



Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church- Unitarian Universalist
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

APPROVED MINUTES

September 29, 2016

Members Present

Mary Carter Lominack, Executive Direct, Shelter for Help in Emergency
Rebecca Weybright, Executive Director, Sexual Assault Resource Agency Charlottesville
Yolanda Thompson, Executive Director, Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic & Sexual Violence Services
Teresa Christin, Director, Avalon: A Center for Women and Children
Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director, Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc.
Kristen Pine, Chief Program Officer, YWCA South Hampton Roads
Regina Pack Eller, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.
Rebecca Lee, Chief Program Officer, YWCA of Richmond
Tamy Mann, Executive Director, Safehome Systems
Linda Winston, Assistant to Executive Director, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
Julia Fuller-Wilson, Violence Against Women Program Administrator, Department of Criminal Justice Services

Members Absent

Jennifer Bourne, Director, Clinch Valley Community Action Agency
Caroline Jones, Executive Director, Doorways for Women & Families
Patricia Jones-Turner, DV/SV Coordinator, Chesterfield Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center

1. **Call to Order.** (Welcome by Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann)
Emily DeCarlo, Chairperson provided an overview of FOIA requirements and reviewed the Agenda.
2. **Vision/Purpose/Values Statement** (Emily DeCarlo)
Emily DeCarlo led a discussion on proposed changes to the Vision/Purpose/Values Statement. The committee agreed to use the phrase "all those impacted" in place of "those" and/or "person". The committee also agreed that SDV should be spelled out to Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Motion to approve with the agreed changes was presented by Rebecca Lee and motion was seconded by Kristen Pine. There were no objections and the Vision/Purpose/Values Statement was approved.

3. **Review Draft of By-laws** (Emily DeCarlo)

Emily DeCarlo led a discussion on proposed changes to the drafted bylaws. Changes were made and a new draft will be presented to the Chair and Vice-chair to be reviewed and distributed to the committee members at the next meeting.

4. **Timeline for Developing Standards** (Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann)

Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann led a discussion on a timeline to complete the proposed standards. The committee agreed that the goal should be that a draft is completed by late spring or early summer 2017.

5. **Small Groups: Review OVC Model Standards.** (Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann)

Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann led a discussion on the OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime. The committee agreed that the members should be given time until the next meeting to review the OVC Model Standards.

The committee discussed using a tiered approach to the standards and proposed a core level of services. Discussions ensued around monitoring and how funding might be affected.

6. **Wrap-up: Actions before next meeting?** (Emily DeCarlo and Tamy Mann)

The committee will review the OVC Model Standards and previous accreditation materials from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

7. **Summary of Public Comment.**

No members of the public were present.

A next meeting date is scheduled for October 27, 2016.

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