

# **NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, October 18, 2019: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Department of Environmental Quality, Large Conference Room 1210  
217 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Presiding Board Member:** April Burgess-Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Tiffany Bell, Kriquette Davis, Jackie Dienemann, Casandra Hoekstra, Vickie Pait, Shelby Benton, Phillip Coates, Kristy Dickerson, Sherry Everett, Regina Gurley, Angela Harris, Tonya Horton, Jennifer Howell, Hans Miller, Larry Pierce, Nora Salinas, Starleen Scott Robbins, Terri Sharp, Annette Taylor, Deborah Weissman

**Board Member on call:** Hilary Cooper, Holly Jones, Julia Horrocks

**Special Guests Present:** Nikki Locklear, Commission of Indian Affairs, Elyse Hamilton-Childres, Division Director Mecklenburg County/CSS/Prevention and Intervention Services, Sean Lanham, Transportation Coordinator for The Center for Volunteer Caregiving, Maggie Slocumb, Helpmate a Domestic Violence Agency, Angela Harper King, DHHD, LaToya Chancey, DHHD, Marqueta Welton, DOA Deputy Secretary, Adonica McAllister

**Staff Members Present:** Mary Williams-Stover, Executive Director, Emily Roach, Deputy Director, Deborah Torres, Alisa Milliken, Gwen Moragne, Diane Blumel, Philisa Fowler, Erica Savage, Candace Dudley, Molly Overholt, Jackie Jordan, Kiricka Yarbough-Smith, Kendra Underwood, Jessica Bolin, Michele Archer,

**9:15 AM Orientation for New Members Room 1106 conducted by: Emily Roach and April Burgess Johnson**

**I. Call to order-** Ms. Burgess-Johnson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. She read the Ethics Statement and invited any member who may have a conflict of interest to identify. No conflicts reported. Chairperson Burgess-Johnson gave an introduction of the new Co-Chair for DV Commission Mrs. Kriquette Davis.

**Swearing in for new Board Members/Photo:** Honorable Judge Margaret Eagles administered the oath of office for new DV Commission members, Kristy Dickerson, Sherry Everett, Regina Gurley, Jennifer Howell, Larry Pierce, Nora Salinas, Terri Sharp. Judge Eagles is also Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence and the Fatality Taskforce for Wake County.

**II. Approval of Minutes** – August 9, 2019 Meeting -Jacqueline Dienemann made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiffany Bell. Minutes approved.

**III. Chairperson's Report** – April Burgess-Johnson, *Chairperson*

April encouraged all members to connect with a committee and with staff in those committees. She announced Breakout rooms. Committees are required to report back and bring actionable items or recommendations back to the DV Commission/ working lunch.

**IV. Working Lunch and Report from Committees** – *Updates:*

Victim Services Subcommittee Report:

1. Cathy Cloninger has resigned as Co-Chairperson, however, will remain on the committee. The group expressed appreciation for her service as Co-Chair and appreciation she would remain on the committee.
2. The group determined that the third Wednesday of every month at 12:30 would meet most schedules for our phone conference.
3. It was agreed that the Southern Piedmont Office would provide an updated list of committee members and email addresses, that would include information from today's sign-up sheet.
4. There was discussion regarding interest for those who may wish to serve as Co-chair. April invited interested persons to contact her and we will revisit on the phone conference on November 20, 2019.
5. The group discussed the four tasks that had been selected to work on. Committee members present at the meeting selected areas of interest and were added to the list developed during the phone conference, resulting in the following:

Task 1- Develop potential resources around the state on agencies serving unserved, underserved and inadequately served populations-Michael, Jennifer Howell, Nikki Locklear, Kristy Dickerson, April Burgess-Johnson.

Task 2- Develop best practices around language access- Lori, Saira, Nora

Task 3- Secure funding for providing Language Line for service providers – Surabhi, Saira, Kiricka, Jennifer

Task 4- Find trainings for the State on better serving unserved, underserved and inadequately served population – Diane, Shelby and Rose.

6. We were also tasked with developing and defining an agenda for the upcoming summit. The group was very enthusiastic and discussed several options, culminating in developing an agenda that would focus on effective outreach, and awareness. Recommendations from Fatality Review Teams is needed for more awareness, outreach and education in our communities.
7. We discussed a presentation that could have four fifteen-minute slots, with an additional fifteen-minute slot for questions and answers. Several presentations were considered, including but not limited to: showcase Family Justice centers, Community initiatives that resulted from FVPSA meetings throughout the state, a presentation on “Bringing it Home” that would include showcased communities and assist in building a community toolkit, and possibly include a community advocates panel. In addition, there was discussion regarding community outreach that would include the Survivor Speaker Program.

### **Action Steps for Committee Members:**

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Person(s) Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Look for effective community outreach examples	All	November 20
Examples of community outreach through developed Community initiatives and community toolkits.	Jackie, Shelby	November 20
Email updated member list	Diane, Rose	November 20
Members of each task to provide updates	Previously Listed	November 20

**Next Meeting Date: Telephone conference November 20, 2019 @12:30pm**

### **Transportation Subcommittee Report:**

**Focus Areas of the Subcommittee:** Partner with organizations to develop assets and funding opportunities to expand transportation access for victims. Develop partnerships with faith-based organizations, youth serving organizations, and city and county parks and recreation agencies to increase communication about available victim services, including transportation. In collaboration with other committees and the Commission as a whole, host a summit and convene partners across all levels of government and NGOs to showcase successful practices that improve coordination and collaboration for services to victims and families.

**Chairperson:** Phillip Coates [Phillip.E.Coates@nccourts.org](mailto:Phillip.E.Coates@nccourts.org)

### **Commissioner Attendees:**

Coates, Philip

Hoekstra, Casandra (San)  Larry Pierce

**Guest Attendees (list by name and include email address):**

Sean Lanham [slanham@ctrvolcare.org](mailto:slanham@ctrvolcare.org)

Philisa Fowler [philisa.fowler@doa.nc.gov](mailto:philisa.fowler@doa.nc.gov)

**Key Topics Addressed:**

Sean Lanham Transportation Coordinator, with The Center for Volunteer Caregiving gave a presentation focused on their volunteer transportation program serving Wake County. The group discussed having him present this model at the best practices conference and consider replicating a similar volunteer base program in rural areas.

**Actions Steps for Committee Members:** Philisa Fowler will set up monthly Conference call meetings for committee send out a poll for dates. Due Date/11-15-2019

BIP Subcommittee Report:

**Key Topics Addressed:**

1. NC Court Commission Presentation: Judge Robert Wilkins and Mary Williams-Stover are presenting BIP committee work to NC Court Commission on 10/18/19.
2. Approved BIPs in Davidson County: A letter will be sent to Chief Judge Davidson County regarding listing of **approved** BIP program in county and will ask him to distribute to judges in Davidson County. This is in response to CFW&YI receiving information that COOL has expanded to Davidson County without approval.
3. Forsyth County BIP Access: At this time, Forsyth County has not approved BIP program as COOL is not currently certified to provide BIP. Judge Byrd has discussed this with colleagues.
4. BIP Participant Status Template: The Subcommittee Approved the template for BIP Participant Status report to be used by BIP programs to show compliance with Civil Court ordered BIP participants. This form may also be used to report to other agencies.
5. Civil Court ordered BIP Participation: Legislation has changed to request DV offenders court ordered to attend BIP by BOTH Civil and Criminal Court to show compliance within 60 days of hearing, unless compliance is confirmed with the Clerk of Court. Offenders may request template to be completed by BIP program, so that offender may take template to the Clerk of Court to show compliance.
6. Name Change to Sub-Committee: Discussed options to using term "batterer". Reached agreement to Domestic Violence Intervention Management Sub-Committee. One change is to approve/review applications of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs (DVIP), which are now called Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP). Discussed potential for future "Offender Management Board". Information regarding name change will be presented to NCPAT requesting their affirmation of support.
7. Topic for Summit: Best Practices to incorporate risk issues in services for DVIPs. Explore Colorado model, practices in NC, NCPAT, economic screens, poverty, housing, trauma, mental health, substance use, etc.

**8. Action Steps for Committee Members:**

Activity	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Letter to Chief Judges	Anna Capel	11/30/19

Forward change in Subcommittee Name to NCPAT and ask to affirm support in conference call	Anna Capel	<b>11/15/19</b>
Affirm CASA conformed with requests in order to Approval to be final	Anna Capel	<b>11/15/19</b>

1. Next DVIM Subcommittee conference call Friday November 15, 2019 8:00 am.

**Requested DV Commission Meeting Agenda Items or Votes:**

Vote to conditionally approve CASA program in Caldwell and Alexander Counties pending submission of missing forms. Tiffany Bell made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacqueline Dienemann. Vote to conditionally approve CASA program, Passed at 10/18/19 DV Commission Meeting.  
None for January.

Access to Health Services Subcommittee Report:

**Chairperson:** Starleen Scott Robbins, NC DHHS, [Starleen.Scott-Robbins@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Starleen.Scott-Robbins@dhhs.nc.gov), 919-715-2415

**Meeting date(s): 10/18/19**

**Commissioner Attendees:**

- Fairley, Karen
- Gurley, Regina
- Harris, Angela
- Pait, Vickie
- Scott-Robbins, Starleen

**Guest Attendees (list by name):**

LaToya Chancey  
Angela Harper King  
Alisa Milliken  
Kendra Underwood

**Key Topics Addressed:**

1. Welcomed our new subcommittee member Dr. Regina Gurley.
2. Reviewed history of the MH/SUD Services Survey including the purpose and current status.
3. Walked through the survey questions and made revisions based on attendee input.
4. Discussed potential software for survey, formatting, and timeframe.

5. Discussed potential topic for the Spring Summit. Vicki recommended with subcommittee support: Resiliency Task Force.

**Action Steps for Committee Members:**

Activity	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Work on finalizing the draft survey for dissemination to full Commission for feedback.	Starleen Scott Robbins, Angela Harper King & Bernetta Thigpen	November 6, 2019 1:00pm
All subcommittee attendees were asked to consider potential topics for the Spring Summit to discuss on the November 6, 2019 conference call.	All Subcommittee members & guests	November 6, 2019 1:00pm

**Next Meeting Dates:** November 6, 2019 at 1:00pm. Conference call information will be emailed to participants.

Legislative Subcommittee Report:

**Chairperson:** Holly Jones, NC DOJ, [hjones@ncdoj.gov](mailto:hjones@ncdoj.gov), 828-450-4894

**Meeting date(s):** 10/18/2019

**Commissioner Attendees:**

- Alzuru, Carolina
- Cooper, Hilary (*by phone*)
- Everett, Sherry
- Horton, Tonya
- Howell, Cheryl
- Jones, Holly (*by phone*)
- Miller, Hans

**Guest Attendees (list by name and include email addresses):**

Annette Taylor  
Kriquette Davis  
Julia Horrocks (*by phone*)

**Key Topics Addressed:**

1. Domestic Violence Fatality Review Reports: The DVC legislative subcommittee will review available fatality reviews (Pitt, Mecklenburg, Wake) in order to find common themes or a potential recommendation/legislative action from the DVC. Future DVFRs should report to the DVC. Additionally, the legislative subcommittee believes in the effectiveness of fatality reviews but notes the difficulty in receiving approval to create a fatality review team. The subcommittee plans to investigate alternatives to the DVFR approval process, perhaps at the county level, that would result in faster approvals and ultimately, more fatality review teams.
2. DVC Legislative Agenda and Action Plan: The DVC legislative subcommittee plans to create a legislative action plan, which will determine how the Commission can quickly endorse or advocate for legislation.
3. Safe Days: The legislative subcommittee supports the policy of using safe days for domestic violence, however questions arose in conversation regarding how the safe days policy will interact with FMLA and Paid Family Leave. A vote was not taken to the commission, but it is noted that the subcommittee supports the notion of safe days and the safety and security that should be provided to employees experiencing or fleeing from abuse.

**Action Steps for Committee Members:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Send available DVFR reports to legislative subcommittee.	CFW Staff	
Review DVFR reports for common themes and potential legislative changes	Subcommittee members	
Participate in sub-committee conference call to share findings from each report	Subcommittee members	
Review YMCAs legislative action plan for recommendations to DVC	Kriquette Davis	
Review NCCADV legislative actions plan for recommendations to DVC	Sherry Honeycutt Everett	
Investigate alternatives to DVFR approval process	Holly Jones Sherry Honeycutt Everett	

**VI. Presentation –Mecklenburg County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Report**

Elyse Hamilton-Childress, Division Director, Mecklenburg County/CSS/Prevention and Intervention Services

**X. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 2.00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday,**

Submitted by: Deborah Torres, NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement

Attached: Power Point