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Adopted Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2023

Members Present: Abbey Simon, Alyssa Kuehne, Andrea Bonito, Angelika Wilkerson, Bradley Osgood, Danielle Snook, Dianne Martin, Jodi Nelson, John Semertgakis, Lyn Schollett, Mary Krueger, Robert Quinn, and Scott Hampton.

Others In Attendance: Lisa Lamphere (Director of Grants Management) and Jeannette Bilodeau (Circuit Court Business Systems Analyst).

Welcome and Introductions

- Those present introduced themselves, as Chief Osgood as newly appointed attended for the first time.

Adopt Meeting Minutes from May, June, and September

- As for the May meeting, there were insufficient members in attendance at this meeting, so the meeting minutes were not adopted.
- As for the June meeting, a motion to accept was made by Dianne Martin and seconded by Lyn Schollett. The minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously. Rep. Jodi Nelson and Chief Bradley Osgood - as they were not present at the June meeting.
- As for the September meeting, A motion by Jodi Nelson was made to accept the minutes with two corrections and seconded by Danielle Martin, the minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously. The only abstentions were Chief Bradley Osgood and Angelika Wilkerson, Esq. as they were not present at the September meeting.

Updates from the Chair

- In January, there will be an update regarding the data gathering project/grant.

- Upcoming 2024 Meeting Schedule is as follows:
 - Jan 19, March 15, May 17, Sept 20, November 15
 - The January 2024 meeting will be at the Administrative Office of the Courts on the 4th FLR. The rest of the meetings would continue to take place at the Supreme Court.
 - The members were notified to let Eny know if they would like an Outlook Calendar invitation.
 - Attending remotely is available in special circumstances (e.g. snow emergencies).

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee

- **Presentation by Danielle Snook, Lyn Schollett, and Jeannette Bilodeau.**
 - Danielle stated that all information presented would solely be information found in the report and no other data.
 - Focused on three (3) statistics: information on victims served by Crisis Centers, the Judicial Branch's civil protective orders, and homicides in NH revolving around domestic violence. There were no specific cases or outcomes they focused on; their goal was to have a high level of conversation to give everyone a general landscape of domestic violence.
 - Lyn stated that the period of 2020-2021 is unprecedented since everything changed including the victim's/survivor's experience.
 - Victims experienced an increased number of barriers due to a lot of limitations.
 - In this two-year time frame, approximately 25k individuals were served. There were solutions created to solve the issues that victims faced:
 - ❖ Crisis centers had to follow COVID-19 protocols which would limit the number of individuals in a safe house, so victims were placed in other places, such as hotels.
 - ❖ Text-and-chat programs were created to talk to victims.
 - ❖ The Courts created and implemented e-filing civil protective orders.
 - ❖ Court advocacy was provided over the phone.
 - ❖ Crisis centers worked with other programs in the community.

- Jeannette gave a brief description of the civil domestic violence process.
 - First, there is the “Temporary Phase” in which a plaintiff can come to court and request immediate assistance.
 - ❖ The Judge has three options:
 - Deny it outright,
 - Issue an order for up to thirty (30) days until the final hearing
 - select the “in-between” in which they will grant a hearing
 - Second, there is the Final Hearing, where both parties are present and make their case to the Judge.
 - ❖ Third, a plaintiff can request an extension of the protective order for up to 5 years.

- Danielle concluded the meeting stating that the Attorney General’s Office has jurisdiction over homicide cases. She gave a brief description of what is domestic violence homicide.

Update from the Legislative Subcommittee (Lyn Schollett)

- They have talked with Senator Carson about sponsoring a Wiretapping bill and are still soliciting some feedback.
- Their next matter will focus on looking at the definition of Domestic Violence.
- At this point, Lyn also discussed that releasing language of bills this year has been very, very slow. They will probably look at releasing recommendations regarding bills in late December to late January.

Update from the Offender Accountability Programs Committee (Scott Hampton)

- Batterer’s Intervention Program
 - They have been looking at and collecting the numbers of BIP programs, there are currently six (6) in NH that are doing evaluations.
- Discussion regarding adding the Supervised Visitation Committee to OAP’s Work.
 - The Steering Committee talked about it and noted commonalities between Batterer’s Intervention and Supervised Visitations.
 - On motion by Dianne Martin and second by Lyn Schollett, adding the Supervised Visitation to the Offender Accountability Program was approved unanimously.

Update from the Court Regarding Task Force Initiatives (Dianne Martin)

- Updates on the Domestic Violence Committee's Work: Their biggest accomplishment is their collaboration with NHCADSV for the Judicial Branch Training.
- Dianne confirmed that the DOJ has received a grant for diversity and inclusion initiatives relating to data.
- Lisa Lamphere stated that they received a Statistical Analysis Center federal funding grant for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Update from the Civil Protection Order Committee

- Mary Krueger, Esq., discussed the nomination of Angelika Wilkerson, Esq., as Co-Chair. On motion by Dr. Scott Hampton and second by Chief John Semertgakis, Angelika's nomination was approved unanimously.
- A Co-Chair is still needed for the CVPO Committee, and Angelika hopes to reach out to the members sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Other Updates

- Jodi Nelson stated that she is Legislative Co-Chair for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and let members know that they may be receiving a phone call regarding bills.

On motion by Angelika Wilkerson and second by Lyn Schollett. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Submitted, Mary Krueger, Chair