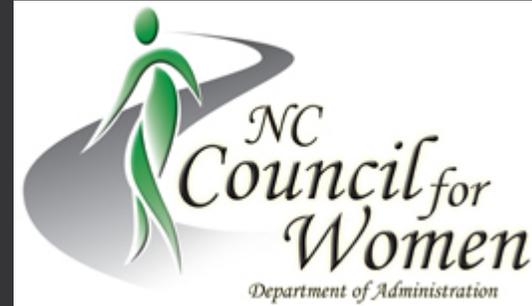


Batterer's Intervention Committee

The Lethality Assessment Sub-Committee's Process Toward a Best-Practice Form



From The Beginning

- Formation of the committee
 - **Kathleen Balogh**, Western Regional Director for the NC Council for Women
 - **Amily McCool**, Systems Advocacy Coordinator for NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - **Jo McCants**, Associate Council for the NC Administrative Office of the Courts
 - **Mike Silver**, NC Domestic Violence Commission (and two Wake Forest Law Students)
 - **Bernetta Thigpin**, Northern Piedmont Regional Director for the NC Council for Women
 - **Eric Zechman**, NC Domestic Violence Commission



Meeting Across Boundaries

- Used Adobe Connect to meet with subcommittee members
- Meetings used video/audio conferencing
- Two Adobe Connect Meetings Were Held
 - (1) Introduction and uniform understanding of the mission
 - (2) A review of lethality assessments from across the State

The screenshot shows the Adobe Connect meeting interface. At the top, the browser title bar reads "UNC-MPA_Carl Stenberg's Room- (UNC-MPA_0000087) - Adobe Connect" and the system clock shows "Thu 7:41 PM". The main video area displays a grid of 12 participants: Carl Stenberg, Robert Wedge, Ruth Rivas, Brian Manning, Karissa Schafer, Grant Whitley, Nicole Kaufman-Dyess, Amanda Keese, Jeremy Schmidt, Mike Silver, and Paula Dibley. Below the video grid are four panels: "Agenda" with a list of topics for Week 8, "Notes 18" containing discussion questions about federal funding and the Supreme Court's role, "Chat (Everyone)" with a conversation about video connection issues and internet bandwidth, and "Attendees (12)" listing all participants and hosts.



In-Person Meeting in Durham

- The Sub-Committee created three break-out groups and reviewed questions organized by administrative code 01 NCAC 17 .0704
- Each group selected key questions and revisions from their assigned sections
- Each break-out group presented their work to the entire group
- Discussions were had on how to test our “best practice” assessment
- After the meeting, the revisions were placed in ‘Google Doc’ to allow revisions from the entire group.
- Currently, we have a working draft



Next Steps

- Allow practitioners to use our “best practice” assessment on clients
- Get feedback from practitioners and revise the document
- Get approval from the NC Council for Women to publish the document
- Encourage agencies using lethality assessments to use our form

