

South Carolina Governor's Advisory Council on Domestic Violence
South Carolina Department of Mental Health
June 12, 2017

Members Present: Duffy Stone, 14th Circuit Solicitor - Chair; Sara Barber – Vice Chair – SCADVASA; John Magill – DMH; Lee Dutton – DAODAS; Heather S. Weiss – Attorney General's Office; Jane Key – DHEC; Linda Macon – 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office; Senator Katrina Shealy – South Carolina /state Senate; Jay Johnson, South Carolina Education Lottery.

Also in Attendance: David Ross – SC Prosecution Commission; Alicia Benedetto – DMH; Kathryn Moorehead – Attorney General's Office; Rochelle Caton – DMH; Alex Perez-Caballero – SLED; Jennie Temple – SLED,

Minutes: Minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were amended to correctly indicate that Meghan Weibel is the Victim's Advocate Representative. The minutes were then unanimously approved.

Presentation: Major Jenny Temple of SLED provided a presentation on SCRIVERS, the domestic violence reporting website. Her presentation focused on the data collected and how such data can be used.

Governor's Website: Task Force Recommendations are now posted on the Governor's Website.

Council's Report: The Chairman asked David Ross to head up the report of the committee, which is due in January. It should focus on what the council is doing and what the council has found. Senator Shealy and Representative Ericson were asked to secure a room at the State House for the presentation and report.

The report will include a review of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council(s) housed under solicitor's offices as well as the Fatality Review Committees.

Within the Domestic Violence Task Force Report, those recommendations in yellow are from the Community Services section and will be presented and updated by Ms. Sara Barber and a team yet to be determined by her. Those recommendations in red are from the Criminal Justice Section and will be presented and updated by Heather Weiss. Those recommendations in Green are Joint Recommendations and will be presented and updated by Solicitor Stone. It is important that this group check on the status of the recommendations and provide follow-up.

If members would like to assist, please contact the leads. Please report the status and next steps by the next meeting, Monday, October 23, 2017.

Old Business: Discussion ensued of a Victim Service model out of California and now replicated in Georgetown (Family Justice Center). The committee believes these are somewhat replicated in Spartanburg, Lexington, Greenville and Pickens. Are these one stop shops for DV? Transportation seems to be an issue. The presence of Law Enforcement may hinder victim services.

Sistercare has advocates in Richland and Lexington Counties.

New Business: NBC did a report on the young lady held captive in Spartanburg. Discussion ensued around privacy concerns and the FOIA law.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2017.

Submitted: Stephen L. Dutton, October 2017