



CEDV Accountability Workgroup

November 16th, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Government Center, Room 2/3 and MS Teams Teleconference

Members Present: John Cook (Chair), Jamie Milloy (OAR), Melody Vielbig (DSVS), Donna Audritsh (ADAPT), Brenda McBorrough (FCIA), Christopher Davies (DSVS), Adam Allston (Health Department), Derwin Overton (OAR) Stacy Ziebell (DSVS), Iman Omer-Bahar (Health Department), Brittany Davis (CJI), Kim Parr (JDRDC), Andréa Nunes-Gardner (DSVS).

Observers: None.

Presenter: Jamie Milloy and Brenda McBorrough.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM, because of technical problems with the Zoom meeting.

I. Approve Remote Attenders:

- a. Imman Omer-Bahar is attending the meeting remotely due to illness. This is Imman's third remote attendance in this calendar year.
- b. Donna Audritsh is attending the meeting remotely due to a work commitment. This is Donna's third remote attendance in this calendar year.
- c. Brittany Davis is attending the meeting remotely as he lives more than 60 miles away.
- d. John Cook asked for a motion to approve remote attendees, Kim Parr moves the motion to be approved. Jamie Milloy seconded. Motion passes.

II. Court-based project to educate on accountability update.

- a. The “Accountability training (name to be confirmed)” has been scheduled for 12.12. 23 from 8am to 4:30pm. The JDRDC Probation, JDRDC judges, police department, ADAPT staff, and the CEDV accountability workgroup were invited to participate in the training. Melody Vielbig asked that members from the CEDV Accountability Workgroup let her know via email their interest in attending this training.
 - Content:
 - Brittany Davis shared that the training will provide education on accountability docket, information about the accountability model used in Michigan, how accountability, programs that promote accountability and probation might work in partnership with judges. There is a presentation about comprehensive risk assessment with those who cause harm and science of hope.
 - Stacy Ziebell shared that this training will also include mental health treatment options, Domestic Violence Intervention Programs, and supervised visitation.

III. Determine how to collect feedback on possible community programs from professionals with similar missions

- a. Kim Parr shared that probation is not used enough as a mechanism to promote accountability and increase survivor safety.
- b. Jamie Milloy shared about the Diversion Program with commonwealth attorney that is being used in cases where there is repetitive trespassing. The domestic violence cases are better treated by Domestic Violence Intervention Programs.
- c. The PO Relieve work group is also working to improve accountability for those who cause harm.
- d. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment is not available in the Fairfax County community, addressing the barriers to access those

services is crucial to addressing domestic violence as DVIP are not effective when people have an underlying mental health and substance use disorder issue. The CSB does not provide mental health and substance use disorders treatment to individuals that do not meet criteria for CSB services, that does not mean that individuals do not need treatment for mental health and substance use disorders.

- e. Jamie Milloy brought up the goals and objectives developed by the work group and highlighted that one of the objectives was to explore how the court system promotes or does not promote accountability.
- f. The focus group conducted with survivors highlighted survivors experience with the court system and how some did not feel that their voices were centered.
- g. Kim Parr shared the importance of having a Domestic Violence docket that uses a holistic approach to address client's needs such as mental health, substance use disorders, or other specific needs that contribute to domestic violence.
- h. Kim Parr also shared that she has observed a domestic violence docket in other counties that are successful. A schedule adjusting will be needed, however it is possible to implement a docket that specialize in serving domestic violence cases. Loudon has domestic violence docket program and seems to be efficient and successful. Brittany Davis shared other counties in the country where there are domestic violence courts/docket:
 - [Microsoft Word - Winnebago Mentor Court Fact Sheet.docx \(innovatingjustice.org\)](#)
 - [Winnebago County Domestic Violence Courts: Working with the Community to Address Family Violence - YouTube](#)
 - [Domestic Violence Mentor Courts | Center for Justice Innovation \(innovatingjustice.org\)](#)
- i. Kim Parr shared that some clients are being referred to treatment such as Domestic Violence Intervention Program, substance use disorder treatment or mental health treatment without supervised probation. When clients are referred to treatment without supervised probation, clients tend to be less successful in completing treatment, at times they don't even know how to engage in the treatment they were referred to. Jamie Milloy agreed that it's harder to work with clients who are not engaged in probation, as the collaboration with probation promotes accountability for clients and success in completing the treatment required.

- j. The workgroup members agreed that community training is needed in order to have a successful accountability program.
- k. John Cook suggested that we should have a recommendation related to the criminal justice system. Kim Parr volunteered to draft the recommendations by our next meeting in January.
- l. John Cook shared that the final recommendation report from the Accountability Workgroup should have three sections of the report:
 - 1. Outside of the court accountability system
 - 2. A recommendation about the court system, that includes the benefits of a domestic violence docket, improvement and enhancement of the current system.
 - 3. A recommendation for the post incarceration system.
- m. John Cook shared that he would like the final report to also include a consolidation of what the workgroup have learned in the past year.
- n. John Cook will write the mission, goal, and a summary about the workgroup efforts. The final report will have three chapters that include the survivor's focus group and survey information and recommendations cited above.
- o. Survey and focus group results could be included as an appendix. DSVS staff will provide a recommendation on how to include those results in the report. Brenda McBorrough highlighted that survivor voice is very important to be included in the report, even though we received a limited response, it still a response from survivors in Fairfax County and should be included in the report. Chris Davies and Brenda McBorrough agreed to create a draft of the survey/focus group results to be included in the report and shared with the workgroup in the next meeting.
- p. John Cook would like to have the report finalized by March as the report can be presented in April to the CEDV.

IV. Review Concept report: Recommendation of what is needed to set up for Community Based Accountability.

- a. Jamie Milloy and Brenda McBorrough presented their draft recommendation for an option for community accountability outside of the criminal justice system. They suggested that having a hub with different communities involved, to provide education, technical assistance, in a group setting, options that are tailored for individuals, the hub will orchestrate the pilot for community accountability.

- b. The workgroup emphasized the need for training with community partners, where they can receive ongoing training to keep up with the needs in the community and best practices.
- c. John Cook asked if we could review the RISE model, how did they set-up.
- d. The hub should offer prevention and awareness.
- e. It was suggested to utilize the voice of community leader for prevention.
- f. Community leaders must be trained and receive on-going training.
- g. The hub needs to develop a criteria to accept a new provider, core value, and established criteria for evaluation.
- h. The workgroup members agreed to use the term “community based sites or program provider” instead of "service provider" or "treatment provider" to reflect that a program does not need to be administered by professionals.
- i. It should include Domestic Violence Intervention Program standards, Domestic Violence program principles, add a bullet related to developing a criteria for assessment and evaluation.
- j. The hub needs to come up with some guiding principles.
- k. How does the “hub” get chosen? It is important to describe how would the hub be selected.
- l. Have a framework that is flexible enough to be adapted to a diverse community. Brittany Davis shared about standards in Vermont that has models that she could share the resources.
- m. Brittany Davis suggested an on-going survivor advisory board.
- n. John Cook suggested having an on-going community advisory board.
- o. The pilot grant goes through the “hub” to subgrantees.

V. Define next steps for the Accountability Workgroup

- a. January:
 - Kim Parr will share the recommendation for the court system.
 - Discuss possible training for the court system around accountability for partners/family that want to stay together. Available pathway to different approaches, giving victim's autonomy and self-determination.
- b. John Cook highlighted that we need recommendations for the post-incarceration system, and need someone to outline thoughts about where it could be improved. Jamie shared that she has a lot of opinions.

- Derwin and Jamie will develop a draft with those recommendations to be presented in February.
- c. Prior to January meeting the workgroup should have the first part of the final report together for review.
 - d. February
 - Review the post-incarceration system recommendation.
 - Review the draft of the final report.
 - e. Chris Davies will schedule next meetings: January, February, March.
 - The December meeting was canceled, however there will be homework for members to review and exchange drafts. John Cook reminded the workgroup members that the draft must go through Andréa Nunes-Gardner and Chris Davies.

VI. Open comment from the public

- a. There was no comment from the public, there were no participants from the public.

VII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.