

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee Membership Subcommittee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 18, 2022, 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Zoom Meeting (COVID-19)

Members Present:

Cathy Easter, Executive Director, Safe Harbor

Debbie Evans, Division Chief of the Sexual Assault Center & Domestic Violence Program, City of Alexandria Department of Community & Human Services

Members Absent:

Linda Ellis-Williams, Director of Programs, YWCA of Central Virginia

Maria Simonetti, Executive Director, The Collins Center & Child Advocacy Center

Others Present:

Amber Stanwix, Professional Standards Coordinator, DCJS

Welcome & Current Status of Committee Membership

The meeting started at 11:00 a.m. The Subcommittee members both provided updates on their progress in contacting other potential members. Two of the people who have been contacted have either already applied or are strongly considering doing so. The group agreed that more people need to be contacted, particularly in the Southwest region of the Commonwealth.

In brainstorming ideas for ways to reach out to new potential members, one member recalled that the Action Alliance had earlier approved a member that never connected with the group. Another member agreed to reach out to the Action Alliance to get more information regarding that person. In addition, the member stated that she would utilize the Action Alliance email list of agency directors to send out information regarding membership in the Professional Standards Committee.

Closing Remarks

The meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Action Items.

- Debbie Evans will contact the Action Alliance regarding a potential member and will also use the Action Alliance's email list to contact agency directors throughout the Commonwealth.
- Cathy Easter will reach out to the YWCA of Richmond to see if anyone there is interested in applying for membership. She will also reach out to a Committee member from Southwest Virginia in order to see if that member knows of any new potential members.

Next Meeting: TBD