

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Meeting Notes

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 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.