

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

APPROVED MINUTES

Courtyard by Marriot Charlottesville- University Medical Center
Charlottesville, VA
February 28 – March 1, 2017

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
Jennifer Bourne, Director, Clinch Valley Community Action Agency
Kristen Pine, Chief Program Officer, YWCA Southampton Roads
Regina Pack Eller, Executive Director, Family Resource Center
Rebecca Lee, Chief Program Officer, YWCA of Richmond (February 28, 2017)
Tamy Mann, Executive Director, Safehome Systems
Patricia Jones-Turner, DV/DV Coordinator, Chesterfield Domestic & Sexual Violence Resources
Center

Members Absent:

Caroline Jones, Executive Director, Doorways for Women & Families
Kassandra Bullock, Victims Services Manager, DCJS
Kristi VanAudenrove, Executive Director, VSDVAA

Welcome & Remarks

Teresa Christin, Director

Avalon

Tamy Mann, Executive Director

Safehome Systems

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m. on February 28, 2017 with a quorum present and recessed at 3:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:17 a.m. on March 1, 2017 and adjourned at 2:42 p.m. and a quorum was met at 10:16 a.m.

Review Vision/Purpose/Value Statement

Participants were given time to read the Vision/Purpose/Value Statement.

Review Minutes from December Meeting

The December 15, 2016 minutes were read out loud. Motion to approve the minutes was presented by Kristin Pine and seconded by Patricia Jones-Turner.

Discussion: The Process

How will the new standards be used?

What model of Competency Standards will be used?

What model of Ethical Standards will be used?

Theresa Christin led a discussion on how the new standards will be used. The Committee discussed the Code of Virginia stating that accreditation shall be a voluntary process and a discussion was held about the benefits of accreditation for programs, victims and the community. The Committee also discussed available technical assistance for programs to meet accreditation standards.

The Committee discussed the benefits and concerns of using a tiered format for accreditation standards. The tiers would include essential services, enhanced services and comprehensive services. The Committee agreed to continue this discussion as the process continues.

The Committee discussed using portions of the OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime (OVC Model) and the drafted Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance Professional Standards for Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies (AA Model) as references when writing accreditation standards

Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards

*Derrick Mays, Accreditation Center Program Manager, Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*

Derrick Mays discussed the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and the accreditation process for law enforcement.

Virginia Victims Fund Presentation

*Brienna Stammer, Training and Outreach Coordinator
Virginia Victims Fund*

Brienna Stammer discussed requirements and payment policies for forensic exams, medical providers, mental health providers, prescriptions and temporary housing. Also, information on the time frame to file an application was presented.

Identifying Standards for DV/SV agencies

Identifying Ethical Standards for DV/SV agencies

Identifying Competency Standards for Administration in DV/SV agencies

Identifying Competency Standards for Core Services in DV/SV agencies

Teresa Christin led a discussion on the possible standards to be included in the Ethical Standards, Administration Standards and Core Services Standards. The group discussed changing Core Services to Essential Services which will include services for adults, children, youth and special populations. The Committee created a new category; Community Engagement Standards.

The Committee drafted a standards outline for each of the four categories (Ethical, Administration, Essential Services and Community Engagement) and individual members will draft a description of the items under assigned categories to be ready for a discussion at the next meeting.

Next Discussion Topics:

Draft Standards

Disseminate to agency directors and offer a comment period

Review/Revise

Implementation Process- Review Process

Public Awareness- Marketing

Implementation of Formal Standards

Public Comment

No members of the public were present

Next Meeting: April 26, 2017