

CEDV Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Meeting
Date and time:	January 19 2023, 7:30a.m.
Location:	Electronic/Web based Meeting due to COVID Emergency
Meeting URL:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83767776502
Council Members Present:	Amanda Katz, Andrew Goldberg, Brenda McBorrow, Cecilia Ortega-Shew, Christopher Leonard, Christopher Revere, Clarence Dickens (John Butler), Corie O'Rourke, Daryl Washington, David Bernhard (Penny Azcarate), Dawn Butorac, Dominic Bonaiuto, Elizabeth Teare, Geneviève Fine, Irma Mejia-Lewis (Sup. Walkinshaw), James Ferguson, Supervisor James Walkinshaw, Jamie Milloy, John Cook (703-xxx-xx77), Joe Meyer, Kader Gumus, Katrina Smith (Matt Thompson), Kimberly Jaramillo, Leigh Taylor, Lisa Sales, Maha-Rebekah Abejuela (Judge Thomas Sotelo), Matt Thompson, Michael Becketts, Nora Mahoney (James Ferguson), Nyle Berkley (Stacey Kincaid), Rachna Krishnan, Ramona Carroll, Susan Stoney (703-xxx-xx14) (Lisa Mayne), Theresa Brion, Thomas Arnold, Thomas Barnett, Toni Zollicoffer, Michelle Boyd,
Council Members Absent (With no designee present):	Adarsh Trehan, Alyssa Emery, Ambreen Ahmed, Dalia Palchik, Derwin Overton, Erin Schaible, James Morris, Jhumka Gupta, Judith Helein, Karrie Delaney, Kevin Davis (Police Chief), Maggie A. DeBoard, Mattie Palmore, Nicole Lawrie, Paula Fitzgerald, Phylicia Woods, Pia Miller (Stephen Descano), Roy Oliver, Ryan Durazo (AYUDA), Scott Brabrand, Susan Earman (Lisa Mayne).
Guests and Staff:	Abigail Picard, Brittany Vera, Eduardo Leiva, Gulira Alieva, John Ruthinoski, Josephine Gonzalez, Laura Haggerty-Lacalle, Makya Little, Mary Ottinot (215-xxx-xxxx), Natalia (703-xxx-xx20), Stacy Ziebell.
Note Taker:	Chi Sook Park

AGENDA

- I. Electronic Meeting Requirements
- II. Approval of July Meeting Minutes
- III. Ongoing work & Achievements
- IV. A Case Study: Impact of Fairfax County's Misdemeanor Prosecution Policy Change on Victims of Simple Assault, presented by Eduardo Leiva
- V. Proposed Leadership Structure, Equity Subcommittee presented by Jim Ferguson
- VI. CEDV Members Open Forum
- VII. Adjourn

I. Electronic Meeting Requirements

CEDV staffer Stacy Ziebell informed that quorum was established. Chairman Walkinshaw welcomed participants, reviewed electronic meeting script, clear and audible. Screenshots of the attendees list were taken to document attendance. Chairman Walkinshaw motioned that every member's voice may

be adequately heard by other members of the Council. Jim Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Walkinshaw stated that a public body must certify that the usual procedural requirement of FOIA cannot be followed because of the Emergency. Chairman Walkinshaw made the motion. Genevieve Fine seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Walkinshaw 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. Chairman Walkinshaw made the motion. Jim Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

II. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Chairman Walkinshaw declared CEDV's July 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved. Corie O' Rourke first. Joe Meyer, seconded. Motion carried.

III. Ongoing work & Achievements

Recent work of the Council workgroups, presented by Stacy Ziebell.

- Accountability workgroup holding focus groups to bring in survivor voice and help determine what goals, objectives, and processes for accountability are most important for the community.
- The GAL Training Committee hosted its second training of the year for Guardians ad litem across Northern Virginia.
- Fairfax County Magistrates received training on domestic violence and trauma. Follow up resource cards will be produced.
- Accessible material on firearms surrender produced for respondents on final Protective Orders.
- GDC PO Packet streamlining started.
- Increased mental health services for children.
- JDR Protective Order process to be shared in a streamlined, accessible way for public.
- Countywide annual report under construction.

No questions regarding this. Chairman Walkinshaw thanked committee members and staff for working on all of this.

IV. A Case Study: Impact of Fairfax County's Misdemeanor Prosecution Policy Change on Victims of Simple Assault, presented by Eduardo Leiva

Stacy Ziebell introduced context – in Feb. 2021 had the opportunity to look at a policy decision to look at impacts. Hope that this process provides a model for how to examine a policy. Thank you to Steve Descano for working collaboratively with the Council to reverse a decision that disproportionately impacted a portion of the population. A Case Study – Commonwealth Attorney's Office, was presented by Eduardo Leiva – presenting findings from the report. The report can be referenced here [Impact of Fairfax County's Misdemeanor Prosecution Policy Change on Victims of Simple Assault](#)

Q&A: Makya asked if there was any look at the financial impact on victims in the process of separating themselves from DV situations. While there is a body of literature related to that, that was not looked at in this particular study. But the financial aspect would be a beneficial one to look at.

John Ruthinoski – due to limited data related to the number of people who did not get services would be impacted and make it harder to do estimations or projections.

Chairman Walkinshaw called to vote to approve Adopt the Case Study report as official Council Report – Andrew Goldberg first moved, and Amanda Katz seconded. Motion carried.

V. Proposed Leadership Structure, Equity Subcommittee presented by Jim Ferguson

Discussion led by Jim Ferguson – Proposed Leadership Structure. These are the ideas and results of the Equity Subcommittee, as endorsed by the CEDV Leadership Facilitation Group.

- a. Overview of the origins, goals, and process. This council has been in existence for 20years. Senior leaders of the County, to look at DV issues and present them to the Board of Supervisors.
- b. Equity Subcommittee – goals to integrate an Equity and Racial Justice focus into all areas of CEDV’s work. Charged to consider issues related to full CEDV participation, diversity, and inclusion. Recognition of the Equity Subcommittee Members
- c. Timing is important, as there will be a vacancy on the Council this year, so it is important to have this change in place. Some of the recommendations will require amending the Council’s Bylaws.
- d. Process of the Equity Subcommittee – Thorough and thoughtful, Open and Transparent Process. Surveys, Interviews, Focus Groups, and Researched other boards and commissions inside and outside of the county.
- e. Proposal – 4 part – Have all been endorsed by the Leadership Facilitation Group.
 - i. Leadership Roles – a chair and a Vice Chair – serve alongside each other, 3-year terms. Either a member of the BOS, or Senior Leadership, and the other chair would be filled by a community based non-profit leader of an organization that works in the DV field. Then, at the end of the 3 years, the roles will rotate between who is serving as Chair and who is serving as Vice Chair.
 - ii. Creation of a New Community Leader/Organizer Role – third leadership role. This individual would serve on both Leadership Facilitation and Nominations Committees.
 - iii. Modification to the Leadership Facilitation Group – Fleshes out the role to be played.
 - iv. Fleshing out the role of the Nominations Committee –throughout the year to identify and vet candidates for specific roles.

Review of Recommendations made and next steps: – adopt the Proposal, go to County Attorney’s Office for Review, adopt formally at next Council meeting, Board Adoption, then Additional Bylaws changes further down the road.

Makya Little – indicated that she would be interested in being the non-profit rep. She is in the process of establishing the Phoenix Organization.

Mary Ottinot - Hoping that survivors will be in this Council. Nothing about us without us. Different way of viewing things when survivors are in the process. Jim shared that there are survivor voices on all the committees. Recommendation that the process of community engagement is spelled out in the By-laws. What does that look like to make sure that the engagement work is being done as intended. What is the complaint procedure? Can members of the community make a complaint. Make sure that the rules are spelled out very clearly.

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Jim - Shared the community access has been the focus of the Equity Subcommittee. Intend to address the other issues too.

Makya Little - Pointed out that the chat was disabled. Stacy shared that is due to FOIA rules.

John Cook - Shared that he was impressed by the work of the Subcommittee. This started while he was chair, and the work continued, and it was very thorough and thoughtful.

Chairman Walkinshaw thanked the committee and shared that this is important to do now. October is a deadline, as his leadership term will be ending, and he does not intend to run.

Move to adopt four-part proposal of the Equity Subcommittee – Jim Ferguson first moved. Chris Leonard seconded. Motion carried.

VI. CEDV Members Open Forum

Genevieve – Current environment in LGBTQ+, in particular for trans people. There are currently 11 bills in the legislature, in particular a bill related to participation in sports, even though there are only 9 people in the state impacted by this. Need to look at impact of violence in the trans community. There was already a murder of a trans woman in DC.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 am

Next Meeting – April 20,2023