

Victim Access Workgroup Agenda  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
8:00-9:00am  
Fairfax County Courthouse  
Room 201.1

**Members:** Judge Jonathan Frieden, Nora Mahoney, Tina Spurlock, Ayaan Ali, Pam Sejas, Kellie Cook, Kacey Kirkland, and Brittany Vera

**Technical Assistance providers:** Cannon Han, APIGBV

I. Welcome

Nora Mahoney opened the meeting and welcomed members.

II. Protective Order Process: Content Revisions

The group reviewed the sections of content for the Protective Order Trial Process and the section on Next Friend Protective Orders. The group made major revisions in cutting down large parts of the documents to make them more user friendly. The group agreed to remove a large section of content from the section on the Protective Order Trial and put it in a document that can be used by the Self-Help clinic.

III. Next Steps

The group discussed beginning the process of having members of the public review the revised and shortened materials to ensure they were understandable. Pam Sejas has a connection with students at GMU. Boliva had previously mentioned that she had clients who might be willing to provide comments. Brittany stated she would reach out to members for a separate meeting to discuss and plan the topic.

Tina Spurlock shared there are issues with the translated versions of the protective order packets. Members of the group offered to have colleagues who speak the target language review the packets. Cannon Han suggested collaborating with community-based organizations, which would have staff who are aware of the literacy levels of their communities. He also suggested ensuring in contracts that translation companies make the corrections to the documents at no additional charge. Cannon offered to help find connections to community-based organizations. He also offered to review contracts to identify improvements that could be made to them.

Ayaan Ali asked about having some material or deliverable that maps out the protective order document in another language so that people who do not speak

English have some material to take with them so they do not have to remember everything that they were told in Court. This would be a sample document so people can understand what might be in their protective order. The group discussed the possibility of creating this document in the future once the current project is complete.

#### IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned without further discussion.

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:00am-9:00am

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