



Virginia Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence

Virginia State Capitol
House Room 3
Richmond, Virginia 23219

APPROVED MINUTES

March 23, 2016

Members Present

The Honorable Barbara Favola, Senate of Virginia

Francine C. Ecker, Director, DCJS

Kristi VanAudenhove, Director, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Action Alliance

Melissa McMenemy, Statewide Facilitator for Victims of Domestic Violence, Office of the Attorney General

Chana Ramsey, Director, The James House

Kristen Howard, Executive Director, Virginia State Crime Commission

Kathy Robertson, Associate Director of Homeless and Special Needs Housing, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Nancy Fowler, Program Manager of Office on Family Violence, Virginia Department of Social Services

Heather Board, Manager of Injury, Violence, and Tobacco Prevention Programs, Virginia Department of Health

Warren Rodgers, Executive Director, Citizens Against Family Violence

Autumn Jones, Director, Arlington County Victim/Witness Program

Teresa Berry, Director, Sexual Assault Response and Awareness, Inc.

Kathy Anderson, Director, Empowerhouse

Mindy Stell, President, Virginia Victim Assistance Network

1. **Call to Order.** (Welcome by Senator Barbara Favola)
2. **Approval of past minutes.** (Senator Barbara Favola)
Kristen Howard made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting on November 17, 2015. Kathy Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted by the commission.
3. **VOCA Funding Strategy/Updates**
John Mahoney, VOCA Administrator at DCJS, presented an overview of the VOCA funding, current allocation of VOCA funds, the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for continuation and expanding VOCA projects for FY17-19, and plans for funding for new VOCA projects.
4. **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Professional Standards Committee** (Kay Bullock)
An overview of the first meeting of the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) was provided. This included a summary of the vision, purpose, and values, identified by the Professional Standards Committee. The next PSC meeting will be scheduled in June, 2016.

5. **Advisory Committee Bylaws** (Fran Ecker)

A draft of the Advisory Committee Bylaws was reviewed. Committee members were asked to review the bylaws document and provide any feedback or revisions to Kay Bullock by May 30, 2016. A request was made for DCJS to send a copy of the report on the listening sessions to members of the Committee.

6. **Agency Roundtable Discussion.** Members of the Advisory Committee that represent state agencies or statewide non-profit organizations provided agency updates related to domestic and sexual violence.

7. **Legislative Update.** (Senator Favola)

An update on the legislative changes that were made in the 2016 session that impact victims of domestic and sexual violence was presented.

8. **Summary of Public Comment.** Members of the public were present and were invited to provide comment.

The next meeting date was set for June 16, 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm with the location TBD.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.