

North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission

North Carolina Domestic Violence Intervention Management Committee

April 2, 2020

Resolution: Virtual DVIP Group Work

A Temporary Measure to Allow Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs in the State of North Carolina to conduct groups utilizing a virtual format.

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Executive Order No. 116 declared a State of Emergency to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

Whereas, to mitigate community spread of COVID-19 and to reduce the burden on the state's health care providers and facilities, it is necessary to limit unnecessary person-to-person contact in workplaces and communities; and

Whereas, such limitations on person-to-person contact are reasonably necessary to address the public health risk posed by COVID-19; and

Whereas, certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs in North Carolina have expressed concerns that without the ability to continue convening Domestic Violence Intervention groups, the increase in unemployment and recommendations to citizens from state and federal public health agencies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, there is an increased risk of domestic violence; and

Whereas, certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs serve a vital role in the elimination of the domestic violence and ensuring victim safety.

Therefore, it is resolved, that:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that a temporary measure be enacted by the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission to allow certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs to conduct their regularly scheduled group work utilizing a virtual format.

Resolved, That this temporary measure take effect immediately and retroactively apply to any virtual groups conducted by certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs since the State of Emergency declaration.

Resolved, That this temporary measure will no longer be valid at such time when the State of Emergency declaration has been lifted in North Carolina.

The members of this committee are authorized to recommend this action to the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission and expressed consent for this resolution by majority vote held via electronic mail.

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