

**Governor’s Council on Domestic Abuse
July 9, 2019**

- Present:** Kevin Hamberger, Sen. Andre Jacque, Renee Schulz, Susan Sippel, Sen. Tim Carpenter, Kathy Flores, Mike Pearson appearing for Rep. Lisa Subek
- Excused:** Nela Kalpic, Sue Perry, Alena Taylor
- Guests:** Courtney Olson (Rainbow House), Shannon Barry (DAIS), Tony Gibart (End Domestic Abuse WI), David Bowles (CMR Marketing)
- Staff:** Kaitlin Tolliver

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Renee Schultz called the meeting to order, with a quorum present at 9:07 a.m. The minutes of the April 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Reports

Access Committee:

The Committee began its work towards learning about how it can impact Board diversity and Board training statewide. A determination was made to begin working on some type of resource that will provide Boards with introspective tools, best practices, and other ideas to support them in appropriately diversifying. The Committee made an extensive list of questions that it has for statewide executive directors. The intention is to receive a better understanding of the current scenery. Staff for the Committee will categorize the questions and send it to the Committee to pare down. The questions will go to the executive directors via SurveyMonkey with a desire to obtain answers prior to the October Committee meeting.

Budget Committee

The Committee reviewed the “Why The Fair Minimum” document that was created. The Committee brainstormed ways to edit the document. The document will be edited by staff and be reviewed by the Committee prior to the October meeting.

The Committee continues to research Worker’s Compensation classifications for shelter employees. Tad Cleveland from WCRB attended the meeting and reviewed the information gathered by the Committee. Ongoing options include working with the NCCI to change the national coding for domestic abuse shelter, appeal coding with WRCB and ask them to change shelter code to 8857 (social worker) or attempt to carve out our own code in Wisconsin (the concern being that we do not have the critical mass). Overall, the Committee does not feel there is much that they are able to change about the coding at this time. Even so, the Committee would like to educate the statewide executive directors on the worker’s compensation system and information on how to positively influence premium audits. The Committee will plan a webinar. Staff will create an outline and send it to the Committee to review and edit.

The Committee will be reaching out to WCASA to ask for time on the next Statewide Director’s Meeting agenda to prepare directors for the two pieces of upcoming information.

Legislative and Policy Committee:

The Committee reviewed the information composed at the last meeting. The Committee participated in a conversation regarding the goals of this process. A small ad hoc Committee was established to create the first draft of a victim education pamphlet prior to the October Committee meeting. The Committee also wants to begin planning statewide listening sessions to get buy-in, identify potential partners, and hear

from statewide players about what they are experiencing. The Committee will work to identify regions, locations of trainings, and funding opportunities prior to the next meeting. The Committee will begin to draft the agenda for the sessions and potential increases in meetings at the next meeting.

Legislative Update

Chase Tarrier from End Abuse provided legislative update. Update is attached.

The Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse Award Ceremony

Reviewed plans for Awards Ceremony in October. Conference call to finalize planning will be scheduled amongst co-chairs and Council staff. A decision was made to change the date of the Ceremony and next Council meeting from October 9, 2019, to October 16, 2019, due to a religious holiday.

Panel Presentation Regarding Gender Integration in Shelter Programs

A panel presentation regarding gender integration occurred. Panel participants were Kathy Flores, Courtney Olson from Rainbow House, and Shannon Barry from DAIS. Participants discussed their organizational initiative in becoming gender integrated. Limited challenges were presented and the overall successes were shared. The group agreed that statewide progress still needs to be made in gender neutrality and providing services to every person and their families.

Statewide Prevention Campaign Update and Vision

Tony Gibart from End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and David Bowles from CMR Marketing presented the Council with a presentation outlining the work that CMR has done on the Prevention Campaign since its inauguration. The Prevention Campaign has made some progress and has developed its Teen Ambassador Program. David discussed a need for ongoing funding to continue to help the Campaign reach youth statewide. The Council provided David with alternative option for collaboration in the state to help with marketing including DPI, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other youth projects. Kathy Flores also encouraged Tony and David to review the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Bill to see if there would be an option to collaborate with that curricula to include prevention messaging.

Public Comments

Kevin Hamberger shared that following the October 2019 Council meeting, he will be retiring from the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse after 25 years. His knowledge, passion, and commitment will be greatly missed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.