

**Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse
February 9, 2022**

Present: Susan Sippel, Susan Perry, Nela Kalpic, Rosalind McClain, Tammie Xiong, Milly Gonzales, Senator Melissa Agard, Representative Lisa Subeck

Excused: Justine Rufus Senator Andre Jacque, Alena Taylor, Melissa Baldauff

Guests: Amber Peterson (Court Operations), Jenna Gormal (End Domestic Abuse WI), Tegan Swanson (End Domestic Abuse WI), Marianne Rosen (DCF), Erin Welsh (OCVS/DOJ)

Staff: Stacey Cicero

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Sue Sippel, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. This meeting was conducted virtually due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. The minutes of the October 2021 meeting were reviewed, a correction was made to show that Senator Melissa Agard was in attendance at the October meeting. A motion was made by Perry to accept the October minutes with the correction, second by Agard. All aye.

Committee Reports

Access Committee:

Melissa Baldauff/Ashlee Zubek, Co-Chairs
Sue Perry gave the report in Melissa's absence. The Access Committee has new Co-Chairs and several new committee members. The committee reviewed history and recent accomplishments. The committee had great discussion and will began brainstorming potential new projects.

Budget Committee:

Sue Sippel, Chair
The Budget Committee reviewed past projects and the recently expanded committee to address changes to the DCF grant structure. A list of potential new committee members was discussed to have a better cross representation of the State. The committee would like to work on a new fair minimum document with a companion piece to explain the basic needs of agencies. This will support a potential increased funding request in the next budget period.

Legislative and Policy Committee:

Alena Taylor/Rochelle Jones, Co-Chairs
This committee meeting was canceled. The committee will reschedule at a later date.

Legislative Update

Jenna Gormal from End Abuse provided a legislative update (attached).
Senator Melissa Agard: provided updates on SB 71 storage and processing of sexual assault kits and SB 94 tracking of sexual assault kits; gun legislation and cyber flashing. Continues to work on a bill for teen dating violence and healthy relationships.
Representative Lisa Subeck: provided updates on gun legislation.

Presentation on DCF Domestic Abuse Grant Program Updates

Stacey Cicero shared an update on the Domestic Violence Housing First (DVHF) pilot project (attached).

Tegan Swanson reported that there are new funds coming to Wisconsin that will have similar programming to the DVHF project. (See attached DVHF Exec Summary)

Wisconsin Batterer's Treatment Providers Association (WBTPA) Initiatives and Potential Governor's Council Collaboration

Presented by Darald Hanusa, WBTPA Chair & Sara Krull, WBTPA Coordinator (presentation power point attached)

Darald provided an overview of the current treatment standards which were last updated in 2007 and ratified by the Council. The Council was directed to a link to an article that summarizes state-by-state abuser treatment and oversight/licensure practices:

<https://www.cdc.gov/phlp/docs/menu-batterer.pdf>

A motion to convene an ad hoc committee of the Legislative and Policy Committee to review the WBTPA standards was made by Kalpic, second by Perry. All aye. Motion carried.

Open Meetings, Records Retention, and Public Records Training

Presented by Mary Burke, Deputy General Counsel

Reviewed highlights and key points of open meetings laws, records retention and public records. Wisconsin Department of Justice Open Meetings and Public Records Compliance Guides are available free of charge at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-open-government/office-open-government>

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.