

**Governor’s Council on Domestic Abuse
July 15, 2020**

Present: Representative Lisa Subeck, Senator Andre Jacque, Nela Kalpic, Susan Perry, Renee Schulz, Susan Sippel, Kathy Flores, Tammie Xiong, Rosalind McClain, Senator Tim Carpenter

Excused: Melissa Baldauff, Patricia Ninmann, Alena Taylor

Guests: Amber Peterson, Jenna Gormal (End Domestic Abuse WI), Tegan Swanson (End Domestic Abuse WI), Elizabeth Lucas (OVSP, DOC), Marianne Rosen (DCF), Maria Van Horn (DMCPS), Detective Denise Armstrong (Madison Police Department), Sargent Robert Perkins (Janesville Police Department), Miriam Falk (DOJ), Mark Graul (Marsy’s Law for WI)

Staff: Kaitlin Tolliver

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Renee Schulz called the meeting to order, with a quorum present at 9:02 a.m. This meeting was conducted virtually due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. The minutes of the April 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved at 9:08 a.m.

Review of Police Department Interventions, Training and Strategies regarding Domestic Violence Cases

Miriam Falk from the Department of Justice (DOJ) presented information to the Council regarding the structure of policy academies in Wisconsin along with the role and structure of the Law Enforcement Standards Board. Ms. Falk reviewed the topics involved in the 16 hours of additional domestic abuse investigation training. Ms. Falk is developing online trainings to be provided to officers and will share them with the Council when developed.

Sargent Robert Perkins presented on the Janesville Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) Team. The DVI Team was created in 2009 in a response to the domestic violence homicides occurring in Janesville. Due to Janesville Police Department’s partnership with YWCA of Rock County, domestic violence survivors have had access to resources and the Department has had improved investigations (PowerPoint attached).

Detective Denise Armstrong shared her experiences as a member of the Madison Police Department. Detective Armstrong shared her thoughts about the advancement of knowledge within the police force regarding domestic violence. Madison has a high volume of domestic violence cases. Detective Armstrong is assigned at least one felony domestic violence case a week (Madison PD Domestic Violence Documents attached).

Presentation on Marsy’s Law

Mark Graul and Nela Kalpic from Marsy’s Law for Wisconsin presented on the new change to the Wisconsin constitution (PowerPoint Presentation attached).

Committee Reports

Access Committee:

The Committee discussed various campaigns they have been exposed to since the Black Lives Matter movement has amplified. The Committee has long since been aware of the need for anti-racist, anti-

oppression training and actions. Staff for the Committee will be looking for frameworks to support the Committee in moving their anti-oppression ideas into action steps.

Ellen Merker and Nela Kalpic from the Committee have been attending regional director's meetings to distribute the Language Access Plan Development Template. Feedback has been positive. (Template attached)

Nela Kalpic and Assistant Attorney General Robert Kaiser presented on Marsy's Law which created new amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Budget Committee:

The Budget Committee discussed the OCVS Survey. The results are not yet finalized but should be in August.

The Long Range Plan steering committee has focused the Plan efforts on "the last survivor". Focused conversations are being planned utilizing an outside facilitator trained in TOP Facilitation. The next meeting, planned for next week, will finalize the plans for the focused conversations.

The Committee held a discussion around the various housing issues that domestic violence survivors are facing. The Committee is going to investigate if there is data already existing that helps to identify and describes the various issues (lack of affordable housing, lack of needed financial assistance, lack of case management, lack of case management, etc.). A discussion about the Alice report in 2018 from United Way occurred. This study identified how much income people need to have in order to meet their basic survival needs. The Committee hopes to hear from United Way of WI to help us better understand that study and perhaps use that information to help us learn how this impacts domestic violence victims.

Legislative and Policy Committee:

The Committee listened to a presentation on Marsy's Law from Nela Kalpic and Robert Kaiser, Assistant Attorney General (DOJ).

The Committee continued to work on developing the Revocation Process training. A script has been developed demonstrating a "not so good" revocation hearing and a "best practices" hearing in order to discuss how to improve the revocation process for victims. Actors/Actresses have been identified. Initially, this was going to be recorded with the acting occurring in one space. Due to Covid-19, all counties are holding revocation hearings virtually. Because of this, the Committee determined that they will move forward filming the hearing via zoom. Next steps include finalizing the script and creating the video.

The Committee also began initial conversations to brainstorm future projects. The next meeting will support members discussing barriers in the field and determining projects the Committee could impact.

Legislative Update

Jenna Gormal from End Abuse updated the Council various priorities of End Abuse. End Abuse is currently formulating their policy agenda for the next biennium which will have many extensions on the agenda of previous years (including teen dating violence, gun safety, public benefit access, etc.) and will include efforts to add an optional waiver to statutorily required match on domestic violence grants. Jenna also reported that End Abuse is continuing to recognize that they must center the most marginalized folks in our communities to make decisions moving forward that will meet the needs of all survivors.

Planning for 2020 Awards Ceremony

Due to ongoing Covid-19 safety concerns, the Council discussed various options for the Annual Awards Ceremony. The Council members agreed that it is best to cancel the 2020 Awards Ceremony. It is possible that the Council will award additional awards in 2021 to make up for this year.

The Council is still interested in sharing the names of domestic violence homicide victims. Staff will reach out to Sara Krall at End Abuse to discuss how End Abuse distributes information and how to best support the efforts happening with the Coalition.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.