

**Domestic Violence Commission Meeting  
September 14, 2012 Minutes  
Public School Forum  
3739 National Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh NC**

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**Commission Member Attendees:** Chairperson Karen Parker, The Honorable Sherry Alloway, Marisol Barr, Judge Sharon Barrett, Sherry Bradsher, The Honorable Susan Bray, Gwendolyn Burrell, Charles Campbell, Cathy Cloninger, Senator Warren Daniels, Representative John Faircloth, Beth Froehling, Janeen Gingrich, Cheryl Howell, Alisa Hunt-Lowery, Jo Liles, Rebecca Macy, Brandon Madden for David Elliott, Marjorie Menestres, Deputy Secretary June Michaux, Reverend Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih, Timothy Moose, Alexander Nicely, Reese Pyrtle, Mary Catherine Stevens, Dudley Watts, Jr. and Beth Williams.

**Guest Attendees:** Rob Powell, NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Julie Owen, Regional Director, NC Council for Women; Lisa Allred Draper and Alice Lutz, Triangle Family Services; Kathleen Balogh, Regional Director, NC Council for Women; Kathleen Volandt, Auroros Incorporated; Tara Romano, NC Women United Executive Committee; and William Zeke Creech, Department of Administration.

**NC Council for Women Staff Attendees:** Beth Briggs, Charlotte Hanemann and Mary Williams-Stover

**A. OPENING/WELCOME – Karen Parker, Chairperson**

Chairperson Karen Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to our new appointees. The Commission members introduced themselves, Karen thanked members for their commitment to the work. She reminded members to stay abreast of the required ethics training and the Conflict of Interest policy. If members have any questions please contact the Ethics Commission at 919-715-2071 or visit the website at <http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/>.

**B. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS – Judge Sherry Alloway**

Newly appointed members Susan Bray, Charles Campbell II, Senator Warren Daniel, Representative John Faircloth, Marjorie Menestres, Alexander Nicely, Reese Pyrtle, Mary Catherine Stevens, and Dudley Watts, Jr. were sworn in by The Honorable Sherry Alloway. Absent appointed members Matthew Hambidge and George York will be sworn in at the December 7, 2012 meeting.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Karen Parker, Chairperson**

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the April 13, 2012 minutes. Gwendolyn Burrell moved to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Sherry Alloway, and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Executive Director Report – Beth Briggs**

Ms. Briggs presented an overview of the Domestic Violence Commission members and the role of the Council for Women members. Commission members advocate on behalf of women and report to policy makers, the General Assembly and the Governor on women's issues in North Carolina. The Council for Women monitors and administers over \$12 million in grants to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Displaced Homemaker Programs across the state. Over 61,000 women in North Carolina were served last year by 250 agencies that provide sexual assault and domestic violence programs. The Council for Women's has four regional offices that monitor program operations for the agencies and two grant administrators in the Raleigh office that oversee the grant financial management. Ms. Briggs is grateful for the member's involvement and encourages members to be active in the programs serving their communities.

**E. Legislative Committee Report - Sharon Barrett**

This committee was tasked in 2009 to review Chapter 50B of the North Carolina General Statutes and to make recommendations to the Commission regarding procedural and technical issue changes. The committee members who worked on the proposed amendment report include Cheryl Howell, Beth Froehling, Judge Tripp Helms, Judge Jennifer Green, Judge Sharon Barrett, Kellie Myers, Steven Storch, Dr. Beth Moracco, TeAndra Miller, Suzanne Chester, Beth Posner and Tara Minter. Cheryl Howell presented a copy of the Chapter 50B Domestic Violence statute and the proposed amendment for review. Members were asked to review the

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proposed amendments and discuss at the next council meeting scheduled December 7, 2012.

**F. Updates on State and Federal Initiatives**

**eNOugh Campaign – Karen Parker**

Ms. Parker gave an update on the domestic violence public awareness campaign. Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties are serving as pilots for the initiative. This is a print / media campaign geared towards victims, perpetrators and bystanders to educate people about domestic violence. The fundraising goal for this project is \$1,000,000, and to date \$500,000 has been raised with in-kind media sponsorship and cash donations. For more information on the eNOugh Campaign visit [www.enoughviolence.com](http://www.enoughviolence.com).

**DOJ DV Fatality Report – Brandon Madden (for David Elliott)**

Mr. Madden presented the Department of Justice Domestic Violence Fatality Report on behalf of David Elliott. The report compiles data received from local law enforcement. In 2010 there were 107 domestic violence related homicides in North Carolina and 106 in 2011. The report is used to identify trends to reduce or prevent domestic violence related homicides. Mr. Madden asked the commission for recommendation or actions to help in this effort. Mr. Madden will provide the commission with an electronic copy of the report.

**Status of Women Report – Beth Briggs**

The preliminary report, the Economic Status of Women was released on Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2012. The positive news is an increase in the wage gap from 73 cents to the dollar of their male counterpart in 1996 to 83 cents to the dollar in the most recent data. More women are working full time and they are more educated, obtaining higher education degrees. Although women are more highly educated than men, it does not relate in wage equity. The average median salary for women in North Carolina is \$33,000 compared to a man's median salary of \$40,000. Forty-one percent (41%) of women are single mothers with the median income for single mothers in North Carolina \$20,000 annually. Sixty-six percent (66%) of working women in North Carolina have children under the age of five. The average cost of child care in North Carolina in a daycare setting is \$9,100 annually for a newborn and \$7,700 annually for a four year old, often prohibitively high for working families. The wage gap for women with a bachelor's degree is 71 cents to the dollar compared to men. This report can be found on the Council for Women's website at [www.councilforwomen.nc.gov](http://www.councilforwomen.nc.gov). The next report will be release October 11, 2012 with information on health, political participation of women, and detailed data for specific counties.

**G. Intersection of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence –  
Rob Powell, NCCASA and Julie Owens, NC CFW Southern Piedmont Regional Director**

Julie Owens, Regional Director for the North Carolina Council for Women presented a Power Point Presentation on domestic violence. Ms. Owens, who has worked closely with domestic violence victims over the last twenty-five years, discussed domestic violence legal history, various types of abuse and myths about domestic violence. Julie also discussed victim characteristics and focus on why batterers abuse.

Rob Powell with NCCASA presented a Power Point presentation on Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse. In 2011 25,000 calls were received pertaining to sexual assault. One in five women has been raped in their lifetime. At least 60% of domestic violence victims experienced sexual assault within their relationship. Mr. Powell discussed the history of marital rape, defining intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV). He also discussed forms of IPSV, lack of acknowledgement of IPSV, responses to IPSV and psychological impacts of IPSV.

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## **H. Status Reports from Committees**

➤ **Victim Services:** Alisa Hunt Lowery

The focus of the victim service committee is domestic violence and the American Indian population. A survey was sent out to programs that offered services to the 20 North Carolina counties with the highest American Indian population. A handout of the survey was given to commission members. The American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference will be held in September with the theme around domestic violence and American Indian Women. The survey will be discussed during this conference. The committee will present their findings and recommendations to the commission at our December commission meeting. Beth Briggs and Karen Parker expressed the Commission's appreciation to Alisa for her commitment to the Domestic Violence Commission.

➤ **Abuser Treatment:** Jo Liles

This committee has met once since the last commission meeting. The committee reviews applications for certification of Abuser Treatment Programs in February and August each year. In August, two applications were received for review; Madison/Yancey and Forsyth Counties. Neither programs have been certified as of this meeting but are close to receiving their certification.

➤ **Law Enforcement & Pro Arrest:**

The committee has not met since the last DVC meeting and there is nothing new to report at this time.

➤ **Work Place Violence:** Brandon Madden

Mr. Madden updated the commission that this committee is working on a best practice manual for domestic violence in the workplace. This committee has not meet since last meeting.

## **I. Abuser Treatment Programs – Kathleen Balogh, NC CFW Western Regional Director Lisa Allred Draper, Triangle Family Services**

Kathleen Balogh, Regional Director for North Carolina Council for Women discussed Abuser Treatment Programs. Kathleen suggested transitioning to the terminology of Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) instead of using Abuser Treatment. A Batterer Intervention Program is a program for domestic violence offenders that are committed to safe-guarding victims and changing perpetrators behaviors. Participants come from criminal or civil court orders, DSS orders, or on a volunteer basis. The CFW accepts and reviews applications, gathers statistical data, renews certifications, investigates programs, offers technical support and evaluates programs. The CFW receives no additional staff or budget to oversee batterer intervention programs however, currently oversees 96 batterer intervention programs. Kathleen and the BIP committee are working on an online version of a Batterer Intervention handbook. For more information on Batterer Intervention Programs visit the [www.councilforwomen.nc.gov](http://www.councilforwomen.nc.gov).

Lisa Allred Draper of Triangle Family Services, a Batterer Intervention Program discussed their DOSE program. In 2011, DOSE served 549 clients, 98% of clients who completed their program did not reoffend within the first year. Ms. Draper discussed the type of clients served, intake procedures, evaluation process and case management services offered to their clients. For more information about the DOSE program visit [www.tfsnc.org](http://www.tfsnc.org).

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**J. New/Old Business**

Karen and Beth asked the commission what topics or presentations they would like to see in upcoming commission meetings. The commission briefly discussed topics about the impact of domestic violence, DV training for judges and DAs, presentation from dual programs that offer DV & SA services, data collection and human trafficking.

Next year's commission meetings will be held at the Public School Forum 3739 National Drive, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27612 on February 8, 2013; April 12, 2013; August 9, 2013 and December 13, 2013.

**CLOSING REMARKS/ MEETING ADJOURNED**

Chairperson Karen Parker encouraged members to email any ideas, topics or recommendations to her or Beth. Karen thanked everyone for attending and for their support. The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm. The next meeting will be December 7, 2012 in this same location.

Submitted by Charlotte Hanemann, NC Council for Women.