

Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking DRAFT Meeting Minutes March 3, 2023

Present: Present: Mary Krueger, AG John Formella, Scott Hampton, Angelika Wilkerson, Alyssa Kuehne, Lyn Schollett, Commissioner Robert Quinn, Judge Ed Kelly, Janet Bouchard, Andrea Bonito, Danielle Snook, Andrew Livernois

Diane Martin is participating remotely but there is a quorum so we can do voice votes.

Welcome and Introductions

There will be no April meeting.

The next Commission meeting is May 5th, where we will have:

- Judge Carbon providing a gun relinquishment update on RSAs 173b and 633a.
- Judge Chabot wants to discuss the possibility of revitalizing regional DV coordinating councils.

On our June 2nd meeting, we will have a:

 Data collection discussion with Diane Martin and John Formella reporting and leading discussion.

We won't meet as a full commission over the summer.

The Steering Committee & any other committees can meet if they want during the course of the summer.

Starting in September, meetings will shift to third Fridays of the month starting on September 15th.

We will meet as a full commission every other month and committees can meet on off months.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Discussed corrections to minutes (Mary made changes in writing) and approved by voice vote. Abstention-AG Formella & Chief weren't present.

Updates

Governance Guidelines

Discussed changes and Steering Committee recommended adjustments (Added language re: subcommittee guidelines). As it is a living, breathing document it will be constantly evolving.

Offender Accountability Programs Committee-

Scott Hampton is the Chair. There are gaps in services. Focus should not be just men. Add Teen dating violence and elder abuse. Parenting after violence is important. Also Veterans. The committee is looking at other state approaches & best practices. Oversight-Assess resources. We need to look into VAWA reauthorizing 2022 restorative practices and bring forward recommendations. Lyn recommended including or consulting DCYF, CASA. Angelika agreed. That's the goal of moving back to voluntary services before finding. Identify missing members and/or bring in others as needed. Lyn volunteered to reach out informally. Members: Simon, DOC, Andrew Livernoise, Joy Smith, Andrea Benito, Abby identify probation/parole. Anne could identify someone from DCYF since from DHHS.

Motion to adopt? Moved by Andrew & seconded by John all in favor no abstentions.

Annual reports-June 30th to governor and other updates as needed.

Executive order procedures were discussed.

Moved by Formella and seconded by Angelika all in favor no abstentions.

Will be posted to website after changes are made.

Court update

Diane-resources are posted on their website. They are working on a PSA for WZID which is a DV narrative about court resources available and will consult NHCADSV for input.

They are working on Taskforce Recommendation ec 2.2 then will move to "Other Recommendations".

Also are working with Battered Women's Justice Project on mediation and arbitration.

Legislative committee

Lyn - Surviving legislative session. Inordinate bills appear to be to assist victims but roll back victims rights. You can send Lyn your email address if you wanted to be added to NHCADSV list.

AG Update

Internal discussions regarding firearms issues are occurring. The lead attorney just returned from parenting leave. This is a sensitive political issue. Figuring out how to make collaborative effort with law enforcement. Maybe set up a committee to look specifically at DV. We need to identify the right members to work collaboratively. AG Formella suggests we work together to identify title and members, who has a better understanding of problems? Keep law enforcement community to solve problems not just additional strain. Judge King states there is a day-to-day difficulty with compliance.

Relinquishment needs to be put into context. It's not a finger-pointing exercise. How can "we" (collective) do better? Not just law enforcement. It's not about changing laws but practice. Lyn suggested making sure representation is geographic as well...urban, rural. Quinn thinks it's the right approach.

A Subcommittee to look at compliance with civil protective orders is suggested. Rsa 173b 633a (stalking) relief-firearms, visitation w/ children, treatment (no monitoring), utilities. Agreement around the table. AG will come up with a draft for commission to review in May. Angelika recommends her husband. Peterborough police dept. Lyn-start w/ assessment to identify challenges. When you think about the incident that started this. Chief wants to be involved. Whether civil or not it comes back to law enforcement. Quinn states there gaps in coverage across the state (i.e. full time dept, part time, no dept). State Police and County Sheriffs have to fill in the gaps. A consistent response is necessary.

Scott Hampton Strafford County jail misunderstandings... There is confusion around violations. Judge issuing contempt is current way to deal. Other states have compliance hearings. Hampton-reviews of SVC Louisville KY Judge Bowles. Tuesday mornings, in an hour and half there are 50-60 defendants that have 30-45 seconds each about compliance. Judge Carbon would also have info. Recommendations should be sent to Mary and they will address in the next Steering Committee meeting. Draft charges will be brought to the May Commission meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn, all in favor.

Submitted, Jodi Nelson, Secretary