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# Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

# Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

**I. Meeting Details**

* January 8, 2025 5:00 p.m. at Winchester Hall 12 E Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701

**II. Attendance**

* Brett Engler, Assistant State’s Attorney, Chairperson called to order the regular meeting of the DVCC following persons were present: Brett Engler, Kim Murdock, Robin Grove, Jay Hessler, Meg Alexander, Molly Streeton, Callie Freenock, Kristen Dunn, Deb Kidwell, Ann Winklebauer, William Grove, Pam Holtzinger, Rachel Guy, Anushka Tyagi, Nikki Thrash
* Names of absentees: M.C. Keegan Ayer, Lynn Davis, Suzy Boisclair, Maria Herrera, Honorable Eric Schaffer, Honorable Julia Martz-Fisher, Sakima Romero-Chandler, Michale Holiday, Maggie Henderson,

**III. Call to Order**

* August 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approved
* Current meeting agenda approved

**IV. Old Business/Agency Updates**

* Subcommittee meetings:
* Victim Services

• Legislative

• Community

• Justice Response

**V. New Business**

* Vote on Anushka Tyagi as Student Member
  + Knows friends and fm affected by dv, part of frederikc youth council.
  + Senior at urbana high
  + All in favor. Needs appointment letter.
* Nikki or Meg for HH
  + Meg full director for legal services
  + Shelters good to go, all positions filled
  + On site and off site shelters last month had about 1k over nights
  + HH has expanded, over 75 employees, looking for new space for employees and shelter.
  + In need of HH Attorneys. Meg the only one!
* CAC
  + Have a new family advocate, Jenna now supervisor, will be holding interviews for other positions
  + Callie doing forensic interviews now at the CAC as back up
  + 362 kids served, 15% increase.
* FHH
  + 665 encounters from January to December
  + Having full staff decreases wait time for patients
  + Callie has done a few virtual POs and have been successful in Frederick
  + Have added 3 PRN nurses in last 6 months
* Jay Health Dept
  + Applied for GoCap grant for ERPO liaison position
    - Provides education to groups in community, walking through process, position posted.
    - 1 year grant, funded for a while
    - Will keep us updated on hire
* FJC
  + Goal of having letter from DVCC in favor of pursuing FJC
  + January 21st at 11am MoCo FJC Tour for anyone available to join
  + Voting on FJC—all in favor: Robin, Brett, Kristin, Meg, Ann, Molly, Jay, Nikki, Deb abstain
* Need help with report on subcommittee reports to be able to report to county council

**VI. Other Items**

* Subcommittee Notes:
  + For Victim Services:
    - Training talks
    - Training at Frederick public schools, success
    - Have been asked to come back for more trainings on non fatal strangulation.
    - Lynn retired, but no contact to reach out for trainings. Ann Workmeister new Lynn.
    - EMS paramedic training starting in April, 3 year training. Challenge is that they only get 1 hour
    - SHIP
    - Fred Co Strangulation protocol, will bring for next meeting.
  + Justice Response:
    - Maggie not present for update.
    - Legislative:
      * Nikki to join & Will
      * 2 bills DVCC supported but not passed.
      * Might call an early meeting for legislative updates
      * 1 of bills is Marital Communications Privilege, being put up again to get rid of it. DVCC still in favor for it.
      * Other bill is Forfeiture by Wrongdoing--Misdemeanors🡪offender tells v to not show for court etc. state can still get statement in even if v doesn’t show. Only applies to felonies but to include in misdemeanors. DVCC in support last year and in support again this year to put up in legislation again.
    - Offender Programing: NA
    - Community Engagement:
      * Meeting monthly
      * Sacred Spaces event went well
      * Getting another one done in April at FCC, not faith based, but similar format in terms of having speakers
      * Increased membership, Molly and Stephanie Shapiro from HD, Jen Metcalf, and Molly has someone to bring in her name is Alexandra
      * Chief of Brunswick heard of Sacred Spaces and would like it brought to Brunswick, faith heavy in Brunswick
      * Molly working on outreach, thinking about posting on DVCC FB page (working on getting her access)
      * Send Molly all things for FB Page!
      * Callie to look into sharing Virtual showing all barriers victim face on what to do in DV situations.
      * Molly got communication with president of FCPS and willing to help and they are looking for flyer/memo to get student members. Brett to do. Reach out to Mount for future events as well

**VII. Public Comment**

• Comments from community members-None

• Questions from community members-None

• Responses from the council-None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Brett Engler, adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm. No public member present for comments.

Minutes submitted by: Kimberly Murdock, Administrative Coordinator, DVCC

Next Meeting on April 2, 2025 at 5:00p.m. at Winchester Hall.