



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

February 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Meeting was held virtually

Approved April 7, 2025

Council Members Present: Elizabeth Lucas, Brenda Frasser, Virginia Gittens Escudero

Committee Members Present: Krystal Chase, Kelsey Mullins, Donna Meiselwitz, Jaime Sathasivam, Shannon Jarecki, Courtney Olson, Karate Zubek, Jenna Gormal, Bronson Stein, Samantha Collier

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present: Stacey Cicero, Ricky Ferrari Traner, Rachel Nili, Kristin Olsen, Michelle Rawlings

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Members were welcomed and provided introductions.

October minutes: approved

Workgroup Reports:

Domestic Abuse Treatment Standards workgroup report:

New Co-Chairs have been named: Gary Zajc and Bennie Higgins, both from the Alma Center, Milwaukee. The program from Hawaii will present at the February meeting. Elizabeth Lucas provided an overview and history of the workgroup.

Fatality Review Commission workgroup report:

The workgroup continues to work on legislation that supports language for DV survivors. Reviewing perspective on a stand-alone domestic violence piece of legislation or a broader blanket piece that includes DV. Being very deliberate and thoughtful in the process. Courtney Olson reviewed the history of the workgroup and the need for a fatality review initiative.

GAL Guidebook workgroup report:

Final draft has been finished and includes feedback from GAL's and judges. The guidebook focuses on accessibility to GAL's and includes actionable steps, including check boxes. The final draft was sent to the full Governor's Council for the February meeting for approval. Physical copies of the Guidebook will be printed using a grant provided by Court Operations. Next step, after Council approval, is to work on distributing the guidebook.

Other business

Discussed potential of other topics the committee would work on.

Adjourned 10:38 a.m.