olson – WDFRI Chair – Minute Taker

Dana World-Patterson

Constance Kostelac – Medical College of WI

Mallory O'Brian - Johns Hopkins and the Center for Gun Violence Solutions. And I'm the founding director of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission

Michelle Coppens - Sojourner and Milwaukee County's Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Charles Vear- Researcher, - Medical College of Wisconsin

Leanna Liska - Violence Against Women Act Stop Grant Administrator at OCVS at DOJ

Stephanie Prevost – Interim Director Golden House Green Bay

Holland Dvorak- Housing Initiatives Coordinator with End Domestic Abuse

Topics Discussed:

The meeting began with introductions from Courtney Olson, followed by a presentation from the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission team led by Constance Kostelac. The team presented their review process for a specific incident in Milwaukee, emphasizing the importance of understanding risk factors and circumstances behind the incident to develop prevention opportunities and recommendations. The review involved multiple meetings and wide representation from various agencies, and the resulting recommendations were shared at multiple forums to mobilize potential action. The team focused on grouping recommendations into tiers to address the ones with the biggest reach and impact.

Constance Kostelac will send the full recommendations outlined, and Courtney will distribute these to the team.

Highlights reviewed include:

- Introductions and Review Process Overview
- Review Process for a Specific Incident
- Recommendation Prioritization and Implementation Process
- Review Process and Recommendations
 - Funding and resources for domestic violence high-risk teams
- Recommendations for Response Coordination and Information Sharing
 - Recommendations for improving response coordination and information sharing across jurisdictions
 - Review of a specific case related to domestic violence and intimate partner violence
- Discussion on Review Process and Recommendations
- Planning Next Steps and Future Meetings
 - Training and cultural competency for navigating family involvement in domestic violence cases
 - Legislative considerations for domestic violence fatality review

The meeting also discussed the need for sustained funding for certain initiatives, improving information sharing across jurisdictions, particularly related to domestic violence cases, and drawing on partner organizations for support in seeking additional funding. Future business opportunities for the team's next meeting were also discussed, including inviting the domestic violence fatality review team Ujima and Red Wing Consulting and identifying funding sources for a standalone domestic violence fatality review initiative.

Constance Kostelac proposes that the Milwaukee team collaborate with the WDVFRI in moving forward legislation in the upcoming legislative cycle. Courtney agreed to coordinate with Jenna Gormal. Holland indicates Jenna is out on Sabbatical until Mid-October. We will work to create a joint meeting upon her return.

Items to Bring Forward to Committee

None noted.

Other Business

If anyone is interested in attending the October National Fatality Review Initiative in Arizona in October (flyer was distributed with calendar invite), please let Courtney know. Dr. Websdale indicates there may be free rooms available, and there is no cost to attend the conference.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 14th, 11:00 am

Adjourn 10:50am