

**Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse  
October 11, 2017**

**Present:** Senator Tim Carpenter, Kevin Hamberger, Representative Andre Jacque (Rebecca Sande, staff), Patricia Ninmann, Susan Perry, Mariana Rodriguez, Renee Schulz, Susan Sippel, Representative Lisa Subeck (represented by Zach Madden, staff), Mark Thomas, Gerald Urbik

**Excused:** Shirley Armstrong

**Guests:** Chase TARRIER (End Domestic Abuse WI); Shira Phelps (Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services)

**Staff:** Sharon Lewandowski

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***Call to Order and Approval of Minutes***

Co-Chair Sue Sippel called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the July, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Kevin Hamberger moved, seconded by Andre Jacque, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

***Presentation: Violence Against Women State Implementation Plan***

Shira Phelps, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Program and Policy Analyst with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) outlined the 3-year VAWA Implementation Plan that maps out funding priorities for the VAWA STOP formula grant program. As part of the planning process, a VAWA Advisory Committee was convened to advise on how to spend this money.

The 2017-2020 Implementation Plan focuses on nine (9) program areas:

- 1. Justice System Training:** Law enforcement training; 5% of total VAWA STOP funding is allocated to the Director of State Courts Office to support training initiatives, including sexual assault and human trafficking.
- 2. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training:** Nurses trained to conduct forensic medical exams.
- 3. CCRT / SART:** Funding for positions at End Domestic Abuse WI and the WI Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) to provide technical assistance, training, and support to local community teams.
- 4. Specialized Enforcement:** Requirement to meet with every federally recognized tribe in the state to identify needs and promote collaboration that is more meaningful. Identified needs include tribal law enforcement training and sexual assault/human trafficking training. The funding is intended to increase capacity of tribal programs.
- 5. Specialized Prosecution:** Funding supports five VAWA prosecutors in four regions around the state (Brown, Dane, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Waukesha); helps build capacity of local District Attorney offices.
- 6. Victim Services:** There will be a shift in how funding will be distributed; focus is on innovative programs/services to address culturally specific/underserved populations; address systemic barriers to accessibility of services and build agency capacity to serve those populations. Grants are distributed on a three-year funding cycle, with the possibility of transitioning to VOCA funding afterwards.
- 7. Demonstration Project:** Funding for End Domestic Abuse WI to support the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) throughout the state. The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence developed a model of services to provide immediate victim accessibility to advocacy

services. WI has been given permission to develop our own programming around the LAP model; Sara Krall from End Abuse is funded through this program to assist with local LAP.

8. **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA):** 4.7% of VAWA must go to PREA compliance; WI was not previously in compliance. Funding will provide training with victim service providers to work with incarcerated victims of sexual assault. The PREA audit focuses on response to victims and policy work with DOC and WCASA.
9. **Core Competencies for Working with Trafficked Youth:** The Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (chaired by the Department of Justice and Department of Children and Families) developed Core Competencies for Serving Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth. These core competencies will be integrated into Requests for Proposals. The Task Force also developed a screening tool to determine the level of risk with trafficking and identify risk factors in girls.

### *Committee Reports*

**Access Committee:** The Access Committee is planning a welcome reception for the evening before the End Domestic Abuse statewide conference. The evening event will include activities to connect individuals and address anti-oppression work. Committee members are also discussing future projects; the next meeting will involve a facilitated planning process to identify activities and projects with the greatest potential for impact. The Access Committee is open to council members and community-based advocates.

**Legislative and Policy Committee:** The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Subgroup discussed next-steps, including developing a Bench Card for judges for quick reference when appointing a GAL and a sample Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for GAL appointment. The Revocation Subgroup is reaching out to partner agency representatives to expand the workgroup to learn more about the current revocation system response and better identify possible areas where the system may be breaking down.

### *Legislative Update*

Chase Tarrier of End Domestic Abuse WI provided an update on legislative issues.

Change of Venue Bill: This proposed legislation would allow a victim to seek remedy for domestic violence (i.e., restraining orders and injunctions) in a county other than where the victim resides.

Teen Dating Violence Bill: A modified version of the bill to direct schools to integrate teen dating violence prevention education into classroom instruction for middle-school and high-school students, and set guidelines for schools' response to teen dating violence to create an atmosphere in which victims can get help and abuse is not tolerated has been authored and is now in circulation.

Civil Legal Aid Bill: Would create a statewide commission of civil legal services.

Permitless Carry: Would allow individuals to carry concealed firearms without getting training or state permits; would also allow persons under domestic violence restraining orders to possess antique firearms.

AB 190: Prohibits local ordinances, resolutions, and policies that prohibit the enforcement of federal or state law relating to immigration status.

Safe Harbor Bill: (Protecting Child Victims of Trafficking Bill) The Attorney General is supporting this bill; eliminates the ability of law enforcement to charge victims under age 18 with prostitution.

Family Medical Leave Insurance Act: End Abuse is supporting this proposed legislation; would give access to medical leave for domestic abuse victims.

### ***Election of Co-Chair***

Current Council policy allows for a 2-year term for co-chair; the policy was created by the Council and is not in statute. Renee Schulz missed a year of her term due to health reasons; Council members were asked if anyone was interested in taking the co-chair position or if they would like to extend Renee's term to serve an additional 2 years.

Kevin Hamberger moved, seconded by Andre Jacque, to extend Renee Schulz's term as Council Co-Chair for another two years. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Topics for 2018***

Kevin Hamberger reported that End Domestic Abuse WI is ending their ties with the Wisconsin Battered Treatment Program Association (WBTPA). WBTPA is the "keeper" of offender treatment standards; the Council was involved in the development and approval of those standards. Kevin stated that the relationship between the End Abuse and WBTPA was never clear. Additionally, the administrative relationship/support to WBTPA was flagged as a potential problem by End Abuse auditors. Council members suggested inviting WBTPA to a meeting to discuss their plans and the potential impact on the treatment standards.

Other topics for future meetings include:

- Legislative Committee – future topics and promoting more Council involvement
- Update from tribal programs following Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) changes in jurisdictional issues
- Dr. Joy Ippolito on Sex Trafficking
- Victim Witness/DAs Office – discussion on victim impact statements and possibility of sealing records so statement is not used against victims or available to media

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to prepare for the 2017 Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Domestic Abuse Issues Ceremony.

Submitted by:  
Renee Schulz, Co-Chair