



CEDV Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Meeting
Date and time:	July 20, 2023, 7:30a.m.
Location:	Virtual Meeting / Electronic - Web based Meeting
Meeting URL:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86024188444
Council Members/ Designees Present:	Supervisor James Walkinshaw, Ambreen Ahmed, Andrew Goldberg, Amanda Katz, Doctor Brenda McBorrow, Christopher Leonard, Christopher Revere (Gloria Addo-Ayensu), Clarence Dickens (John Butler), Dalia Palchik, Dawn Butorac, Derwin Overton, Dominic Bonaiuto, Elizabeth Teare, Geneviève Fine, Irma Mejia-Lewis (Supervisor Walkinshaw), Jamie Milloy, Jhumka Gupta, John Cook, Jonathan Frieden, Judith Helein (Adarsh Trehan), Kader Gumus, Katrina Smith (Matt Thompson), Kimberly Jaramillo, Leigh Taylor, Maha-Rebekah Abejuela (Judge Thomas Sotelo), Michael Becketts, Nora Mahoney (James Ferguson), Nyle Berkley (Stacey Kincaid), Rachna Krishnan, Ramona Carroll, Razan Fayez, Saly Fayez (Kevin Davis), Captain Judge Susan Stoney (Lisa Mayne), Judge Steve Shannon (Penny Azcarate), Dr. Terri Edmunds-Heard (Michelle Reid), Thomas Arnold, Thomas Barnett, Toni Zollicoffer.
Council Members Absent (With no designee present):	Alyssa Emery, Cecilia Ortega-Shew, Corie O'Rourke (Paula Fitzgerald), Daryl Washington, Erin Schaible, James Morris, Jennifer Sands (Stephen Descano), Joe Meyer, Lisa Sales, Maggie DeBoard, Mattie Palmore, Phylicia Woods, Katrina Smith (Matt Thompson)
Guests and Staff:	Abigail Picard, Angela Yeboah, Barry Zweig, Jessica Werder, John Crownover, Keesha Coke, Melody Vielbig, Ruth Miklem, Stacy Ziebell.
Note Taker:	Rae Nguyen / Chi Sook Park

AGENDA

- I. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
- II. Equity Spotlight – Amanda Katz, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- III. Nominations Committee, Ramona Carroll, NCS and Jessica Werder, Health Department
- IV. Legislative Updates – Ruth Miklem, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
- V. Open Forum
- VI. Adjourn

I. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Quorum established.

Supervisor Walkinshaw welcomed participants and new members of the council: Judge Steve Shannon from the Circuit Court and Doctor Terri Edmunds-Heard, assistant Superintendent in the Department of Social Services. Previous meeting's minutes were distributed on Apr. 14th. No changes or additions to the April Meeting minutes. Tom Arnold made the motion for the approval of the April Meeting minutes. Geneviève Fine seconded. Motion carried and April 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. Equity Spotlight – Amanda Katz, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse

Amanda Katz, the Executive Director of the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA), is a member of the equity subcommittee and presented a review of a retreat that the committee held in May with action items toward deepening partnerships.

Overview of Deepening Partnerships:

1. Focus in on partnerships and the authenticity of relationships in this community.
2. Deepening partnerships and understanding the intersectionality of what clients are experiencing.
 - a. Clients have intersectional backgrounds and have different needs. Wanting to answer the question: “How are we addressing those needs and how are we giving them resources to help them feel empowered and safe?”
3. Various agencies are involved with the work that goes on and the services that are provided.
4. Partner continuum was revisited.
5. Emphasizing translating meaningful relationships into deeper partnerships.

The ability to collaborate, cooperate, and coordinate is of utmost importance when establishing baselines for how continually deepen our partnerships.

Breakout room in pairs: participants had a conversation with their assigned partner to establish or deepen a relationship in order to further the work we collaborate on and encourage participants to do this in their own agencies. Establishing relationships allows us to start talking about how we work with survivors, how we work with each other as service providers, and how we are showing up for the whole community. In the past couple of years, things have not changed as to how domestic violence agencies and programs are able to work closely together. These reflections go back to the three potential areas for growth which the equity subcommittee is already working on. Working with the bylaws, the nominations committee and leadership, the culture changes, the structures, and the funding that is needed to do the work are going to start to come to fruition – however, this takes time. Committed to these three next steps: elevating voices, exploring funding opportunities, and creating effective feedback loops. Supervisor Walkinshaw thanked Amanda and the entire subcommittee. Supervisor Walkinshaw encouraged participants to reach out to Amanda for any questions about the retreat and the follow-up items that have been identified (which will be discussed more at future meetings as well).

III. Nominations Committee, Ramona Carroll, NCS and Jessica Werder, Health Department

Supervisor Walkinshaw presented the members of the Nominations Committee as approved by the Leadership Group at their June 16th meeting. Those Nominations Committee members include: Ramona Carroll (Vice chair), Dr. Brenda McBorrow, Razan Fayez, Joe Meyer, and Mattie Palmore. This group will be chaired by Ramona Carroll and vice chaired by Jessica Werder. The Nominations Committee members are responsible for identifying and helping to identify the future leaders of the council. Ramona Carroll from NCS and Jessica Werder from Health Department provided a presentation regarding new leadership recruitment and nomination. They reviewed the timeline for the application process and opened a discussion about bylaw phrasing. The slate of leadership candidates

will be presented at the November 9th meeting.

Overview of Nominations Committee presentation:

a. Committee Structure

- Last meeting held was on July 7th and the upcoming meeting takes place August 7th.
- There are a total of six members in this committee, including two returning members.

1. Elected Chair and Vice Chair

b. Recruitment/Nomination Process

- New leadership structure changes include recruitment for Chair, Vice Chair, and Community Leader and Organizer.
- Nomination and application period starts July 24th, 2023. Candidates will be screened and those going on will have a full interview with the Nominating Committee.
- Presentation for approval of the leadership slate will be at the November 9th CEDV meeting.

c. Outreach and engagement

- Suggested that the attendees leverage existing partnerships to help engage community to be able to have a larger group of eligible and willing nominees and applicants. This would engage and support linguistically diverse communities.

Bylaws have phrasing that the committee wanted to review to allow a moment to express differing opinions and have a conversation about how to move forward with the nominees. Jess Werder presented this portion of the presentation – See presentation and document.

Jess Werder thanked everyone for validating conversations and stated that the committee will proceed with the community leader and organizer position consistent with what the bylaws say today for this round of nominations. The nominations committee will work with the equity subcommittee for a language change going forward, but for this round of nominations they will work with the current language.

Ramona Carroll thanked Jess Werder and all participants for their feedback. Ramona Carroll reminded that the recruitment period opens the week of Monday July 24th and that on November 9th, during the CEDV Meeting, they will present a slate of new leadership. All participants were encouraged to email and submit names freely to Stacy Ziebell at stacy.ziebell@fairfaxcounty.gov. Jess Werder reminded everyone to get someone's consent before nomination.

Chris Revere asked how he can share this information with his networks and if there was any kind of material to disseminate the information. Ramona Carroll answered saying that information will be shared during the upcoming week.

IV. Legislative Updates – Ruth Miklem, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Supervisor Walkinshaw introduced Ruth Miklem from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Ruth Miklem is the Community Initiatives Manager for the VSDVAA. All information can be found in the legislative guide and will be shared again by Stacy Ziebell. Any questions can be referred to Ruth Miklem or Jonathan Yglesias.

She provided a presentation on the 2023 General Assembly Session from January 1st through February

25th. This went over the Senate bills (SB) and House bills (HB) that were approved and will go into effect as well as the ones that failed to pass. Overview of 2023 General Assembly Session:

- a. HB 1673 and SB 1156 – Close a loophole in VA strangulation statute, bill to amend VA strangulation statute to include suffocation. Approved, effective July 1, 2023.
- b. HB 1729 and SB 909 – Ensure safe and lawful firearms transfer for those subject to final protective orders and those convicted of DV. Bill to clarify and align protocol for firearms transfer across VA code sections. Both bills passed out of Senate but failed in House subcommittee on party-line votes.
- c. SJ 242 and HJ 460 – Bi-partisan effort to repeal 2006 amendment to VA constitution – VA prohibition on LGBTQ+ marriage. Failed in house.
- d. SB 873 – Family Abuse Protective Orders Filed on Behalf of Minors – passed.
- e. HB 1897 – Protective Order Extensions and Continuances – passed.
- f. HB 1961 – Family Abuse Protective Orders – relief available.
 - i. Kader Gumus said that this bill passing is especially helpful when all family documents are uploaded in a digital or shared file or Apple account and perpetrators refuses to disclose the password for access to the victim/survivor.
- g. HB 1416 and SB 1436 – Reinstatement of STI testing for defendants in Sexual Assault cases, supported with OAG, VVAN, etc. Those bills passed and go into effect July 1, 2023.
- h. HB 2129 – Child victims, expands eligible age for use of two-way closed circuit TV – supported with VVAN, VACA, VA NOW, etc. Bill failed to pass in the final hours of session.
- i. HB 2150 – Trace evidence collection kits, supported w FNEs, VVAN, etc. Passed and delayed enactment until July 1, 2025.
- j. HB 1493 – Created “shared parenting” presumption in child custody cases. Opposed with VPLC, Family Law Coalition, etc. Failed to pass in House Committee.
- k. HB 1707 and HB 2432 – Forced outing for trans youth in schools. Opposed with EV, ACLU, and others. Failed to pass on party-line vote in Senate.
 - i. Ruth explained that the bill was stopped in the Senate, which is primarily democratic. Prevention efforts is where opposition is arising.
- l. HB 2278 and SB 1385 – Proposed a 15-week ban on abortion access and criminalizes providers. Opposed along with reproductive advocates. Bills failed to pass on party-line vote in Senate.
- m. Provided insight on what is next: Veto Session on April 12, 2023 and awaiting the final state budget.
- n. New Virginia Laws 2023
 - i. Work aggressively on firearm safety bills, storage issues, aligning firearms restriction processes so that they feel more consistent across the different firearms laws.

Supervisor Walkinshaw thanked and opened for questions. Geneviève Fine asked if Ruth Miklem knew anything about the Virginia Department of Education passing a guideline about trans youth using single use bathrooms. Ruth Miklem had no updated information but will look into the topic. Amanda Katz gave insight on “parents rights” – parental permission officially submitted to the school for youth that use different pronouns, identify as a different gender, use a different name, or want to use a different bathroom than their sex assigned at birth.

V. Open Forum

No additions or comments during this time.

Supervisor Walkinshaw gave a reminder to be prepared starting on July 24th to get nominations to the nominations committee and encourage the participants to share with their network. Supervisor Walkinshaw shared that next meeting will be an in-person meeting on November 9th, 2023.

Stacy Ziebell announced that the DSVS Annual Meeting is the morning of Friday, October 6th at the Government Center. This Annual Meeting will be the first in-person Annual Meeting in a few years and invited participants to join.

Supervisor Walkinshaw shared that historically, CEDV has not held the Fall meeting. The agenda for the Fall meeting usually is folded into the Annual Meeting. However, to not delay the leadership selection process and because the Annual Meeting is happening in October, the Council Meeting on November 9th will proceed focused on the leadership process.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.