



CEDV Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Meeting
Date and time:	January 25, 2024, 7:30a.m.
Location:	Virtual Meeting / Electronic - Web based Meeting
Meeting URL:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83865083905
Council Members/ Designees Present:	Supervisor Dalia Palchik, Vice Chair Meredith McKeen, Community Coordinator Phylcia Woods, Abejuela Maha-Rebekah (Judge Thomas Sotelo), Amanda Katz, Ambreen Ahmed, Andrew Goldberg, Doctor Brenda McBorough, Brooke Wright, Christopher Leonard, Christopher Revere (Gloria Addo-Ayensu), Clai Richardson, Corie O'Rourke (Paula Fitzgerald), Daryl Washington, Dawn Butorac, Derwin Overton, Dipti Pidikiti-Smith, Dominic Bonaiuto, Elizabeth Edwards, Elizabeth Teare, Geneviève Fine, James Walkinshaw, Jim Ferguson, Joe Meyer, Jhumka Gupta, Judith Helein (Adarsh Trehan), Kader Gumus, Katrina Smith (Matt Thompson), Leigh Taylor, Dr. Michael Becketts, Nora Mahoney (James Ferguson), Rachna Krishnan, Ramona Carroll, Judge Steve Shannon (Penny Azcarate), Thomas Arnold, Thomas Barnett, Toni Zollicoffer.
Council Members Absent (With no designee present):	Alycia Blackwell, Alyssa Emery, Cecilia Ortega-Shew, Erin Schaible, Gloria Addo-Ayensu, James Ferguson, Colonel James Morris, Jamie Milloy, John S. Butler, John Cook, Jonathan Frieden, Kevin Davis, Lisa Sales, Lisa Mayne, Colonel Maggie A. DeBoard, Matt Thompson, Mattie Palmore, Michelle Reid, Paula Fitzgerald, Stacey Kincaid, Stephen Descano.
Guests and Staff:	Angela Yeboah, Brittany Vera, Eduardo Leiva, Captain Derrick Ledford, John Crownover, Kacey Kirkland, Keesha Coke, Kimberly Jaramillo, Shelley Pleva, Stacy Ziebell, Maddy White (Representative Connolly)
Note Taker:	Rae Nguyen

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- III. Equity Spotlight – Eduardo Leiva, DFS Analytics Unit
- IV. Looking Ahead
- V. Updates from the Coordinated Community Response
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Remarks from New Leadership
- VIII. Adjourn

I. Introductions

Quorum established at 7:33 AM.

Toni Zollicoffer led the meeting. She started the meeting by introducing the new leadership slate by name and welcoming Captain Derrick Ledford to the council. She then went on to announce that Razan Fayeze had resigned from the CEDV. Fayeze was not present for the day, but Zollicoffer thanked her for her service and for being a part of the council for a decade.

II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Corie O'Rourke and seconded by Joe Myer.

III. Equity Spotlight – Eduardo Leiva, DFS Analytics Unit, CEDV Equity Committee

Eduardo Leiva gave a brief presentation around equity in leadership and service provision. He started the presentation by stating that having diversity within the new leadership opens up more opportunities for a diversity of voices in shaping the goals of a council. In terms of equity in service provision, the equity committee is continuing to identify and map out service providers in the county. By doing so, the equity committee can use geospatial data to identify gaps in service coverage. The overall goal is to work towards improving access to services, particularly culturally specific services, in underserved communities. Identifying service providers was noted as the first step towards this overall goal. The next step is to identify where we can engage with the community. This can be achieved by looking at data points related to service providers (e.g. geographic reach, culturally or population specific services, and evidence of equity considerations) and additional data points or layers to overlay, such as location of LAP calls and the Fairfax County vulnerability index. Two additional next steps that the equity committee identified were revisiting the bylaws to integrate an equity and racial justice lens in all areas and continuing the development of the GIS provider's map.

IV. Looking Ahead

With this month's council meeting being virtual, each participant of the meeting was paired and placed into breakout rooms for five minutes to speak about what they hoped for the council in this upcoming year. After the five minutes, the members came back as a group to discuss what they spoke about in their pairs using a whiteboard feature through Zoom to display the hopes and suggestions from the council. suggestions included:

- Elevating community voices and ensuring that we hear from those we need to hear from.
- Considering short, medium, and long term impacts (micro, mezzo, and macro) of the work being done.
- Having opportunities for the council members to meet and connect with one another outside of council meetings.
- Finding ways to collaborate better as well as identifying and eliminating duplication in work being done so that the council can focus on gaps in service.
- Having more services and collaboration for minority communities.
- Having more resources to shelters and expanding capacity.
- Ensuring that shelters are in the right place.
- Having re-energizing work with schools.
- Having language access integrated across the board along with different modes of communication

to meet people where they are (ensuring language access across systems).

- Engaging the community and aligning goals.
- Securing funding.
- Working with faith communities in a holistic approach.
- Breaking down silos between law enforcement and the non-profit community.
- Having more communication with the public so that people know what services are available.
 - Example: sharing services available through the courts.

V. Updates from the Coordinated Community Response

Kesha Coke and Shelley Pleva spoke about the Fairfax County Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) Program and how the expansion of the LAP criteria allows more people involved in interpersonal violence (IPV) to be served.

To begin, Coke gave an overview of the LAP program – including the purpose and process that the coordinated community goes through for LAP to be possible. A partnership between Fairfax County Police Department and Victim Services Division (VSD), Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS), and Shelter House makes it possible for high-danger victims to be identified, connected, and supported. Victims must consent to speaking with a LAP advocate but if a victim does not consent, an officer will continue to contact the LAP line to best serve the individual. Regarding the evidence based assessment itself, the eleven screening questions were curated around the eleven areas of abuse that are strong indicators of lethality. Depending on the answers to the screening questions, the victim will be in touch with a crisis line and be given immediate support and safety planning. However, there is also room for officer discretion in this process. Even if a victim does not score high on the assessment, an officer has discretion to screen in a victim for LAP crisis services.

Coke then passed on the presentation to Pleva who gave an overview of the data and trends around the LAP calls that the Fairfax County Police Department has observed in the past couple of years. Pleva presented a graphic comparing the number of LAP calls from the FCPD district during fiscal year (FY) 22 and FY 23 – see presentation sent out after January Council meeting for data. The council was then able to watch the LAP expansion training video that the FCPD uses. The convenience of the training being in video format allows the officers to watch it at all times from their phones. The hope is that with the convenience of the video and the training that the officers go through, LAP will stay fresh in officers' minds when they are on duty. Since the expansion, Pleva notes that there has been an increase in calls and shelter referrals in the past two months. FY 24 is projected to hit over 400 LAP calls.

The floor was then opened for questions. Supervisor Walkinshaw thanked everyone who has been involved in the LAP efforts. He expressed that this has been an area of interest of his and states that LAP is fundamental to efforts to end domestic violence in Fairfax County.

Shifting topics, Stacy Ziebell then gave a brief update on what is going on in the Coordinated Community Response (CCR).

- January is Stalking Awareness Month as well as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
- The first Sexual Violence Tier 1 is on February 24th – this includes the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- The HYPE program is expanding.
- The accountability workgroup is drafting a report summarizing what they learned from organizations and individuals outside of Fairfax County.

- The Step Up 4 Kids Coalition is continuing the Guardian Ad Litem training committee and protective order relief group. They are also working on engaging the community regarding children’s mental health.
 - There are more resources than people in the community realize, and service providers and community members alike are often unaware of this. The goal is to make people aware with hyper-localized community roundtable discussions and workshops for their local areas and to highlight existing programs. (Examples of existing outpatient services options: STBH, HAZEL, CSB.)

Ziebell also briefly discussed the challenges and emerging issues in the CCR. These included:

- Stalking technology is continually evolving, making it difficult to stay up-to-date.
- Financial and affordable housing issues persist.
- Survivors with limited English proficiency are seeking services, highlighting the need for more inclusive and diverse services to accommodate these individuals.
- Needing more mental health professionals for adults, teens, and children.
 - There is still a need for cultural context, language assistance, and needing more support overall (e.g. more funding, more behavioral treatment, and more long-term assistance).

Lastly, Ziebell mentioned that the next Domestic Violence Network Meeting is in March. There, frontline providers will be informing of what they are seeing in their work – including the challenges and uplifting work that is going on.

VI. Open Forum

No additions or comments during this time.

VII. Remarks from New Leadership

Toni Zollicoffer opened the floor for the new leadership slate. Supervisor Palchik was not available to give remarks at this time, leaving Vice Chair Meredith McKeen and Community Leader Phylcia Woods to provide any closing remarks. Woods expressed that she is looking forward to a great year focusing on the CEDV and learning a lot in her new position. McKeen expressed that she is honored to serve the council in her position and is looking forward to getting to know people.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 AM.