



**Accountability Workgroup**  
**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**3:00 PM- 4:30 PM**  
**Government Center, Room 2/3 and Zoom**

Members Present: John Cook (Chair), Derwin Overton (OAR), Jenna Sands (Deputy Commonwealth Attorney), Courtney Schwartz (VSDVAA), Melody Vielbig (DSVS), Jonathan Yglesias(VSDVAA), Brittany Davis (CJI), Katrina Smith (JDRDC), Kim Parr (JDRDC), Dawn Butorac (Public Defender), Brenda McBorrow (FCIA), Jamie Milloy (OAR).

Observers: None.

Presenters: Jamie Milloy with OAR

**I. Approve Remote Attenders**

- a. Courtney Schwartz is attending the meeting remotely as she lives more than 60 miles away.
- b. Jonathan Yglesias is attending the meeting remotely as she lives more than 60 miles away.
- c. Brittany Davis is attending the meeting remotely as she lives more than 60 miles away.
- d. John Cook asked for a motion to approve remote attendees, Adam Allston moves the motion to be approved. Derwin Overton seconded. Motion passes.

**II. Review/Approval of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes**

- a. No changes. Minutes are approved as written.

**III. DSVS update on status of focus group**

- a. Participants recruitment.
  - Flyers are being sent out to a variety of locations/ongoing.
  - Have begun to get participants signed up.
- b. Facilitators.

- English, Hindi, Spanish, Korean groups will be available.
- Training scheduled for 5/2/23 for facilitators and notetakers.
- c. Feedback from CEDV meeting this morning was from a survivor who said the flyer made them uncomfortable; felt strongly about the question regarding 'how can survivors participate in helping to hold people who cause harm accountable'.
  - takeaway: be prepared to answer these questions from participants.

#### **IV. Presentation about OAR services**

- a. Notes not taken during the presentation due to minutes-taker presenting. PowerPoint being sent.
- b. Lots of good questions. Notably: Yes, court ordered BIP cases with no PO is becoming a common thing.
- c. Idea for focus group for people who have caused harm once the survivor focus groups are over.

#### **V. Framework to consolidate ideas**

- a. John: Idea to break into three groups to look at categories:
  - i. Starting new systems from scratch. (Like RISE program).
  - ii. Existing Pre-trial systems being expanded/perfected.
  - iii. Existing Post-incarceration systems being expanded/perfected.
- b. Dawn expressed concerns over current system, including the no appeal/no expungement restrictions on current deferred disposition. Would need to address those concerns to perfect a pre-trial system. Had a recommendation on which deferral statute to use and how it may be able to be used creatively.
- c. Brittany added that other models (NYC, Atlanta) where it's a 3-hour course instead of a full BIP program; could prep the person for a BIP-style program if that ends up becoming a requirement. Also mentioned, need to discuss (for all accountability services/options, not just pre-trial) how to address the parenting skills needs of these clients. (Melody listed the current parenting programs she is aware of, including 24/7 program, ARC, SMART, CYF).

#### **VI. Schedule education topics and presenters for upcoming meetings**

- a. Existing alternative programs to promote accountability (another provider in future? OAR presented today).

- b. Someone who has caused harm to share their accountability process (can use an OAR graduate easily).
- c. Mentoring and peer support groups.
- d. Substance use disorder and how impacts domestic violence.
- e. Other topics.

**VII. Open comment from the public**

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

**VIII. NOTE: Meeting for May will start at 2:30pm due to out-of-country guest presenter.**

**IX. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at "4:05".