

**Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse
April 13, 2022**

Present: Susan Sippel, Susan Perry, Tammie Xiong, Milly Gonzales, Senator
Melissa Agard, Senator Andre Jacque, Alena Taylor, Melissa Baldauff

Excused: Nela Kalpic, Rosalind McClain, Representative Lisa Subeck

Guests: Jenna Gormal (End Domestic Abuse WI), Ricky Ferrari Traner (DCF),
Andrea Garrison (constituent)

Staff: Stacey Cicero

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Sue Perry, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. This meeting was conducted virtually due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. The minutes of the February 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Taylor to accept the February minutes, second by Agard. All aye.

Presentation by Abdul Shour on Context Matters; The Impact of Area Deprivation and Domestic Violence Victimization Among Women in Milwaukee.

Discussion and questions.

Comments from a Constituent:

In February 2022, an email was forwarded to Governor's Council staff from a constituent. Staff spoke with the constituent about their concerns and presented these concerns to the Council. The constituent attended this Council meeting and voiced their concerns.

Committee Reports

Access Committee:

Melissa Baldauff, Co-Chair

The Access Committee is working on a review and update of a statewide list of culturally specific organizations. This list will be sent to DV programs to use as a resource. The committee will also begin reviewing the Anti Oppression Manual. It is the committee's hope to add hyperlinks and make the manual more of a living document and reference guide.

Budget Committee:

Sue Sippel, Co-Chair

The Budget Committee Co-Chair and Council Staff provided an orientation to new committee members prior to the scheduled committee meeting. The committee began collecting documents that will assist in making a request for increased funding for domestic violence programs. The committee will also work on updating a new fair minimum document with a companion piece to show what the cost would be to properly provide the services mandated by statute in order to receive a basic services grant. This will support a potential increased funding request in the next budget period.

Legislative and Policy Committee:

Alena Taylor, Co-Chair

This Legislative and Policy committee meeting included presentations from Darald Hanusa and Sara Krall from WBPTA on the Batterer's Treatment Standards and Courtney Olson regarding the formation of a Fatality Review Commission for Wisconsin. The committee felt both topics deserved further discussion. Committee members will reach out to others to gauge interest in forming an ad hoc committee to review the batterers treatment standards. More discussion at the next committee meeting is needed to see how the committee can effectively work on these two new initiatives, plus continue working on children who have witnessed abuse concerns.

Legislative Update

Jenna Gormal from End Abuse provided a legislative update (attached).

DCF Domestic Abuse Grant Program Update

Discussion about the Governor's Award Ceremony in October.

Work continues on the release of the new RFP for domestic violence program funding.

Open Forum for Council Members

Discussion about open seats on the Council and the process to apply.

Public Comments

None

Concluding Remarks

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.