

## **CEDV Meeting Notes**

<b>Meeting:</b>	Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Meeting
<b>Date and time:</b>	July 21, 2022, 7:30a.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Electronic/Web based Meeting due to COVID Emergency <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84228034257">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84228034257</a>
<b>Council Members Present:</b>	Adarsh Trehan, Alycia Blackwell (Michael Becketts), Alyssa Emery, Andrew Goldberg, Amanda Katz, Ambreen Ahmed, Brenda McBorough, Cecilia Ortega-Shew (Dominic Bonaiuto), Christopher Leonard, Clarence Dickens (John Butler), Dalia Palchik, David Bernhard (Penny Azcarate), Dawn Butorac, Derwin Overton, Elizabeth Teare, Erin Schaible, Geneviève Fine, James Ferguson, Jamie Milloy, John Cook, Joe Meyer, Judith Helein (Theresa Brion), Jhumka Gupta, Kader Gumus, Katrina Smith (Matt Thompson), Karrie Delaney, Kim Jaramillo, Lisa Sales, Maha Abejuela (Judge Thomas Sotelo), Matt Thompson, Mattie Palmore, Nyle Berkley (Stacey Kincaid), Nora Mahoney (James Ferguson), Phylicia Woods, Pia Miller (Stephen Descano), Rachna Krishnan, Ramona Carroll, Razan Fayez, Ryan Durazo (AYUDA), Susan Earman (Lisa Mayne), Susan Stoney (Lisa Mayne), Theresa Brion, Toni Zollicoffer, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Barnett.
<b>Council Members Absent (With no designee present):</b>	Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Corie O'Rourke, Daryl Washington, James Morris, Supervisor James Walkinshaw, Kevin Davis (Police Chief), Leigh Taylor, Maggie A. DeBoard, Nicole Lawrie, Paula Fitzgerald, Roy Oliver, Scott Brabrand.
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Abigail Picard, Brittany Vera, Cecilia Herrera, Eduardo Leiva, Jess Werder, Laura Haggerty-Lacalle, Lois Kirkpatrick, Na Eun (Anna) Kim, Stacy Ziebell.
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Chi Sook Park

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### **AGENDA**

- I. Electronic Meeting Requirements**
- II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes**
- III. Achievements & Ongoing work**
- IV. Equity Focus – Bylaws, Jim Ferguson, LSNV**
- V. Roe V Wade – Impacts for Victims & Survivors, Phylicia Woods, Chair of Commission for Women**
- VI. Legislative Initiatives**
- VII. CEDV Members Open Forum**
- VIII. Adjourn**

#### **I. Electronic Meeting Requirements**

CEDV staffer Stacy Ziebell informed that the meeting reached quorum at 7:32am and quorum was established. Toni Zollicoffer chairing the meeting in the absence of Chairman Walkinshaw; she welcomed participants. Toni Zollicoffer noted that this meeting is being held electronically due to the state of emergency due to COVID. Screenshots of the attendees list were taken to document attendance.

Toni Zollicoffer motioned that every member's voice may be adequately heard by other members of the Council. Judge Susan Stoney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Toni Zollicoffer stated that a public body must certify that the usual procedural requirement of FOIA cannot be followed because of the Emergency. Judge Susan Stoney made the motion. James Ferguson seconded. Motion carried. Toni Zollicoffer stated that all matters addressed on the agenda are necessary to continue operations in the discharge of this counsel's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Judge Susan Stoney made the motion. James Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

## II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

The CEDV's April 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved. Geneviève Fine first. Christopher Leonard seconded. Motion carried.

## III. Achievements & Ongoing work

Council is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Celebrations, honoring length of service awards:

20 Years: Mattie Palmore, Ambreen Ahmed

15 – 20 years: James Ferguson

10 or more: Christopher Leonard, Joe Meyer

Members were thanked for their work and support during the time. Stacy shared the on-going work of the CEDV and highlighted recent accomplishments.

Mattie Palmore has been a member of the Council since the beginning. She shared that she is a survivor and overcomer of DV. She has always focused on getting services to underserved people. We have to tell the hard truths, that sometimes don't want to be heard but it needs to be said. She spent the last 20 years advocating for survivors' point of view to be heard on the Council.

James Ferguson joined the Council in 2006. He is amazed by the sheer number of people involved in the council and the breadth of Fairfax CCR effort. These are real, concrete accomplishments that make a difference. The response to DV is so much stronger because of the CCR and the work of the Council. He hopes to celebrate this milestone in person when it is safe to do so.

Toni Zollicoffer thanked the members of the CEDV who are helping to move the needle to end interpersonal violence in Fairfax.

## IV. Equity Focus – Bylaws, Jim Ferguson, LSNV

Focus – Bylaws – Jim Ferguson shared an update on the work of the Equity Subcommittee. He set out an understanding and agreement, that the work be fact based, and data driven to be able to respond to the real needs of the community.

a. **Bylaws** – The group has identified main areas that need to be reviewed by the Council. There is not currently an equity statement in the bylaws and the group would like to include that. They would like to look at leadership structure, vacancies, leadership facilitation group, and the nominations committee.

b. **Leadership Structure** - The subcommittee conducted best practice research and benchmarked internal County BACs, other similar entities throughout the country, interviews, and internal discussions. The group identified various options. 4 options (not exhaustive) presented:

- i. Chair – current structure
- ii. Co-chairs
- iii. Chair and vice Chair (balanced between county and community)
- iv. One chair and two vice chairs with staggered terms (balanced between community and County)

The group presented pros and cons. Multiple leadership positions Pros, Succession planning, Training and Mentoring, Shared responsibility, Diversity of perspective and experience.

Current Leadership Structure allows for a clear point of responsibility and established credibility within County hierarchy. Whatever the leadership structure, it is very important to have a credible voice within the BOS. What are the pros and cons of the various leadership structures? Thank you to Lisa for coming up with the idea to form this Sub-committee to ensure that a diversity of opinions, backgrounds and experiences be heard and represented.

#### **V. Roe V Wade – Impacts for Victims & Survivors, Phylicia Woods, Chair of Commission for Women**

To be facilitated by Chair of the Commission for Women (CFW) Phylicia Woods, with an extensive background in Public Health Policy, Government Relations, and Community Development. The aim is to have a discussion on the impact of the recent Supreme Court US decision that overturned Roe v Wade and determined that abortion is not a Constitutionally protected right.

June 28, the Fairfax County BOS presented a board matter directing the HHS agencies to provide clear and comprehensive information about available services in the county that provide reproductive health services. Jess Werder from the Health Department spoke about the response to Board's request for information and to provide comprehensive information to the county, so they can understand the implications of the SCOTUS decision. Go to Fairfax County website – Reproductive Health Information on the public website. To date, nothing has changed in Virginia regarding reproductive rights. The website points people to the existing Reproductive Health Information in the Human Services Resource Guide that contains information about Reproductive Health services and providers in the County. Also, will be proactively monitoring legislation and the potential impact on the county.

There was discussion on the impacts on Victims of domestic and sexual violence and the questions was asked, “what we can do as a Council to ensure that resources and information are shared.” Acknowledge that this is a sensitive decision but want to make sure that we as a Council can provide information and resources to victims and survivors of DV.

Hosted paired Conversations with meeting participants

Phylicia Woods – shared perspectives on the importance of advocacy, including arming people with information. Importance of available resources, access to information sharing and gathering, and empowering members of your community to advocate.

Dalia Palchik shared information from staff members of TWC. There is a lot of anxiety, although nothing has changed in Virginia, there is a lot of anxiety around this issue. Women who are pregnant become more vulnerable to being victims of control – and reproductive coercion.

Ryan Durazo – Ayuda – Reproductive coercion. There is a lot of anxiety within the immigrant community. There is legislation on the books in VA, that says that abortion is a crime of moral turpitude. Fear in this community that it could trigger deportation.

Dr. Jhumka Gupta – Professor at GMU on epidemiology. Reproductive coercion. Autonomy on family

planning. Some clinics nationally are asking about reproductive coercion as a marker for IPV. Different communities feeling a lot more stressed – LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities. Also need to look at the mental health component produced from this environment.

Kader Gumus – survivor of DV and SV. The impact that the SCOTUS decision has on survivors of incest, abuse, and rape is not only the impact of abortion, but other services that a victim may need access to including the severe impact on the mental health of survivors, in particular those who have experienced rape. Must monitor the state level legislative impact in VA.

Amanda Katz – This SCOTUS decision is based on a set of religious values, that are not shared by all religions. This is seen as a severe limitation on freedom of religion.

Phylicia Woods thanked all for their participation in the discussion.

## **VI. Legislative Initiatives**

Stacy Ziebell informed that the county starts to prepare the legislative agenda for supervisors for the 2023 session. The first step is consideration of new legislative initiatives such initiatives and that's for consideration by board supervisors which is good way for the council to use its voice to make suggested changes, so informed to the council getting prepared for being able to contribute to this in future sessions.

## **VII. CEDV Members Open Forum**

Lisa Sales shared information about the use of CCTV for children to testify in court. There is also a dog available to calm a child.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting October 7th, 2022