



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL Criminal Justice Committee

Minutes

September 5, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Middletown Police Department

130 Hampden Rd

Middletown, DE 19709

Committee Members Present: Linda Carmichael (Superior Court); Melanjie Lahutsky (Superior Court), M/Cpl Adrienne Owen (DSP); Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke Memorial Hospital); Ava Carcirieri (Family Court); Angela Albee (P&P); Richard Figurelle (P&P); Det Joe Miller (WPD)

Participating via phone: Hon. Brendan O'Neill (Chair); Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV); DAG Cari Chapman (DOJ); Nancy McGee (SAND); Sheila Blakely (JP Court); and Cara (People's Place II, Inc)

DVCC Staff: Maureen Monagle

Public Attendees: No members of the public were attendance

The Chair called the meeting to order. Introductions were made with those in attendance and participating on the phone. The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

Approve Minutes from April 24, 2018: The Chair noted a revision to the section about HB204. Minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business:

- **Law Enforcement Training:** Maureen informed the group that the LET has been scheduled for November 5, 2018 at the Del One Center on the Dover campus of Del Technical & Community College. The location changed to allow for more participants. A safe the date has been emailed.

Natasha Smith is working with the LET Planning Committee. The DVCC finalized the contracts with the speakers. Natasha was able to secure Carlton Hershman, (retired detective from San Diego) and Wendy Patrick (prosecutor with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office). The topics will focus on Investigating Sexual Assault by Intoxication Cases; Effectively Communicating with Victims Experiencing Trauma, and Why Doesn't She Leave- Victims Dynamics in IPV Cases.

The DVCC plans to open registration mid-September. The registration will be open to law enforcement first, and then opened to the larger professional community.

- **High Risk Team Domestic Violence Team:** Maureen informed the Committee that the DVCC was able to secure grant funding from the Criminal Justice Council for a Coordinator. The plan is to pilot the project in Kent County. This position will not be a full-time position but a contractual position. The DVCC is going to be working with Goodwill Industries to secure a qualified candidate. The Capitol Police have offered a designated space within their office in the Tatnall Building in Dover. Maureen and Chief Horsman are finalizing the MOU, with the support of Secretary Coupe.
- **Body Cameras:** DAG Cari Chapman did not have much to update. The DV Unit in New Castle County does have a paralegal assisting the process. Marianne Kenville-Moore asked about Kent and Sussex Counties. Cari said she could not speak to the need in the smaller jurisdictions at this time.
- **Probation and Parole and No Contact Provisions:** Nothing to report at this time. The DV Unit in New Castle County recently experienced a transition with Melissa Kearney's promotion to Supervisor of the Pre-Trial Unit. The new supervisor of the DV Unit was not able to attend this meeting. The update will be tabled until the next meeting.
- **HB204 Follow Up:** The Chair reported that HB204 is on track for implementation in January. Work is being done to finalize the risk assessment tool. There were two bills submitted in June to supplement HB204. SB 221 would amend Delaware Constitution's bail provision by defining certain felony offenses for which, or circumstances under which, pretrial release on bail may not be available. SB222 proposes to expand the list of circumstances for which defendants may be detained pretrial without the opportunity for release.

The bills did not get passed before June 30th. It is anticipated that work will be done to re-introduce the bills early in the next session of the General Assembly.

New Business: No new business was raised at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Monagle