

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Welcome and Remarks (5 minutes)

Cathy Easter & Jennifer Bourne

A majority of 8 out of 12 voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Icebreaker (10 minutes): Please share your favorite holiday tradition and/or all-time favorite gift.

Review and Approval of September 16, 2020 & October 21, 2020 Minutes (5 minutes)

Cathy Easter

Application Release & Hiring Updates (10 minutes)

Kristina Vadas

Discussion – Code of Virginia Changes (current language on page 3) (30 minutes)

Tom Fitzpatrick, DCJS

Discussion – Materials Presented to PSC for Voting on Applicants (15 minutes)

Kristina Vadas

BREAK (10 minutes)

Discuss and Finalize Application Appeals Process (45 minutes)

Cathy Easter

Meeting Schedule Going Forward (10 minutes)

Cathy Easter

Other Member Announcements

Public Comment

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Code of Virginia: 9.1-116.3

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- Shall establish **voluntary accreditation standards and procedures** by which local sexual and domestic violence programs can be systematically measured and evaluated with a **peer-reviewed process**.
- May **adopt bylaws** for its operation, membership terms, fees, and other items as necessary.
- **Fees for accreditation** shall be used to support any administrative costs of the Department.
- Upon request of the Committee, the Department and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition may provide **accreditation assistance and training and resource material** that will assist the local programs in obtaining or retaining accreditation.

Vision/Purpose/Value Statement

Vision

Throughout Virginia, all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence have accessible, community-driven quality services and resources.

Purpose

To create standards that:

1. Credential Sexual and Domestic Violence agencies.
2. Ensure research-based best practices and inspire Sexual and Domestic Violence organizations to learn and evolve in order to best meet the needs of all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence.
3. Ensure an informed core level of services is available to all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence throughout Virginia.

Value Statement

The Professional Standards Committee commits to a respectful, thoughtful and transparent process to establish best practice standards for Sexual and Domestic Violence programs. We are mindful that these standards will be survivor-centered, inclusive and empowering for both programs and those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Current *Code of Virginia* Language:

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The Committee shall consist of the following: six directors of local sexual and domestic violence programs appointed by the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence, six directors of local sexual and domestic violence programs appointed by the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition, one nonvoting member appointed by the Department, and one nonvoting member appointed by the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition. The appointments made by the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition shall both adhere to the following requirements: appointments shall be representative of regional and geographic locations and types of local sexual and domestic violence programs and shall include a director of a program concentrating solely on sexual violence, a director of a program concentrating solely on domestic violence, and four directors of programs concentrating on both sexual and domestic violence. A chairman and vice-chairman, who shall be voting members, shall be elected annually, and each position shall alternate between a director who is appointed by the Advisory Committee and a director who is appointed by the coalition; if the chairman is a director appointed by the Advisory Committee, the vice-chairman shall be a person appointed by the coalition, and vice versa.

2015, cc. [222](#), [402](#).