



NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES May 16, 2014

Archdale Building (Ground Floor Conference Room)
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh NC 27699

Commission Members	Commission Members	Guest
Gretchen Banks	Mary Catherine Stevens	Eric Zechman (Representing DHHS)
The Honorable Susan Bray	Pamela T. Thompson	Brittani Bryan
Bill Bryan	Dudley Watts	Maggie Collawn
Charles Campbell, II	Alisa Huffman (representing David Huffman)	Rachel Ormand
The Honorable Lorrin Freeman	Guest	Others Present/Staff CFW
Monika Johnson Hostler	Gary Brown	Gale McKoy Wilkins
Phil Kline	Anna Epshteyn	Mary Williams-Stover
Jo Liles	Maria Fryer	Jackie Jordan
Dr. Rebecca Macy	Narasa Woods (representing David Elliot)	Daphne Pinto
Dana Mangum	Stephanie Satkowiak	Tara Minter
Michael Silver	Debbie West	Patricia Vaughn
Kate Stahlman	Jayce Williams	Gwen Moragne

Chairman Phil Kline called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He charged the Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items being considered by the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were noted.

Chairman Kline requested the Board of Commissioners introduce themselves to the attendees, followed by a staff introduction. He welcomed Sheriff Huffman from the Governor’s Crime Commission and thanked him for his support towards the Domestic Violence Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the Domestic Violence Commission meeting held on February 28, 2013 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Michael Silver and seconded by Commissioner Charles Campbell. Motion carried.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Division Update: Mrs. Gale McKoy Wilkins, Executive Director, NC Council for Women, presented the division report. She noted the following key activities:

- **“Enough” Campaign:** The Council for Women (CFW) is partnering with Wake County/WRAL TV/ Fox 50 TV for a public awareness campaign towards domestic violence and sexual assault. Mrs. Wilkins noted that the Partners Dinner is scheduled at the Fox 50 News Center on June 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. An invitation to attend is extended to the Domestic Violence Commission (DVC) members and the Council for Women (CFW) Board.
- **Victory Graduation Event, May 27, 2014 (2-4 p.m.):** The CFW is collaborating with First Lady Ann McCrory, and the Durham Rescue Mission for this event. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- **Displaced Homemaker Program (DH):** The CFW is rebranding the Displaced Homemaker program with a new name: *“Women in Transition”*. Currently 5,000 women are served by the DH program in 35 different counties.
- **Divorce Filing Fee (DFF) Program:** This program will end June 30, 2014. The program provides education, employment, housing, transportation and stipends to its clients. Mrs. Wilkins expressed her concerns about getting additional funding to assist with this program.
- **DVC & CFW Board:** Recruitment is underway for new Board members to replace the DV Commission members and the CFW Board members who have terms date ending this summer. Mrs. Wilkins will share information when possible.
- **Briefing Report on the Status of Women in Robeson County:** Feedback on the report will roll-out in July, 2014. The CFW is collaborating with the Governor’s Constituent office and the Indian Affairs office. An invitation was extended to Commission members interested in collaborating on this report.
- **Family Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVPSA):** Mrs. Mary Williams-Stover, Assistant Director for CFW, and Mrs. Gwen Moragne, CFW, attended the 2014 FVPSA Summit in Maryland, Baltimore on May 12-14, 2014. Mrs. Wilkins thanked Mr. Eric Zechman, Administrator for Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for assisting the CFW Division with the transition. A letter dated May 12, 2014 confirming the \$2.4 M grant for the NC FVPSA award was received. More details of the federal grant will be shared when possible.
- **North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (NCCADV&SA):** It was noted that the agency will be hosting a NCCADV 2014 Biennial Conference at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro on May 27, 2014.
- **Human Trafficking Event hosted by the NC CFW on March 31, 2014:** Mrs. Wilkins informed the Commission that the event was successful. The Division partnered with the Community Constituent Affairs (Office of the Governor, Pat McCrory) to host this event. She thanked the Governor’s Crime Commission and AT&T for helping fund this event. She also thanked the South East Raleigh Magnet High School and the Hope Community Church for helping the Division host the event.
- **2014 Women’s Veterans Summit & Expo, April 17, 2014:** The event was held by the NC National Guard, Raleigh, and addressed sexual assault in the military. The CFW participated in this event. The CFW vendor table provided handouts on the DV & SA programs funded by the CFW, the Status on Women in NC factsheets, and the Eastern Region factsheets.
- **Student Interns:** Mrs. Wilkins acknowledged Ms. Brittani Bryan, Ms. Maggie Collawn, and Ms. Rachel Ormand (seniors at Ravenscroft School, Raleigh) who were interns until May 29, 2014.

IV. THE CLERY ACT & MODIFICATIONS CREATED BY THE CAMPUS SAVE ACT: Commissioner Monika Johnson Hostler, Director NCCASA, presented this item. A handout of the PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Implications for reporting, response, and expanding prevention education and resources and partnerships with community service providers were announced:

The Campus SaVE Act and Title IX - highlights include:

- Campuses Taking Action
- Title IX "No person in the United States" Shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."
- 20 U.S. Code 1092 – Institutional and financial assistance information for students.
- Clery Act (20 U.S.C. 1092 f) – It is the Jeanne Clery Campus Security Policy & Crime Statistics Disclosure Act that requires disclosure of campus security policy and campus crime statistics.
- 2011 Guidance from the department of education – Interact, educates, and prevents sexual assaults in college campuses. According to campus administrators "The reporting of sexual assaults would be facilitated if institutions provided services for victims, written law enforcement response procedures, new student orientation, and campus-wide publicity about past crimes."
- Campus Sexual Violence Act – Purpose: To improve education and prevention related to the four crimes (campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking).
- Clery Act Additions – Description of four crimes; Institutional procedures followed once an incident has been reported; Description of victims' rights and institutional responsibilities regarding protection orders. Each institution shall provide in writing, develop and distribute a statement of policy.
- Reporting, Support, and Resources – College campuses need to define all three options.
- Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs – Statement prohibiting domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- Responsible employee
- Representation
- N.C. General Statute 116-40.11 "Any student enrolled at a constituent institution who is accused of a violation of the disciplinary or conduct rules of the constituent institution who is accused of a violation of the disciplinary or conduct rules of the constituent institution shall have the right to be represented regarding the alleged violation."
- Retaliation Clause "No officer, employee, or agent of an institution participating in any program shall retaliate, intimidate, threaten, coerce, or otherwise discriminate against any individual for exercising their rights or responsibilities."
- Burden of Proof "Preponderance of the evidence".
- Student and Employee Conduct – Mandates certain procedures in cases of violence. Prompt equitable investigation and resolution conducted by trained officials.
- Disciplinary Proceedings

The PowerPoint presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

Comments and Suggestion from Commission members

Commission members asked clarifying questions as follows:

- Statement and definition prohibiting DV, SA, dating violence, and stalking: It was noted that NCCASA would not request college campuses to use a civil/criminal justice framework, but rather use a framework that is conducive to campus setting.
- Burden of proof and definition of consent: It was noted that the two are tied together.
- How will universities interpret this responsibility? Commissioner Hostler noted that the institution shall report the crime and demographics. Who reports determines what details are included. She added that the institution has to ensure campus safety and provide notification/awareness. It was indicated that each institution is separate from the other *“one size does not fit all”*, what works with the larger institutions may not necessarily work with the smaller institutions.
- The responsible employee rule: Every employee must be trained on the four crimes (sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking). It was indicated all university campuses must notify students of their policies, definitions, and resources for the prevention and awareness of the four crimes. Commissioner Hostler emphasized even though these policies are listed on the website. Universities have the responsibility to communicate these policies through other means. The policies need to be easily and readily accessible to students at all times.
- How university implement retaliation clause? This clause also includes the perpetrator and the perpetrator’s friends.
- Rape crisis center “campus grant program”: It was noted that the Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women campus grant program grantees often provide intervention and prevention programming and are required to work with a local and/ or state sexual assault program.
- Commissioner Hostler concluded that the agency’s vision is to create safe equitable campuses for all the students. She expressed that Title IX was implemented by the survivors. A survey will be conducted on campus sexual assaults.

V. PRACTICAL REALITIES & RESPONSE TO THE CLERY ACT: Mr. Gary Brown, Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, NCCU and Ms. Anna Epshteyn, Prevention Education Coordinator, Women’s Center, NCCU, presented a PowerPoint presentation. Handouts were provided.

Highlights include:

Response on Campus

- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT)
 - Interdisciplinary team of campus and community members who are involved in working with survivors of interpersonal violence and responsible for holding offenders accountable.
 - Purpose of the CCRT (Coordinated Community Response Team) is to review and develop protocols, policies, and procedures related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.
 - Campus Partners (consists of Women’s Center, University Police, Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, Student Health & Counseling, Residential Life, New Student Services, Campus Ministries, and Title IX Coordinator)

- Community Partners (Durham Police Department Victim Services Unit, Durham Crisis Response Center)
- CCRT Objectives
 - Strengthen communication & streamline response between campus & the Durham community.
 - Create accountability for addressing issues of interpersonal violence.
 - Clearly define confidentiality requirements and constraints.
 - Understand, define, and create awareness for common language.
 - Create a marketing strategy that is engaging, appealing, and relevant.
- 2013 VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Amendments to Clery Checklist highlights
 - Amend Campus Security Report (CSR) to include new hate crime categories and definitions: National Origin, Gender Identity, Domestic Violence & Dating Violence, & Stalking.
 - Revise prevention programming for all incoming students/ employees to include resources: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Dating Violence, Stalking, Consent, Bystander Intervention, and Risk Reduction.
 - Develop and implement ongoing prevention awareness campaigns.
- Opportunities for Growth
 - Education for incoming students: gravity of the issues; counter balancing media representations
 - Implementation of University policy: staff/faculty investment; Interdisciplinary approach
 - Title IX and its interplay with Clery
 - Bystander intervention relevant to all campuses
 - Training needs for all involved in implementation: understanding the response needed for special populations
- Advocacy: <http://www.wncn.com/story/25324963/feds-launch-campaign-at-nccu-to-combat-sexual-assaults-on-campuses>
- Provide support to local institutions: Time, sponsor trainings, serving on the local CCRT.

Chairman Kline announced a short recess.

Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:10 (working lunch).

Chairman Kline acknowledged and thanked Deputy Secretary Bill Bryan for attending the meeting. The Deputy Secretary Bill Bryan thanked Commission members for their services and expressed his support to the DV Commission.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Victim Services Committee – Commissioner Rebecca Macy, Sub-Committee Chair presented this item. The following was discussed:

- The sub-committee met via teleconference in March 2014. The focus was on three key issues with regards to children exposed to domestic violence. (1) Enhancing and expanding services for children – Increasing Counseling services. (2) Greater public awareness. (3) Enhancing collaboration & partnerships across the state
- Possible next steps and specific strategies regarding developing a website and hotline across the state.

- Statewide summit/conference – To discuss promising practices for new developing areas. Commissioner Macy expressed that UNC Chapel Hill might help with partial funding for this event. She thanked members of her sub-committee.

Legal & Legislative Committee – Commissioner Alex Nicely was unable to attend.

Batterer Intervention Committee – Commissioner Jo Liles, Sub-Committee Chair presented this item. The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Liles announced that she will be leaving the DV Commission in August 2014.
- Re-organizing and re-prioritizing the sub-committees goals.
- Next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2014.
- Certification for court order referrals is required
- Programs have to be certified and monitored.
- Application process is reviewed by the Batterer Intervention Committee twice a year (February and August). The rules require Batterer Intervention Programs to be certified if serving court ordered clients.
- A telephone conference is slated during the summer to discuss the legal process.
- Developed the self-monitoring evaluation form and to assess the roles of Batterer Intervention Programs in the community. How well is the Batterer Intervention Program doing when collaborating with local agencies? Which of the policies are working the best? She expressed that it is imperative that victims feel comfortable accessing the resources available.
- Training for Batterer programs with approximately 50-60 attendees was conducted in April in Winston Salem. Primary focus of the training was the impact of domestic violence on children.
- An updated report will be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Education & Training – Commissioner Charles Campbell II, Sub-Committee Chair presented this item. The following was discussed:

- Partnered with NC State University to train the First Responders specifically for Law Enforcement.
- The NC basic training curriculum – Total 620 hours, only 12 hours are focused on domestic violence. Focus is mainly on how law enforcement responds to calls. It is not geared towards the victim or survivor. The sub-committee is looking into changing the procedures.
- 2002-2011 – There were 766 domestic violence related homicides in NC.
- 2011-2012 – 84,000 calls were received by providers. 51,000 were served, 394,000 received benefits or hospitalized. He noted the numbers need to be reduced by positive interaction by first responders.
- Dr. Mary Ware, Psychology Dept. of NC State University, has written a grant to fund research and training.
- Goals: To develop training methods in hopes of improving the outcomes for the survivors, and to evaluate the effect and satisfaction of preparedness.
- Project name – Community Partners and Change Agents (CPCA)
- Handout was provided for Research Design and Timeline.
- It was noted that the training will be implemented statewide. The training will be conducted at local community colleges. This training is geared to survivors and victims. Commissioner Campbell informed the Commission that he will know more about the grant in June.
- An updated report will be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dana Mangum, NCCADV presented the organization legislative update for North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence.

Highlights include:

- Legislative Meeting on March 17 regarding tax reform, Medicaid hole, and raises for teachers.
- Allison's law update regarding HB 477 – Electronic monitoring by GPS tracking
- Magistrate powers
- Federal Appropriations
- National Lobby Day
- Draft Bill – New rules for nonprofit use of state funds
- Amendment to the habitual assault statute, NCGS 14-33.2, as follows – *“A person commits the offense of habitual misdemeanor assault if that person violates any of the provisions of GS 14-33 and causes physical injury or 14-277.1 and displays or uses a deadly weapon or GS 14-34, and has two or more prior convictions for either misdemeanor or felony assault. A prior conviction is not a prior conviction for purposes of this section if a period of more than 15 years has elapsed between (1) the date of the conviction or the person's release from the confinement imposed for that conviction, whichever is the later date, and (2) the date of the current violation. A conviction under this section shall not be used as a prior conviction for any other habitual offense statute. A person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a Class H felony.”*

The handout is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

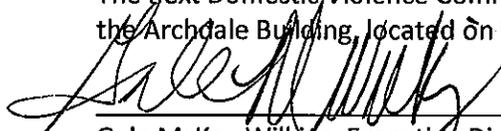
VII. SUB COMMITTEE BREAK OUT MEETINGS: *Chairman Kline announced a Sub Committee breakout session at 12:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 a.m.*

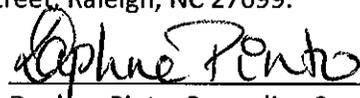
VIII. Recommendations for 2014 Legislative Agenda – This was deferred to the next meeting in August, 2014. It was stated that some of the legislative updates were addressed in Commissioner Mangum's presentation.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

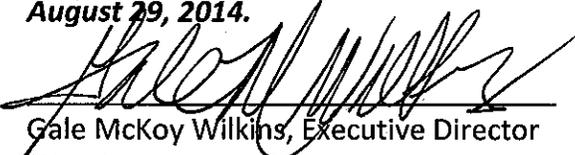
- May 27-28, NCCADV 2014 Biennial Conference at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.
- June 5, 2014/Enough, DV Awareness Campaign Launch Dinner/WRAL/Fox 50 TV.

X. ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m. The next Domestic Violence Commission meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2014 and will take place at the Archdale Building, located on 512 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27699.


Gale McKoy Wilkins, Executive Director
Division of Council for Women, Raleigh, N.C.
(Sign & Date)

 8-29-14
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission on August 29, 2014.



Gale McKoy Wilkins, Executive Director
(Sign & Date)