

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Thursday, August 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Welcome and Remarks (5 minutes)

Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Jennifer Bourne

Review of May 19, 2021 Minutes (5 minutes)

Cathy Easter

Voting delayed until future meeting

Status of DCJS Hiring, Appointments, and VDSS Membership (15 minutes)

Kristina Vadas

Review of Draft Bylaws Revisions (45 minutes)

Cathy Easter &
Debbie Evans

Timeline for Second Round of PS Applications (30 minutes)

Cathy Easter

Other Member Announcements

Public Comment

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Code of Virginia: 9.1-116.3

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee (the Committee):

- Shall establish **voluntary accreditation standards and procedures** by which local sexual and domestic violence programs can be systematically measured and evaluated with a **peer-reviewed process**.
- May **adopt bylaws** for its operation, membership terms, fees, and other items as necessary.
- **Fees for accreditation** shall be used to support any administrative costs of the Department.
- Upon request of the Committee, the Department and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition may provide **accreditation assistance and training and resource material** that will assist the local programs in obtaining or retaining accreditation.

Vision/Purpose/Value Statement

Vision

Throughout Virginia, all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence have accessible, community-driven quality services and resources.

Purpose

To create standards that:

1. Credential Sexual and Domestic Violence agencies.
2. Ensure research-based best practices and inspire Sexual and Domestic Violence organizations to learn and evolve in order to best meet the needs of all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence.
3. Ensure an informed core level of services is available to all those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence throughout Virginia.

Value Statement

The Professional Standards Committee commits to a respectful, thoughtful and transparent process to establish best practice standards for Sexual and Domestic Violence programs. We are mindful that these standards will be survivor-centered, inclusive and empowering for both programs and those impacted by Sexual and Domestic Violence.