

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m.

Tuckahoe – Henrico County Public Library

1901 Starling Drive

Henrico, Virginia 23229

Members Present:

Judy Castele, Executive Director, Project Horizon

Cori Davis, Program Director, Bedford Domestic Violence Services

Elvira De la Cruz, Chief Executive Officer, Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center

Tamy Mann, Director, Giles County Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Markella Maschas, FVPSA Contract Administrator, Office of Family Violence, DSS¹

Heather Sellers, Director, Bedford County Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Kristina Vadas, Manager of Victims Services, DCJS

Laura Beth Weaver, Director of Advocacy and Member Support, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Members Absent:

Timika Cousins, Executive Director, The Faces Behind a Purpose for You²

Leonard Hall, Jr, Director, Millstone International Logistics

Leah Kipley, Assistant Director, National Safe Haven Alliance

Teresa McKensie, Assistant Director, Radford/Floyd Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Faith Power, Executive Director, The Laurel Center

Professional Standards Team Members Present:

Amber Stanwix, Professional Standards Operations Coordinator, DCJS

Andrea Sutton, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator, DCJS

DCJS Staff Present:

Andi Martin, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Initiatives Supervisor

¹ Markella Maschas was not physically in attendance but had followed proper procedures to attend electronically. Because a quorum was not achieved in the physical location, she was informed she did not need to log on.

² Timika Cousins was not physically in attendance but did offer to participate electronically. Because she did not follow the proper procedures to do so, she would not have been able to attend electronically in her role as a Committee member. However, because a quorum was not achieved in the physical location, she was informed that she did not need to log on.

Welcome & Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. A quorum was not present. The Team informed the Committee members that, due to several last-minute cancellations and the uncommunicated absence of one member, a quorum could not be achieved.

The Committee discussed ways to encourage applicants to the Committee to fill the two vacant positions. Kristina Vadas will email application instructions to all Committee members.

The Committee then discussed the date of the next meeting, which will be held virtually. Amber Stanwix offered to send a poll with several dates to ensure the availability of Committee members. The members agreed this was the best course of action.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:25 a.m.