

Domestic Violence Advisory Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
March 6, 2020

The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee met via teleconference on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

1. Members present. Laura Berry Berman, Kerry Hyatt Bennett, Amy Blackett, Mary Butiste-Jones, Elizabeth Hurley, John Link, Christopher Newton, Kristine Osterday, Samantha Wuletich, and Laura Gaskill, Chair.
2. Staff present. Ruth Reichard, IOCS Education Attorney, provided the meeting with staff assistance. Lisa Manning, the Family Violence Resource Attorney, has left the Indiana Office of Court Services and the position is currently vacant.
3. Guest present. Liz Giblin attended on behalf of member Mary Beth Bonaventura.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting on September 13, 2019 were approved.
5. Committee membership. Magistrate Gaskill welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present discussed whether to add members to the committee. Kerry Hyatt Bennett will reach out to her contact at DCS about adding someone from the child welfare field, and Magistrate Gaskill will contact Lindsay Scott (formerly Faulkenberg) of Kids' Voice of Indiana. Committee members also favored adding a law enforcement member. Laura Berry Berman volunteered to identify possible law enforcement members. Finally, the members agreed to consider whether to ask the Supreme Court to name Shaunette Terrell, former IPAC member, to an *ex officio* spot on the committee as she is now in the private practice of law.
6. Initiatives. Members of the committee expressed a desire to not duplicate the work of the Protection Order Committee. Ruth Reichard briefly summarized that committee's current work, which involves a complete revision/overhaul of the Protection Order Deskbook.
 - a. DV Resource Guide. Committee members discussed the various forms that this could take, including bench cards, forms for referrals to services, lists of agencies that would accept referrals, lists of relevant laws, etc.
 - b. ICADV Study. The study, titled *Re-Centering: Indiana's Movement to Ground Domestic Violence Programs in Survivor-Defined Success*, is available in PDF. Ruth Reichard will send it to each member along with URLs for the new Access to Court Records (ACR) rules, the Protection Order Committee, the Resource Attorney, and the committee's own website. Magistrate Gaskill will also share PowerPoint slides from a guide to the ACR rules prepared by Judge Voorhees.
 - c. Firearm Surrender Project. This project is underway in Hendricks and Tippecanoe counties. It has been funded by a special STOP grant to cover the two pilot counties' expenses related to confiscating, inventorying, and storing the weapons. The resource attorney was staffing the project with technical assistance from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms, which provides

sample forms, protocols, and best practices in this area. Committee members noted that Indiana judges would welcome resources in this area, especially guidance on best practices and working with local law enforcement. This may be appropriate content for a bench card.

7. Judicial education. Committee members view this as an evolving subject and agreed to place this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
8. Next meetings. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, July 10, 2020 and Friday, September 11, 2020, both from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Indiana Office of Court Services, 251 N. Illinois Street, North Tower, Suite 800, Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Reichard
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Domestic Violence Advisory Committee Meeting/Conference Call

Minutes

Friday, September 11, 2020

The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee met via teleconference on Friday, September 10, 2020 from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

1. Members Present: Mag. Laura Gaskill, Chair; Hon. Torrey Bauer, Laura Berry, Kerry Bennett, Amy Blackett, Judge Elizabeth Hurley, Mag. Melissa Kramer, Hon. Kristine Osterday, Mag. Samantha Wuletich Mary Butiste-Jones
2. Staff Present: Melissa Arvin, IOCS
3. Minutes Approved: Minutes from March 6, 2020 Meeting were approved
4. Ideas for Additional Members:
 - Probation officer(s)—Judge Hurley is reaching out to chief probation officer in St. Joe
 - Law enforcement officer—Captain David Younce, ILEA
 - Children’s representative—Lindsay Faulkenberg Smith, President/CEO of Kid’s Voice Indiana
 - Shaunette Terrell, Cohen & Malad, former IPAC/MCPO and former PD

We will invite the named individuals to the next meeting to see if they would like to attend and be a part of the group.

Note: New members must be appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court (Ind. Admin. R. 4(C)).

5. Domestic Violence Bench Book
 - a. Discussed the chapters that we have and what additions would be good.
 - i. Strangulation
 - ii. Neurobiology of Trauma/Trauma informed questioning
 - iii. ACES
 - b. All committee members please review the chapter descriptions and see if you would like to write any of those chapters. Please also let us know what additions you would like to see.
6. Initiatives:
 - Firearm Surrender Project
 - Discussed practices and procedures
 - Reaching out to those with a process on surrender to see what best practices are
 - All current firearms forms will be sent to the group

- Technology
 - Teams channel is a possibility–Melissa Arvin will start working on that
- Address confidentiality
- Legal resources for survivors
 - Kerry putting together a list for the judges as to what resources are available for IPV survivors
- Courtroom safety
 - Remote hearings are being done for protective order cases
 - Getting more parties appearing in cases
 - Discussion of the possibility of remotely appearing for protective order hearings as it increases safety
- Pretrial release
 - GPS recommendation that it was not as much of a safety precaution as we intended it to be
 - There are lethality assessments that can be used to assist judges with analyzing when pretrial release is safe.
- ICADV Study–was sent out by Ruth in the interim
 - Add to Teams channel
- Grants for supervised visitation and parenting supervision exchanges

7. Recommendations for Judicial Education

- Get a session at a plenary session so that all the judges get the DV education
- Discussed the Comings and Goings trainings and if we can get something tech friendly to work

8. **Next Meetings:**

- January 15, 2021 at 1:00
- April 16, 2021 at 1:00
- July 16, 2021 at 1:00
- October 15, 2021 at 1:00