



STATE OF WISCONSIN

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE**

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**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE  
LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2024  
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.  
Meeting was held virutally  
Approved February 10, 2025**

**Council Members Present:** Elizabeth Lucas, Virginia Gittens-Escudero

**Committee Members Present:** Krystal Chase, Kelsey Mullins, Donna Meiselwitz, Jaime Sathasivam, Samantha Collier, Marlys Howe, Shannon Jarecki, Bronson Stein

**DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present:** Stacey Cicero, Ricky Ferrari Traner, Rachel Nili, Kristin Olsen, Nadya Perez-Reyes

**Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members were welcomed and provided introductions.

April minutes: approved

Samantha Collier has agreed to be the co-chair for the committee.

No response for a chair for the Domestic Abuse Treatment Standards workgroup. Elizabeth is currently the interim chair. Will review at next meeting.

**Workgroup Reports:**

**Domestic Abuse Treatment Standards workgroup report:**

Guest presenter from Vermont. Vermont recently updated their treatment standards. Actually has legislation that backs this. Provided an overview of their program. Looking to get the program from Hawaii to present at a future meeting.

**Fatality Review Commission workgroup report:**

Working on setting up a meeting between the Medical College of WI based Milwaukee Homicide Commission and Jenna Gormal to talk about next steps in moving forward the legislation on the WI Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. Jenna is on sabbatical, but we have set up a time upon her return on 2pm, Thursday, November 7th. Goal is to establish a piece of stand-alone legislation focused on DV, rather than rolling it under the broader umbrella of DHS generalized fatality review. That legislation stalled out in the last session.

The next meeting of the Fatality Review Initiative will include a review of the trends and statistics in the 2023 homicide report.

**GAL Guidebook workgroup report:**

A first draft has been finished and was reduced from 150 pages to 80 pages. The guidebook focuses on accessibility to GAL's to ensure it is widely used. A final draft will be sent to full council for the February

meeting. Next step is to get feedback on the draft from GALS and judges before the final document is approved.

**Other business**

Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse award ceremony is this week on Wednesday.

**Adjourned**