



STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

P.O. BOX 1185 • MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701 • TELEPHONE (608) 266-0700

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE
LEGISLATIVE, POLICY & SYSTEMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE
Workgroup Meeting: *Domestic Abuse Guidebook for Wisconsin GALs*
MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2024
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present: Virginia Gittens Escudero

Committee Members Present: Kelsey Mullins, Kari LaScala, Bronson Stein, Krystal Chase

Workgroup Members Present: Amber Peterson, Gricel Santiago-Rivera, Tegan Swanson

Topics Discussed

Discussed changes to SAFeR Step 4. Drafted specific language for consideration by GALs in making recommendations for court orders in family law cases. Approved updates for making recommendations to the court. Removed the case scenario-specific recommendations to focus on specific language already provided to use in drafting recommendations.

Discussed what terms to use for parent parties in family law cases and added a section on Language to the Definitions and Foundations section of the Guidebook. This section will define both terms used in the Guidebook and other terms used in different settings.

Discussed the Introduction section. Made updates to the section on judicial resources and balancing this factor against responsibilities of GALs.

Set agenda for next meeting to finalize the Introduction section and continue updating the Definitions and Foundations section.

Other Business

Scheduled next meeting for Tuesday, July 16, 10am-12pm via Zoom.

Adjourn