

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Approved Meeting Minutes

Albemarle County Police Department, Meeting Room C
Charlottesville, VA
December 13, 2017

Members Present:

Rebecca Weybright, Executive Director, SARA Charlottesville
Yolanda Thompson, Co-Director, Fairfax County Office for Women and Domestic & Sexual Violence Services
Jennifer Bourne, Director, Clinch Valley Community Action Agency
Tamy Mann, Executive Director, Safehome Systems
Elvira De la Cruz, Chief Program Officer, James House
Linda Ellis-Williams, Director of Programs, YWCA of Central Virginia
Kristina Vadas (representing Cassandra Bullock, Victim Services Manager, DCJS)
Caroline Jones, Executive Director, Doorways for Women & Families
Kristi VanAudenrove, Executive Director, VSDVAA
Mary Carter Lominack, Executive Director, Shelter for Help in Emergency

Absent Members:

Kandy Freeman, Assistant Executive Director, Madeline's House
Regina Pack Eller, Executive Director, Family Resource Center
Teresa Christin, Director, Avalon
Rebecca Lee, Chief Program Officer, YWCA of Richmond

Welcome & Remarks

The meeting started at 10:30, without a quorum present. The newly hired Professional Standards Coordinator was introduced to the Committee.

Review Vision/Purpose/Value Statement

Review Minutes from August and October Meetings

Review of the August minutes was tabled for the next meeting when a quorum is present, but the Committee read over the October minutes for reference. Without a quorum the Committee could not make a motion to vote on the minutes.

Review and discussion:

Draft Standards

The Committee reviewed all of the drafted standards and made changes. Kristi VanAudenhove, Mary Carter Lominack, and Caroline Jones met during the lunch break to draft proposed changes to a standard on policies and practices. The language was presented when the Committee reconvened after lunch.

Introductory Statement to the Professional Standards

The Committee reviewed the introduction and made wording and grammar changes. The committee discussed adding how the standards do not limit service delivery and how the standards are to be split into sections later. The committee also discussed how they liked the tone of the introductory statement and want to continue with that tone as they move forward with the standards.

Actions before next meeting

The Professional Standards Coordinator will email the drafted standards, with the corrections made during the meeting, to the Committee. Any suggestions for minor changes, such as grammar, will be sent to the Coordinator. Also, the Coordinator will gather examples of other states' accreditation processes.

Next Steps

Develop draft measures
Implementation process and monitoring
Comment period from the field

2018 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed meeting on the third Tuesday of the month through July. Meetings will be scheduled every other month with the possibility of having workgroup meetings in between.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 20' 2018

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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.