

Domestic Violence Advisory Committee Meeting/Conference Call

Agenda

Friday, January 15, 2021

Ind. Admin. R. 4(A)(6): "The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the judicial branch regarding domestic violence issues in the state of Indiana."

The Domestic Violence Advisory Committee met via teleconference on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 1:00-3:00.

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Members Present: Mag. Laura Gaskill, Chair; Laura Berry, Kerry Bennett, Amy Blackett, Mag. Melissa Kramer, Hon. Kristine Osterday, , Mary Butiste-Jones, Mag. Renee Ferguson, Mag. John Link

Guests Present: Shaunette Terrell, Captain David Younce, Lindsay Faulkenberg-Scott

3. Staff Present: Melissa Arvin, IOCS
4. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2020 Meeting
5. Introduction of Potential New Members:
 - Law enforcement officer–Captain David Younce, ILEA
 - Children’s representative–Lindsay Faulkenberg Scott, President/CEO of Kid’s Voice Indiana
 - Shaunette Terrell, Cohen & Malad, former IPAC/MCPO and former PD
 - Judge Hurley has spoken with the Chief Probation officer for St. Joe County who is willing to be on the committee
 - New A.G. Representative

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

6. Recommendations for Judicial Education
 - All proposals must be submitted to the Judicial Education Committee
 - Trauma / ACE’s - Megan M. Oed, Phd, LMFTA
 - Professor at Ivy Tech
 - Family Law Taskforce is also working on recommendations for ACEs training
 - Trauma related to DV
 - Colleen Yeakle, MSW on ACEs
 - Subcommittee: Judge Osterday, Kerry Bennett and Melissa Arvin

7. Domestic Violence Bench Book

New Subcommittee: Magistrate Gaskill, Magistrate Ferguson and Amy Blackett

- Adding Strangulation
- ACES
- Neurobiology of Trauma
- Other recommendations?

8. Initiatives:

- Firearm Surrender Project
 - Captain Younce can help with additional resources for firearms
- Resource Guide
- Courtroom safety
 - Domestic Violence dynamics related to courtroom behavior
 - Do remote hearings help in domestic violence situations
- Pretrial release
 - Risk assessments
 - Getting some research together and discussion will continue at the next meeting
- Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program
 - Kids Voice applying for grant with Center for Victim and Human Rights
 - Would fund supervised visitation for DV victims—not currently funded other than CHINS cases
 - Previously sliding scale at best
 - Does require court involvement
 - MOU or letter of commitment
 - Participate in training pieces and refer to Kids Voice for supervised visitation
 - Any court could apply for the grant

9. **Next Meetings:**

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