Louisiana Domestic Violence Prevention Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 1:00pm

Meeting location: Governor’s Press Room, Fourth Floor, LA State Capitol

**I. Meeting Called To Order**

* Meeting Called to Order by Mariah Wineski at 1:03pm

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Members Present**  Mariah Wineski  Kimberly Resetar  Ramona Harris  Rutha Chatwood Tracy Farris (via phone) Lila Hogan  Dr. Shanta Proctor  Mary Claire Landry  Sunny Funk  Jane Herwehe  Tommy Clark (via phone)  Judge Lila Sylvester (via phone)  Judge Laurie Hulin (via phone)  Amy Dupuy (nonmember) Lee Ann Wall (nonmember via phone)  Taylor Robinson (nonmember)  Valerie Jordan (nonmember)  Norah Friar (nonmember)  Nakia Harris (nonmember)  Paula Davis (nonmember)  **Members Absent**  Connie Couvillon  Constance Hester  Molly Brannon  Sen. Gary Smith  Rep. Patricia Smith  Twahna Harris Lindsey Blouin |

1. **Introductions**

* Roll was called and Quorum was established.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

* Review of minutes from May meeting. Request made to correct name of Tommy Clark. Motion by Ms. Harris to approve minutes. Seconded by Mr. Clark. Motion passes.

1. **Firearm Transfer Working Group**

* Ms. Martinez and Ms. Funk presented a power point presentation that will presented across the state to law enforcement, judges, and district attorneys in upcoming months to prepare them for firearm transfer in their jurisdiction and keep uniformity throughout the state in implementation.
* Ms. Martinez showed us that flow charts and flash drives will accompany the presentation containing a bulk drop of all the applicable forms for the different groups/parishes to modify to their needs.
* Ms. Martinez informed us licensed firearm dealers can be utilized instead of the Sheriff to transfer/store firearms and a fee can be imposed for storage. Leads to questions of what constitutes safe storage and how much is a reasonable fee.
* Motion by Mr. Clark to approve the packet/presentation, Seconded by Ms. Landry, Motion passes.

1. **Criminal Justice Data Subcommittee**

* Ms. Farris reiterated that the initial concern on this group is to gather relevant data to get accurate domestic violence figures.
* Ms. Farris informed the commission that the committee found that the requested content is out there and the main sources of the relevant data to be the Commission on Law Enforcement Report and LIBRS. LIBRS is not yet full state, but is a good snap shot.
* Ms. Farris also pointed out that the best way to support this data collection is to help find more funding.

1. **Victimization Data Subcommittee**

* Ms. Wineski reminded the commission that victimization data sources are broken down into fatality and non fatal data and a hand out was given that reviewed all the current sources of said data.
* Ms. Friar gave the commission greater description as to how the NVDRS data is being gathered and input into the system and emphasized its importance for accurate statewide data.
* Ms. Wineski concluded that the main issues that the committee uncovered was problems with cross section data sharing, getting localized data, and having certain types/parts of victimization left out of data collection.
* Ms. Wineski stated that the further goal of the committee would be to determine what proxy measures can be created to get closest to a full understanding on domestic violence.

1. **Legal Subcommittee – Law Institute**

* Ms. Hogan informed the committee that the Law Institute has begun looking into a universal definition for domestic violence as it is defined in numerous ways in numerous areas of the law.
* Ms. Hogan asked for the committee’s assistance in reviewing all current definitions of domestic violence in our laws and coming up with a civil use based and a criminal use based definition of domestic violence for the committee to consider.

1. **Legal Subcommittee – Legislative update**

* Ms. Resetar reiterated to the committee the new acts passed in the 2018 legislative session with relevance to our committee.
* Ms. Harris noted that Act 679 is already being successfully implemented with the LPOR.

1. **Commission Annual Report**

* The commission will again have a January meeting to approve the annual report that is due in February.

1. **Work Plan**

* Subcommittee chairs are to draft narratives for their section of the annual report.

1. **Public Comment**

* There was no additional comment.

1. **Adjourn**

* Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.