Louisiana Domestic Violence Prevention Commission Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1-3 pm

Meeting location: Governor’s Press Room, 4th Floor, LA State Capitol

**I. Meeting Called To Order**

* Meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Tracy Farris, in absence of the Chair.
1. **Roll Call**

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| **Members Present** Chief Tommy ClarkRutha ChatwoodTracy Farris Shanta ProctorMariah WineskiTwahna HarrisConnie CouvillonRamona HarrisFrancis Robinson |

1. **Introductions**
* Quorum was not established.
1. **Approval of the Minutes**
* There were no minutes from the previous meeting available for approval.
1. **Review of Commission Goals and Structure**
* Dr. Proctor discussed history of commission, clarified role of Office on Women’s Policy as technical assistance providers and not managing daily operations of the commission.
* Discussion was held regarding the current roster, and the need to update it and make sure members are current based on legislative requirements, and that contact information for all designees is included.

1. **Review of Elected Officers**
* Officers elected at last meeting are as follows:

Chair: Kimberly Resetar

Secretary: Mariah Wineski

1. **Discussion of Future Work Plans**
* Discussion was held regarding legislation in the upcoming session. Tracy Farris would like the commission to be apprised of legislative efforts of the various entities on the commission in order to keep open lines of communication. Mariah Wineski clarified that the commission should not focus on drafting legislation but should be aware of what legislation is proposed.
* Discussion was held regarding subcommittees. Mariah Wineski stated that LCADV is in the process of performing a statewide needs assessment that addresses victim needs and gaps in services.
Tracy Farris suggested that one subcommittee address gaps in law enforcement reporting procedures that lead to inconsistent data regarding arrests and rates of domestic violence crimes. Chief Clark was in agreement and emphasized that the purpose of the commission should be to identify gaps. Discussion was also held regarding the desire to research best practices in firearm divestiture procedures from other states.
Ramona Harris suggested a centralized registry for all domestic violence-related trainings being held by various entities to minimize duplication and enhance collaboration among disciplines.
* In the absence of a quorum, Mariah Wineski and Tracy Farris agreed to meet with commission chair, Kimberly Resetar, to discuss next steps between now and next quarter’s meeting.
* Subcommittees will need to be developed and begin their work prior to next meeting. This will be decided over email.
1. **Public Comment**
* There was no additional comment.
1. **Adjourn**
* Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.