

Approved

**VAWA Implementation Committee
Summary Minutes
June 13, 2013
2:00PM
4th Floor Conference Room
(Secretary of State's Conference Room)
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Committee Members Present: Hon. Vincent Poppiti (Chair, *via phone*); Josephine MacLaine; Maria Knoll, Esq.; Stephanie Hamilton

CJC Staff Present: Maureen Monagle; Andrew Spruill

Attendees: Blanch Creech (People's Place II, Inc.); Cherelyn Homlish (ContactLifeline, Inc); Claudia Pena Porretti (La Esperanza, Inc.); Bridget Poulle (DVCC);

The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 30, 2013 meeting:

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. FFY2011 STOP Funding:

• **\$40,000 for Law Enforcement Funds:**

The CJC received three concepts responding to the solicitation for the amount available for law enforcement. \$40,000 was made available for this solicitation.

The Committee received summary notes of the Review Team, and Staff's recommendations for funding. The Review Team saw value in all three proposals. CJC staff presented a plan to respond to all three requests; either in-full or partial, to meet needs of the three departments.

A motion was made to approve Delaware State Police's project for a "VAWA Advocate in Sussex County Communities" for \$40,000. This project will be obligated two additional years to continue (under FFY12 and FFY13). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Newark Police Department's request for "Cellebrite UFED/Physical Analyzer Technology to Improve Investigations of Stalking/Sexual Assault and DV." This project will be approved for one-year funding, not to be continued. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to utilize a remaining balance in FFY2010 to extend the “*Warrant Execution Team (WET)-Domestic Violence*” project. This funding is one-time, but eligible to compete for continuation funding in future. Motion carried with one abstention.

- **\$30,000 for Services to non-English Victims of Sexual Assault in Sussex County:**

The CJC received two concepts responding to the solicitation for targeted services to non-English/LEP victims of sexual assault in Sussex County. The Committee was provided with summary notes of the Review Team. A motion was made to award the \$30,000 to La Esperanza, Inc for the “*Victims’ Immigration Services and Assistance (VISA) Program.*”

The motion does not automatically obligate continuation funding under FFY12. Any continuation would be reviewed after this project is running for six months.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Federal Grant Update:

- **SASP Formula Grant Update:**

- FY2011 (\$153,458): Maureen reported all funds were fully obligated to ContactLifeline. The federal end date is 7/31/13; the CJC does not anticipate any funds being reverted back to OVW.
- FY2012 (\$233,227): The Committee voted on the funding allocations and plan during the April meeting. The Committee’s recommendations will be presented to CJC on June 17, 2013.

- **STOP Formula Grant Update**

- **FY2010** (\$890,952): End date **4/30/14**.
 - The CJC received a 9-month extension.
 - Balance in Law Enforcement (\$15,600). Per the vote noted above, this balance will be awarded to Wilmington Police to extent the WET project. All funds are fully obligated with that recommendation. This grant will close April 2014.
- **FY2011** (\$893,875): End date 6/30/14 (*extension approved*)
 - Per the vote above, the DSP is recommended for \$40,000 in the law enforcement funds, Newark PD is recommended 17,450. And La Esperanza is recommended for \$30,000 of discretionary funding for victims services.
 - At this time, the Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Family Court. The Family Court is seeking funds to send six new Commissioners and three Judges to the

“National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence” basic and advanced trainings. They are seeking \$15,000 to support this advanced training.

Staff presented the amount of discretionary funding still available. There is enough to support this one-time request. This could be added to the existing STOP Subgrant (VW11-209).

A motion was made to approve the Family Court’s request. Motion carried unanimously.

- **FY2012** (\$887,639): 6/30/2014

The CJC will be asking for a 12-month no-cost extension in March 2014.

Maureen will factor in the automatic obligation for the DSP VAWA Advocate (\$40,000) and report on any unobligated balance at the next meeting.

4. Possible Technical Assistance and Strategic Planning Initiatives

OVW has several technical assistance providers addressing a number of different program areas and issues. Two recent opportunities were available to compete for on-site technical assistance, The Women of Color Network (WOCN) and Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW). WOW provides TA and training to address the economic impacts of domestic violence that threaten the immediate and future safety of survivors. WOCN provides TA and training to address service deliver to un-served, underserved, and inadequately served populations/communities. Both opportunities were opened to states to compete for the free TA. The CJC qualified for both, but chose to accept the free TA to introduce the three-tiered concept of looking at under-served communities. This training will be held in Dover PD on July 30, 2013. Invitations have been sent to the participants.

CJC felt this training opportunity will be helpful in strategic planning efforts.

With the Re-authorization of VAWA, States have to submit new three-year plans in early 2014. Plans must be submitted at the time of the federal application.

Maureen explained OVW was slowly rolling out information about all of the changes under VAWA 2013.

There are changes that will directly impact the way Delaware has historically distributed STOP grant. Maureen will provide more information in the following meetings.

5. Follow-up:

- **High Risk DV Team:**

In collaboration with the DSP and DCADV, the CJC coordinated a team (DCADV, CJC, DOJ Victims Services, DAG, 2 DSP, 1 DSP Victim Services, DOC P&P, P&P Victim Services, NCCPD, WPD, Child Inc, People’s Place and DVCC) to attend the “Driving Change” conference in

Boston. This conference focused on communities interested in developing “High-Risk DV Team.”

One of the things learned, in any community, you cannot have a High Risk Team without the foundation of lethality assessment.

Follow-up discussions and meetings with the group lead to a look into how LAP is being done in Delaware. The CJC has asked for the shelters to collect their stats on LAP calls, and we will try to compare data with law enforcement.

There will likely be several discussions and re-engaging law enforcement in the LAP, and possibly more training on what LAP is and how it should be done.

More information will follow.

- **OVW Discretionary Programs to agencies in Delaware:**

The CJC has been working closely with a few agencies who receive discretionary grants directly from OVW.

DHSS received FFY2012 Safe Havens grant; and the AOC received FFY2012 Court Training & Improvement grant for the Victims’ Advocacy and Safety Enhancement (VASE) project.

It is important to be aware of all of the programs that are being implemented in DE to improve the State’s response to crimes under VAWA. It is also important to be mindful of potential overlap and remaining gaps in funding or service delivery.

These programs are still in the implementation phase. When they are fully operational, CJC will invite the project directors to speak to the Committee for an informal presentation on their specific projects.

- **DV Fund Discussion:**

The collection period for the DV Fund will end June 30th, and the solicitation for the 2013 DV Fund should be released in October. This fund will be the fourth year of availability for direct services for NPO/NGO Domestic Violence agencies. CJC staff has asked for guidance in setting parameters for the allowable/unallowable costs. The creation of the fund only states that it is for direct services to victims of domestic violence, and that it is competitive annually. There are no parameters with the number of years of funding/program; no allowable or unallowable costs.

CJC staff is seeking guidance on determining allowable/unallowable costs for this upcoming solicitation, similar to other funding streams. For example, last round of submissions included vehicles, indirect cost rates, etc.

A motion was made to request CJC and DVCC staff to create parameters for the DV Fund. A letter would be sent to the Executive Director of the CJC and the DVCC asking them to do this before the next solicitation. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Other/Public Comment:

No comments made at this time.

Without anything further, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Monagle