

# Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

## APPROVED MINUTES

Courtyard by Marriot Charlottesville- University Medical Center  
Charlottesville, VA  
February 28 – March 1, 2017

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### **Members Present:**

Mary Carter Lominack, Executive Director, Shelter for Help in Emergency  
Rebecca Weybright, Executive Director, SARA Charlottesville  
Yolanda Thompson, Co-Director, Fairfax County Office for Women and  
Domestic & Sexual Violence Services  
Teresa Christin, Director, Avalon  
Jennifer Bourne, Director, Clinch Valley Community Action Agency  
Kristen Pine, Chief Program Officer, YWCA Southampton Roads  
Regina Pack Eller, Executive Director, Family Resource Center  
Rebecca Lee, Chief Program Officer, YWCA of Richmond (February 28, 2017)  
Tamy Mann, Executive Director, Safehome Systems  
Patricia Jones-Turner, DV/DV Coordinator, Chesterfield Domestic & Sexual Violence Resources  
Center

### **Welcome & Remarks**

*Teresa Christin, Director  
Avalon  
Tamy Mann, Executive Director  
Safehome Systems*

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m. on February 28, 2017 with a quorum present and recessed at 3:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:17 a.m. on March 1, 2017 and adjourned at 2:42 p.m. and a quorum was met at 10:16 a.m.

### **Review Vision/Purpose/Value Statement**

Participants were given time to read the Vision/Purpose/Value Statement.

### **Review Minutes from December Meeting**

The December 15, 2016 minutes were read out loud. Motion to approve the minutes was presented by Kristin Pine and seconded by Patricia Jones-Turner.

### **Discussion: The Process**

**How will the new standards be used?**

**What model of Competency Standards will be used?**

**What model of Ethical Standards will be used?**

Theresa Christin led a discussion on how the new standards will be used. The Committee discussed the Code of Virginia stating that accreditation shall be a voluntary process and a discussion was held about the benefits of accreditation for programs, victims and the community. The Committee also discussed available technical assistance for programs to meet accreditation standards.

The Committee discussed the benefits and concerns of using a tiered format for accreditation standards. The tiers would include essential services, enhanced services and comprehensive services. The Committee agreed to continue this discussion as the process continues.

The Committee discussed using portions of the OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime (OVC Model) and the drafted Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance Professional Standards for Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies (AA Model) as references when writing accreditation standards

### **Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards**

*Derrick Mays, Accreditation Center Program Manager, Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services  
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*

Derrick Mays discussed the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and the accreditation process for law enforcement.

### **Virginia Victims Fund Presentation**

*Brienna Stammer, Training and Outreach Coordinator  
Virginia Victims Fund*

Brienna Stammer discussed requirements and payment policies for forensic exams, medical providers, mental health providers, prescriptions and temporary housing. Also, information on the time frame to file an application was presented.

### **Identifying Standards for DV/SV agencies**

#### **Identifying Ethical Standards for DV/SV agencies**

#### **Identifying Competency Standards for Administration in DV/SV agencies**

#### **Identifying Competency Standards for Core Services in DV/SV agencies**

Teresa Christin led a discussion on the possible standards to be included in the Ethical Standards, Administration Standards and Core Services Standards. The group discussed changing Core Services to Essential Services which will include services for adults, children, youth and special populations. The Committee created a new category; Community Engagement Standards.

The Committee drafted a standards outline for each of the four categories (Ethical, Administration, Essential Services and Community Engagement) and individual members will draft a description of the items under assigned categories to be ready for a discussion at the next meeting.

**Next Discussion Topics:**

**Draft Standards**

**Disseminate to agency directors and offer a comment period**

**Review/Revise**

**Implementation Process- Review Process**

**Public Awareness- Marketing**

**Implementation of Formal Standards**

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present

**Next Meeting: April 26, 2017**