

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2018

Governor's Conference Room * Wade Hampton Building * 1200 Senate St. * Columbia, SC 29202

CALL TO ORDER, By Duffie Stone, committee chair, Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor, who then shared the FOIA requirements.

IN ATTENDANCE: TBD

RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2018, MEETING

UPDATE ON COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND STATISTICAL/CRIMINOLOGIST ASSISTANCE

PREPARATION OF COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

- I. Paul Grant of SLED mentioned that "Rule of Thumb" data no longer exists; other information is being gathered through incident reports. Discussion was held on the checking of boxes on incident reports, with it being noted that not all agencies are completing reports on domestic violence. It was mentioned that some agencies are completing incident reports by hand. The committee agreed to recommend that the incident report form be "cleaned up" and to mandate that all fields be completed.
- II. The presentation of the Annual Report to the General Assembly was discussed. Sen. Katrina Shealy and Rep. Shannon Erickson volunteered to assist with this task. Action Step: Determine to whom and how the report is transmitted.
- III. A survey has been created for Fatality Review Committees. Questions were raised, including: Will these committees respond to the survey? How many committees are there, and is there one in every circuit? Discussion followed about the length of the survey. Solicitors will probably reach out to the DVCCs to ensure they are meeting and doing what the law directs them to do. The survey is to be sent back out for final recommendations.
- IV. Heather Weiss reviewed the recommendations:
 - a. #3 (*draft "State Model Domestic Violence Policy"*) – Done (housed in the Department of Administration)
 - b. #4 (*state agencies providing direct client services should develop DV-informed services for both potential victims and potential offenders*) – Department of Social Services is working on this (status undetermined).
 - c. #5 (*all victim notification and information forms should be universal and used by all agencies statewide*) – No progress. Who should do this?
 - d. #6 (*additional technical assistance should be provided to victims during the OP process*) – This is being worked through.
 - e. #7 (*DSS should review and update the Service and Administrative Standards for Domestic Violence Agencies to reflect current best practices, etc.*) – This was done but should be revisited.
 - f. #8 (*eliminate the practice of allowing law enforcement officers to prosecute DV cases in municipal and magistrate court*) and #9 (*addition of prosecutors and collaboration with the Commission on Prosecution Coordination on a plan to increase resources and accountability*). David Ross of the Commission is working on these recommendations. (Activity may only be

- occurring in three circuits.)
- g. **#10** (*DAODAS and SCCADVASA should work together to form partnerships and cross-trainings between agencies and stakeholders*) – Done, but ongoing
 - h. **#11** (*building a bridge between the SCHIEx and SCIBRS databases*) – SLED is working on this.
 - i. **#12** (*addition of relationship fields to SCIBRS*) – Done
 - j. **#13** (*SLED to research options for moving all law enforcement agencies in the state to the same software programs*) – There are cost issues associated with this recommendation.
 - k. **#14** (*LLR to work with POL boards to incorporate DV training for professionals and occupations*) – Done
 - l. **#15** (*LLR to work with SCCADVASA to create a resource directory for citizens and professionals that lists all existing, available county services for victims and batterers, as well as a step-by-step guide for how citizens and professionals can offer advice and referrals*) – Done, but needs a “home.” Attorney General’s Office could update.
 - m. **#16** (*Department of Education to develop free teacher recertification programs about DV and encourage school districts to adopt*) – Did not progress due to lack of funding support.
 - n. **#17** (*Department of Education to develop models for DV curriculum*) – Did not progress due to lack of funding support. Also, health standards were being updated. This should be taken off the list, and the Department of Education should be invited to the next meeting.
 - o. **#18** (*some level of uniformity in the way VAWA programming is messaged across higher ed campuses*) – Done but ongoing
 - p. **#20** (*law enforcement agencies adopt a policy whereby officers are required to file official incident reports on every case of alleged or substantiated DV*) – LEA and Attorney General’s Office train on this. Committee could reach out to determine if there are issues on training on a range of these recommendations.
 - q. **#22** (*law enforcement officers document DV cases by taking pictures*) – This is part of the training provided by the Attorney General’s Office.
 - r. **#23** (*all law enforcement officers screen for control tactics and coded language*) – Screening tools are being reviewed nationally, and the committee would like to come up with a screening tool for South Carolina.
 - s. **#24** (*rescind policies allowing DV victims to sign drop forms or check drop form questions*) – The biggest issue is drop forms.
 - t. **#28** (*training for all criminal justice partners should be done locally, regionally, and statewide*) – Attorney General’s Office is providing training.
 - u. **#29** (*all local law enforcement agencies should conduct annual in-house best practice DV training based on jurisdiction’s specific data*) – How do we know who is doing this?
 - v. **#32** (*DV Response Tool Kit be created and a statewide model policy be developed and made available statewide*) – Model policy has been made available to sheriffs statewide.
 - w. **#35** (*provide information to solicitor-led Community Coordinating Councils regarding data collected during Phase I*) – This is being coordinated.
 - x. **#39** (*further study as to how to develop DV best practices for all courts*) - Family Court did meet, but is no longer doing that. Most likely need to establish a working group around Family Court.
 - y. **#40** (*further study on how animal control personnel can be brought into the DV arena*) – Officers will need training.
 - z. **#43** (*use York County as a pilot for developing a blueprint for how local coordination should operate*) – York and Spartanburg counties should be mentioned in the report.
 - aa. **#45** (*further study of best practices or helpful guidelines for current or future shelter operators*) – Not much has been done here. Goals are needed.
 - bb. **#47** (*Task Force to search and compile relevant model policies on DV*) – Done

- cc. **#48** (*compile a list of enacted laws in other states regarding dating violence and any accompanying data*) – Most of the laws are around education in the schools. This recommendation could be done quickly.
- dd. **#49** (*further study on how to make the Order of Protection process and subsequent enforcement of OPs more victim friendly*) – This is similar to **Recommendation #6** (*provide technical assistance to victims during the OP process*).

NO NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT.

