

Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence

Approved Meeting Minutes

Virginia State Capitol, House Room 3
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

The Honorable Barbara Favola, Senate of Virginia
Francine C. Ecker, Director, DCJS
Kristi VanAudenhove, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA)
Melissa McMenemy, Office of the Attorney General
Chana Ramsey, James House
Kristen Howard, Virginia State Crime Commission
Aaron Shoemaker, (proxy for Kathy Robertson) Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Nancy Fowler, Virginia Department of Social Services
Heather Board, Virginia Department of Health
Warren Rodgers, Southside Survivor Response Center, Inc.
Autumn Jones, Arlington County Victim/Witness Program
Teresa Berry, Sexual Assault Response and Awareness, Inc.-Roanoke
Kathy Anderson, Empowerhouse

Welcome & Remarks

The Honorable Barbara Favola

The meeting started at 10:38 a.m. with a quorum present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting was presented. A motion was made by Heather Board and was seconded by Nancy Fowler to approve the minutes. There were no objections. The minutes were approved by the committee.

Legislative Updates

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Favola presented summaries of legislation enacted during the 2017 General Assembly significant to victims' rights, sexual and domestic violence, and related services.

Kassandra Bullock announced that a more detailed summary of victims' services related legislation will be posted on the DCJS website: www.dcj.virginia.gov

Victim Services Related Budget Updates

Kassandra Bullock

Mrs. Bullock provided an update on budget-related matters, with emphasis on the impact of Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding on advancements in victims' services. She also discussed updates to the State budget that relate to victims of crime.

VIRGINIA SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATES (*Professional Standards Committee*)

Kassandra Bullock

Mrs. Bullock provided an update of the activities of the Professional Standards Committee, which included meeting dates, approval of by-laws and the drafting of an outline for the development of language for standards to govern ethics, administration competency, essential services competency and for community engagement. The Committee is utilizing resources from Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) & VSDVAA.

Ms. Bullock announced the resignation of Emily DeCarlo as Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, with an effective date in the final quarter of 2016. Kristi VanAudenhove presented a letter from the VSDVAA Governing Body to appoint Kandy Freeman to the vacant seat on the Professional Standards Committee. Kandy Freeman is the Assistant Executive Director of the Southside Center for Violence Prevention.

A motion to appoint Kandy Freeman to the Professional Standards Committee was presented by Kristi VanAudenhove. Heather Board seconded the motion. The Committee approved Ms. Freeman for appointment to the Professional Standards Committee.

The next meeting of the Professional Standards Committee will be held April 26, 2017, in Charlottesville, VA.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Director Fran Ecker

Director Ecker introduced the presentations and described the research and the efforts that led to content development. She explained that the concepts for the presentations were

established at the Committee's meeting of November 10, 2017, where two sub-committee groups were developed to address topics related to data and grants administration, and also services, prevention and intervention.

The following presentations were delivered:

- ***50 State Study – Consolidated Data Systems for Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers***, by Steven Keener, Research Analyst, DCJS and Patricia Foster, Victim/Witness Coordinator, DCJS.
- ***VAdata – Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Data Collection System, operated by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance***, by Kristi VanAudenhove, VSDVAA.
- ***Prevention/Intervention & Services across the Lifespan***, by Robert Franklin, Sexual and Domestic Violence Community Outreach Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health.

Program Updates and Legislative Reports

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Favola requested that the current agenda items for program agency updates and legislative reports be moved to the next meeting, on June 27, 2017.

Summary of Public Comment

Senator Barbara Favola

Delegate Mark Levine announced the 5th *Annual Rally Against Rape* event on April 27, 2017, at Gateway Park in Arlington, Virginia.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held June 27, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location will be announced at a later date.

Adjournment

Senator Favola adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.