



Frederick County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2023

I. Call to order & Attendance

Brett Engler, Assistant State's Attorney, Chairperson called to order the regular meeting of the DVCC at 5:00pm on May 3, 2023 via WebEx. The following persons were present: Brett Engler, Kim Murdock, Lynn Davis, Inga James, Maria Herrera, MCKeegan Ayer, Shelly Sexton, Robin Grove, Carin Golze, Jay Hessler, Sakima Romero-Chandler, Pamela Holtzinger,

II. Welcome

- a) 5/3/2023 Meeting Minutes approved

III. Agency Report Out:

- a) Agency Updates:
 - (1) Lynn and Jay-working on funding to help support students in behavioral health. Legislators providing funds every year for 10 years. Open to any service provided that helps serves children. Substantial amount of funds being invested in Maryland children and families.
 - (2) Provisions for being a member-do not panic! It will change soon.
 - (3) HH has new attorney starting on Monday!
- b) Subcommittees:
 - (a) Victim Services: follow up about pro bono process (concern about access to attorneys), digitizing resources (put together something for patients about stalking). Garages got trainings and car check referral. Talked about community training (mobile crisis, ship) talked about gaps in knowledge for some people. Legislative on non-fatal strangulations not getting paid through CICB, meeting with Barbara from CICB and actively working with to see what can be done legislatively. Had a meeting with Joyce and Barbara and MoCo Contingent to take a look at legislative session.

- (b) Justice Response: talking about strangulation protocol to help close loops in smaller agencies.
 - (c) Legislative: any ideas for legislation, email Brett. HH to seek new funding for new building. Lot by legal building, county in support of this. Purpose of new building is for Direct Services.
 - (d) Victim Services-Sakima-FJC in Frederick initiation of fact finding and making sure everything is included (medical, social services) naming it something holistic to make it more welcoming. Goal is one year to get things moving. Cassie from FCSO with Maggie to join and be a part of victim services. Voted in, welcome Cassie!
 - (e) Offender Programing: Spanish AIP! Spread the word. Looking for referrals for Spanish speaking. Goal for next time: working on next level of goals like programming for boys/young men (preventative v responsive)
 - (f) Community Engagement: Jen Metcaff has agreed to join subcommittee. Voted in, Welcome Jen! going in to places of worship to hear from them their needs and best serve. Goal is to get them started this fall. Clothes line project-want to bring it back to Frederick, Victims of IPV, pick a t shirt to write messages and hang up. Meet every month.
- (2) Council Member Comments:
- (a) BLINGO! Through Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland.
 - (b) Maria volunteers to translate.
 - (c) Infrared that can determine strangulation, Pam will review.

IV. New Business:

- (a) Meetings are quarterly
- (b) Elections: Wait until November due to some missing members. Members will be selected by majority vote. Will be added to November Agenda.
- (c) November 1st, 2023-Virtual preferred. Kim to now schedule these.

V. Adjournment

Brett Engler, adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm. Announced for public/council member comments—no comments made

Minutes submitted by: Kimberly Murdock, Administrative Coordinator, DVCC