



Frederick County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 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 November 1, 2023 via WebEx. The following persons were present: Brett Engler, Kim Murdock, Lynn Davis, Inga James, Maria Herrera, MCKeegan Ayer, Robin Grove, Carin Golze, Jay Hessler, Sakima Romero-Chandler, Pamela Holtzinger, Maggie Henderson, Michael Holliday,

II. Welcome

- a) 8/2/2023 Meeting Minutes approved

III. Agency Report Out:

- a) Agency Updates:
 - (1) State's Attorney's Office: DV Unit discussed new structure/staff
 - (2) Heartly House: commented on the 2023 Walk A Mile fundraiser saying it was their best one ever, raising over \$30,000.00.
 - (3) Child Advocacy Center is in need of a FT LICENSED therapist, preferably with experience in trauma based care with children but training is available. Robin shared a flyer with QR code (attached) to be shared to others
 - (4) Frederick Health Hospital: Pam is leaving =(11/17 is her last day, Ann Winklbauer is slated to take over. Additional funding was granted to the Forensic Nursing Unit for a second FT Social Worker and an additional FT forensic nurse
- 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: update on training for commissioners on DV and NFS; to be held beginning of the 2024. VSU: update on training for EMS/DFRS; identified other groups for potential training to include: Mobile Crisis, FCPS, SHIPP- will collaborate with community outreach committee to conduct. Discussed issues with CICB/funding and potential remedies; Pam looking to create policy to address concerns/gaps in services for high-risk patients. Potential internal policy with CICB.
 - (c) Legislative: discussed legislation regarding payment for Strangulation exams, specifically the imaging; victims are asked to pay the cost and it is blocking some from getting necessary care.
 - (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: had their first on-site meeting with the Governor's Office for their AIP program and got good feedback; Inga advised that Office is tightening standards for such programs and HH did well. HH is looking for a bilingual, female facilitator for Spanish AIP; AIP meetings are virtual so location of facilitator is not a factor. Training will be provided. Inga advised there is a new grant team at the Governor's Office that will be receiving trauma informed training.
 - (f) Community Engagement: hosted "Sacred Spaces" event at Sakima's church; event on religion and DV and how organizations can co-work with churches. More similar events to come. Sky Shelton, student volunteer with Community Engagement committee was voted in as a member of the subcommittee.
- (2) Council Member Comments:
- (a) Brett stressed the need for updates of the yearly report to be turned in to her ASAP and asked all to be present at 12/12 council meeting.

IV. New Business:

- (a) Meetings are quarterly
- (b) Yearly report: Inga asked for more time to review. Extra time to review and advise of any changes, must be received by Brett no later than end of month. DVCC members will be presenting the Yearly Report at the December 12th Council Meeting at Winchester Hall, 5pm. All are asked to attend to show support!
- (c) Discussion about filling Blaine's spot on DVCC was had; prior requirements prohibited new legal director, Angela, to do so because she resides in Montgomery

County. The requirement has since been lifted, Angela or one of her team will fill the spot.

- (d) DVCC is in need of a student member, must be HS or College student. Joyce will be posting for it soon.
- (e) Motions put forward and approved for Brett Engler to remain Chair of DVCC and Robin Grove to be Co-Chair. November 1st, 2023
- (f) Next DVCC meeting will be February 7, 2024; sub-committees should continue meeting regularly.

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