



STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE
Legislative and Policy Committee
Treatment and Standards Intervention Workgroup
MEETING MINUTES
1/23/25
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present:

Elizabeth Lucas – Director of Office of Victim Services & Programs, DOC
Rep. Pat Snyder – Assembly – Governor's Council Member

Committee Members Present:

Courtney Olson- WDVFRI Chair; Rainbow House Director
Darald Hanusa- WBTPA
Gary Zajc – Alma Center
Jolynn Woehrer – Alma Center/UWM
Ann Kappauf – New Horizons
Bennie Higgins – Alma Center
Kenda Ferron -St. Croix Valley Restorative Services
Joel Lewis – School Social Worker
Jamie Sathasivam - Hope House
Sam Hope – Pat Snyder's Office – Children and Families Committee

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present:

None

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth Lucas – Interim Chair introducing Bennie Higgins and Gary Zajc as new co-chairs of the work group.

Statewide treatment standards to be presented to the Legislative and Policy Committee. Decision made to approach standards from values-based approach. Other states have presented what worked in their communities, what challenges they faced.

In February, Gary and Bennie will take the lead. Elizabeth will still attend, but no longer facilitate or be the point of contact.

Hawaii presentation update – in communication with 2 members who recently implemented new treatment standards in their state. Legislative support. Angie Mercado– Hawaii State Coalition Against DV. Dana Miyaski – Judiciary for State of Hawaii – Funds Manager. Not able to present today. Rescheduling. Judiciary presenting state of state address today, so unable to attend. Will come in February.

New Co Chairs – Bennie - good to be here and excited to move forward to what we can do together.
Gary – Appreciates opportunity to work with us. Diverse voices are helpful. Looking forward to moving this along.

February 27th 2-3pm next meeting. Agenda will be sent out by Bennie and Gary.

Thanks from Darald to new Co Chairs.

Adjourn 2:21pm

Minutes submitted by: Courtney Olson