



STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Workgroup Meeting: *Domestic Abuse Treatment Standards Review Workgroup*

MEETING MINUTES

5/22/25

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present:

Representative Pat Snyder
Elizabeth Lucas

Committee Members Present

Gary Zajc
Bennie Higgins
Darald Hanusa
Ann Kappauf

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Topics Discussed

Review of Center of Justice Innovation participation in standards work in 2023, specifically the participants and survivors survey questions prepared in 2023.

Review of the current definition of domestic violence vs intimate partner violence.

Discussion of certification standards and its effectiveness with potential legislative support

Virtual 5 hour meeting scheduled (8/6/25 from 9 am to 2 pm) to move forward with the work of updating the standards with focus on the following areas:

- Explicit Values Framework
- Creation of Clearly Defined Ethical Standards
- Terminology Shift for Participants
- Expanded Scope and Inclusivity of Domestic Abuse
- Integration of Trauma-Informed, Restorative, and Flexible Approaches
- Emphasis on Engagement and Transformation
- Stronger Gender Equity and Social Justice And Public Health Lens
- Updated Language Reflecting Values Throughout

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