

# Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

## APPROVED MINUTES

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church- Unitarian Universalist, Charlottesville, VA  
October 27, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### **Members Present:**

Mary Carter Lominack, Executive Director, Shelter for Help in Emergency  
Rebecca Weybright, Executive Director, SARA Charlottesville  
Yolanda Thompson, Co-Director, Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic & Sexual Violence Services  
Teresa Christin, Director, Avalon  
Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director, Quin Rivers-Project Hope  
Jennifer Bourne, Director, Clinch Valley Community Action Agency  
Caroline Jones, Executive Director, Doorways for Women & Families  
Kristen Pine, Chief Program Officer, YWCA Southampton Roads  
Patricia Jones-Turner, DV/DV Coordinator, Chesterfield Domestic & Sexual Violence Resources Center  
Julia Fuller- Wilson (representing Cassandra Bullock, Victim Services Manager, DCJS)  
Linda Winston (representing Kristi VanAudenhove, Executive Director, VSDVAA)

### **Members Absent:**

Regina Pack Eller, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.  
Rebecca Lee, Chief Program Officer, YWCA of Richmond  
Tamy Mann, Executive Director, Safehome Systems

### **Welcome & Remarks-**

*Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director  
Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc.*

The meeting started at 10:07 a.m. and quorum was announced at 11:07 a.m.

### **Review Minutes from September Meeting**

*Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director*

The September 29, 2016 Minutes were read. Motion to approve the minutes was presented by Rebecca Weybright and motion was seconded by Kristen Pine. There were no objections so the minutes were approved.

### **Discussion on Committee's Role**

*Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director*

Emily DeCarlo led a discussion on the roles of the Committee and The Advisory Committee meeting dates were announced.

### **Review Draft of By-laws**

*Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director*

Emily DeCarlo presented a draft of the By-laws with the suggested changes from the September meeting. Motion to approve the By-laws with the agreed changes was presented by Rebecca Weybright and seconded by Caroline Jones. There were no objections so the By-laws were approved with the changes.

### **Lunch**

*Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund Presentation*

*Brienna Stammer, Training and Outreach Coordinator, Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund*

Brienna Stammer discussed requirements and expenses covered by Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

### **Discussion and Review**

Emily DeCarlo led a discussion on the OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime (OVC Model), the drafted Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance Professional Standards for Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies (AA Model), and the Cost of Sexual and Domestic Violence Services in Virginia provided by the VSDVAA (Cost of Services).

The Committee agreed that portions of the OVC Model's Ethical Standards should be incorporated into the Committee's draft of standards and they settled that both models have value.

The Committee agreed on three themes to be included in the standards; Organizational Standards, Ethical Standards, and Program Standards. A discussion ensued around the topics to be included under each theme. The Committee then separated into three groups of 3-4 members to discuss the themes.

**Wrap-Up: Actions before next meeting?**

*Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director*

The Committee agreed that a representative from each small group will report on the group's discussions both orally and in writing at the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

**Next Meeting: November 29, 2016**