



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (DVAC)

Friday, June 8, 2018, 10:30 am

Cal OES Public Safety Communications Office, Room 115 A/B
630 Sequoia Pacific Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95811

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Cherri Norvell Allison (Chair), Jean M. King, Nilda Valmores, Christine Ward

Cal OES Staff Present: Gina Buccieri-Harrington, Leigh Bills, Ricki Hammett, Tammy Pratt

Phone: Anastacia L. Snyder (Co-Chair), Connie Chung Joe, Patricia Giggans, Debra Suh, Lynda Smallenberger

Absent: Sheri Farinha, Louis Gill, Ben Schirmer, Nancy O'Malley

I. CALL TO ORDER

There was a delay in the start of the meeting, due to lack of a quorum. Anastacia Snyder (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:12 am in anticipation that a quorum would be met before the end of meeting. Quorum was met at 11:38 am; four in-person and four by phone.

II. CAL OES UPDATES

Gina Buccieri-Harrington, Cal OES Assistant Director of Grants Management Section, provided the following updates:

- Cal OES is working with the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) on a state level victim services strategy to best serve victims of crime. Information will be sent out in the next couple months.
- A report came out regarding looking at victim services as a whole and how to better serve survivors; which is included in the finance letters of the May Revise. Cal OES will send out the finance letters to all DVAC members.
- There is a proposal for money for housing various homeless populations; which could result in the potential funding for domestic violence housing of \$10,000,000.
- There is a proposal for Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA) Prevention/Services in the amount of \$50,000,000 for the next four years, for a total of \$200,000,000.

- Violence of Crime Act (VOCA) funds have increased by \$179,000,000 to \$396,000,000 for 2018.
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds had a slight increase of \$400,000.
- Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) was cut by \$244.
- Grants Management Section has officially moved to Building E.

Leigh Bills, Cal OES Victim Services Division Chief, provided the following updates:

- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Steering Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2018. The following RFPs for new or expanding programs are being worked on for 2018-19:
 - Campus Sexual Assault (CT) Program – Expanding by approximately 20 projects.
 - Domestic Violence Housing First (XD/KD) Program – Expanding by approximately 32 projects.
 - Specialized Emergency Housing (KE) Program – Expanding by approximately 17 projects.
 - Transitional Housing (XH) Program – Expanding by approximately 32 projects.
 - Elder Abuse (XE) Program – Expanding by approximately 12 projects in.
 - Victim Advocacy in Detention Facility (KA) Program – Expanding by approximately 10 projects.
 - Increased Access to Services (KU) Program – Expanding by approximately 25 projects for one year.
 - Victim Legal Assistance (XL/KL) Program – Expanding by approximately 20 projects.
 - Tribal Court Advocate (KT) Program – Expanding by approximately 25 projects for 2018-19 in a non-competitive process.
 - Supervised Visitation Program – New and looking to fund approximately 30 projects.
 - Innovative Response to Marginalized Victims Program – Expanding by approximately 20 projects.
- The plan will be to sustain all existing programs for five year grant cycle, depending upon availability of funding. Grant Subaward performance period dates will be staggered to not cause an over abundant workload for staff.

Ricki Hammett, Cal OES Domestic Violence Unit Chief, provided the following updates:

- The DV Unit is fully staffed now with the addition of two new Program Specialists.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 DVAC MEETING

The DVAC members accepted the March 9, 2018 DVAC Meeting Minutes as written.

IV. DVAC PURPOSE OVERVIEW

Ms. Hammett presented information with regards to the purpose of the DVAC and discussed the statutes in Penal Code 13823.15 and 13823.16. The main purpose of the DVAC is to collaborate with Cal OES in developing funding priorities, framing the Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program Request for Application (RFA).

V. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELOR 40 HOUR TRAINING – IN PERSON VS DISTANCE

Ms. Hammett provided information regarding requirements for DV Counselor 40-Hour Training and discussed the statutes of Penal Codes 13823.15 and Evidence Code 1037.1. The definitions of a “Domestic Violence Counselor” and “distance learning” were also discussed.

Ms. Hammett presented the following, as possible language to be added to the DV Program RFA:

Best Practice: Teach all topics in person. If not possible, or if there is a compelling reason why an agency cannot provide an, all, in person training, distance learning is an option as long as the following guidelines are followed.

Guidelines: Peer counseling techniques must be taught in person. If distance learning is conducted, it must include all three distance learning components:

1. Visual (e.g., webinars – live or previously recorded, reading materials, films/documentaries, etc.)

2. Checking for Understanding (e.g., quizzes, discussions, online discussion boards, etc. that are monitored for quality by an individual who qualifies as a counselor under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code, and who has at least one year of experience counseling domestic violence victims for the domestic violence victim service organization)

3. Application (how to apply what you have learned, must only be done in person, under the supervision of a designated individual, 1on 1 or in group setting, with a quality control mechanism to ensure student will deliver appropriate services to survivors, their families and community.

DVAC members had a discussion about whether or not to include guidance about the 40-hour training in the DV Program RFA. A motion was made to include this new language to the DV Program RFA. DVAC members also thought this information should be shared with other agencies/programs.

Motion: Cherri Novell-Allison (Chair)

Second: Christine Ward

Discussion: Anastacia Snyder (Co-Chair) amended the motion to add that agencies should include a small narrative stating how they would provide the training.

Motion Passed (Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0)

VI. CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATES

Jacque Marroquin, Director of Programs, for the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) provided the following updates:

a. State Budget Advocacy

There are currently three different budget proposals being considered by the legislature:

- The Governor's May Revise proposes approximately \$10,000,000 for one year to the DV Program, as part of the homelessness assistance package.
- Assembly proposes approximately \$30,000,000 one time funding; which includes \$10,000,000 to domestic violence, \$10,000,000 to sexual assault, and \$10,000,000 to teen dating violence prevention.
- Senate proposes approximately \$50,000,000 for four years, totaling \$200,000,000, for domestic violence and sexual assault

There is a trailer bill that states the Domestic Violence Advisory Council and the State Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAC) will be included in providing input for this funding. Currently the legislature has come to an agreement but a decision is not known yet.

b. Cultural Responsiveness Organizational Assessment Tool (CROS)

Currently the Partnership is in negotiations with Blue Shield to get the licensing to utilize the CROS. The Partnership will be able to implement the CROS further in California and throughout the country.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Review Previous Meeting Items

Ms. Hammett presented agenda items from the March 9, 2018 DVAC Meeting. She stated that should a DVAC member suggest an agenda item they may be asked to come to the next DVAC meeting with more information. Items should be related to the DV Program and Cal OES does not have the staffing to research all items mentioned. DVAC members agreed that it wasn't necessary to invite the Attorney General to the next DVAC Meeting.

b. Additional Future Agenda Items

A suggestion was made, that based on the possible additional funding, there should be an agenda item included in the next meeting, regarding funding gaps, how the DVAC can help with any additional funding that is made available, and taking a look at what is currently not being funded.

c. Public Comment

None

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

No miscellaneous items discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Norvell-Allison adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.