

# **Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting, March 13, 2015**

State Data Center, 4430 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Convener:** Katie Morgan

**Recorder:** Stephen Yarborough

### **Attendees:**

Frances Ashe-Goins (Choose Well); Sara Barber (SCCADVASA); Alicia Benedetto (SCDMH); Kaitlin Blanco-Silva (DAODAS); Carl Bowen (SC State Housing); Abigail Cazel (SCVAN); Casie Culver (SCDAODAS); Debbie Curtis (SC DPPPS); Kim Feeney (SCDSS); Leslie Fisk (SC Legal Service); Elizabeth Gray (survivor); Laura Hudson (SCCVC); Frank Loadholt (CASA Family Systems); Jane Key (DHEC); Frankie Long (SCDAODAS); Katie Morgan (SCDSS); Haley Mottel (Governor's Office); Patricia Ravenhorst (SCVAN); Neil Sandov (Compass); Saskia Santos (SC DPPPS); Louann Sandel (DAC); Cheryl Stanton (SCDEW); Teesha Trapp (SCDEW); Jimmy Walker (SCHA); Carol Yarborough (Dickerson CAC); Stephen Yarborough (SCDSS); Danielle Young (DAC)

The meeting was called to order by Katie Morgan at 10:10 a.m.

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The committee members and participants were welcomed introduced themselves.

#### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the February 20, 2015 were amended to reflect the attendance of Neil Sandov. The minutes of the meeting were approved as amended.

#### **III. Defining the Task – Establishing Division Objectives**

The committee reviewed draft Division Objectives that were developed from the February 20, 2015 meeting. Modifications were made to draft objectives and are included as Attachment A to these minutes.

It was noted that inconsistencies between programs exist, especially in the realm of offender services. To mitigate these gaps, the group seeks to assess a standard quality of services. This will be assigned to a workgroup.

Saskia Santos, Kaitlin Blanco-Silva, Frances Ashe-Goins volunteered to further refine the objectives and present them at the April 3, 2015 meeting. Ms. Santos will take the lead in this activity.

#### **IV. Report on Public Hearing(s).**

Casie Culver reported that public hearings will take place on March 23, from 10 AM until 12 Noon at LRADAC Education Center and in Greenville, March 27, from 10:00 AM until 12:00

Noon at the Phoenix Center. She asked the wider group for help with obtaining a venue in the low country and made an alternate suggestion of possibly joining another sub-committee's public hearings.

Arrangements will be made for counselors and security to be present at the public hearings. The workgroup is also exploring on-line registration, time limits for speakers, follow-up support for survivors testifying, and questionnaires or other mechanisms for the public to participate.

The committee discussed the objectives of the public hearings as follows: To receive public testimony that serves to enhance efforts to provide services; describe gap areas; list potential solutions; contribute to the recommendations of the Governor. Appreciative Inquiry was chosen as the planned tone of the public hearings. Patricia Ravenhorst agreed to prepare those at the hearings, just prior, so that they will be in the frame of mind to redirect input in a manner consistent with appreciative inquiry.

Casie Culver, Frankie Long, Steve Yarborough, Leslie Fisk, and Katie Morgan plan to be at all of the meetings. Others are encouraged to attend.

V. **Report on Data Collection Model and Process**

Kim Feeney reported on data collection activities and the draft survey being developed to send to all known providers of services to victims and survivors. The survey will be distributed within the next week and will remain open for about six weeks, closing between April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A separate survey has been sent to all DAODAS providers and partners. This information will be aggregated and included in overall data-gathering efforts.

An additional survey is being designed specifically for legal services, with the help of Patricia Ravenhorst and Leslie Fisk. This will target the private bar and mediation centers.

A question was raised as to the value of trying to determine the amount of domestic violence present in households. This information could be obtained from the children's advocacy centers and other sources. Carol Yarborough and Sara Barber will ascertain what information from children's advocacy centers and sexual assault agencies.

VI. **Old Business**

None

VII. **New Business**

None

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.



**Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence  
Division of Services to Victims and Offenders  
Brainstorming Exercise  
2/20/14**

*Items in bold were those that were mentioned more than once, or were otherwise prominently mentioned.*

Discussion on Victims Services:

**Create a comprehensive list victims/families**

**Training for direct delivery of services**

Definition of shelter, beyond the physical structure

Wrap-around services as a continuum

**Identify/Clarify all points of entry, to include health care**

Screening for abusive behavior & Offering Services

Identify training system in non-traditional venues

Prevention services & treatment services

Housing

Education on rights/barriers families face

Courses available and frequency of delivery for healthcare professionals

What kind of counseling services are available post-abuse? Caution was offered that the services for victims are voluntary only.

Funding stream examination throughout system

Examine how well we are collaborating for holistic care

Examine data collection on which individuals are not being covered, for example, victims in same-sex or dating relationships.

Examination of underserved victims named above, and whether or not they are receiving comparable services to all groups.

**Quality services to be delivered equitably across all populations.**

Discussion on Offenders Services:

**Identify all points of entry.**

Collect data -> pattern of behavior -> predictive intervention

Recurrence rates

Clear definition of programs

**Quality programs delivered equitably** – standards of behavior for the programs offered, not only for the offenders.

Opportunities to better identify victims and offenders

Services to families prior to the incident – to avoid the duality of victims and offenders. How to get in front of problem.

Services available to victim and offenders once they're incarcerated – still serving

Proactive approach

Identification, education, and coordination of the available services, using in a broad context.

*It was noted that many of the services identified may cross over both groups.*

Children were listed as a separate victim group

