



**City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission
Policy and Funding Subcommittee | Minutes**

Date/Time: February 28, 2023, at 8:30AM
Location: Virtually, hosted by Enlace Comunitario: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85657060313>
Contact: Matt Mirarchi, mmirarchi@enlacenm.org, 505-246-8972 ext.19

Commission Members Present: Teresa Garcia, Ellen Braden, Shannon Lowry, Jodie Jaramillo, and Beatriz Valencia

Members of the Public Present: Patricia Lyke, Kelsea Kilbride, and Matt Mirarchi

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Check In, Call to Order:** Matt Mirarchi, mmirarchi@enlacenm.org
- II. Introductions/Roll Call of Commission Members**
 - a. Matt Mirarchi requested clarification about the number of voting members needed/required for quorum. Teresa Garcia provided said clarification.
 - b. Commission members present included: Teresa Garcia, Ellen Braden, Shannon Lowry, Jodie Jaramillo, and Beatriz Valencia.
- III. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. An email request for agenda approval was sent by Matt Mirarchi after the meeting concluded. Shannon Lowry made a motion to approve the agenda at 10:56AM and Teresa Garcia seconded it at 11:37AM. Agenda was approved at 11:37AM.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 01.24.24 Meeting**
 - a. Shannon Lowry shared the minutes with Matt Mirarchi, who then screen-shared with the attendees for review.
 - b. Teresa Garcia requested a minor revision to change “HB12” to “SB12.” In the amended minutes, three instances of “HB12” were changed to “SB12.”
 - c. Teresa Garcia moved to approve the amended minutes; Matt Mirarchi seconded. Minutes as amended were approved at 8:41AM.
- V. Meeting Organization and Commitments:**

| Subcommittee Meeting Date | Facilitator | Present Subcommittee Updates at DVSAC |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Dec. 20, 2023 | Kelsea Kilbride, DVRC | January 8 th full DVSAC |
| Jan. 23, 2024 | Shannon Lowry, SANE | February 12 th full DVSAC |
| Feb. 28, 2024 | Matt Mirarchi, Enlace | March 11 th full DVSAC |
| Mar. 27, 2024 | Jodie Jaramillo, RCCCNM | April 8 th full DVSAC |
| Apr. 24, 2024 | Ellen Braden, City of Albuquerque (CABQ) | May 13 th full DVSAC |
| May 22, 2024 | | June 10 th full DVSAC |

VI. Updates on 01.24.24 Meeting Topics:

a. Facilitation Structure for Subcommittee Meetings

- i. Identify City of Albuquerque (CABQ) contact to receive meeting minutes/field subcommittee questions:
 1. For now, send minutes or subcommittee questions to Teresa Garcia (teresag09876@gmail.com) and she will forward to the appropriate CABQ individual for posting the minutes, until we find someone else from CABQ.
 2. Teresa Garcia mentioned that Daniel Manzano (Deputy Director of Public Affairs, Office of Mayor) has been contacted with the request to identify someone permanent. Teresa Garcia will keep us posted.
- ii. Identify facilitators for April and May meetings
 1. Ellen Braden volunteered for April 24; a facilitator space is open for May 22.

b. Funding Opportunities

- i. **\$1.87M Funding Recommendation** for DV and SA Services
 1. Ellen Braden provided additional context/updates for this request to CABQ: there has to be a CABQ department to take it forward and write an issue paper based on the ask from the DVSA Commission; the Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness wrote an issue paper and put it forward in the budget; the administration will put forth the budget to the City Council in April; so, it's being carried forward (and it's currently with the Mayor's administration).
- ii. **New Opportunities**
 1. Ellen Braden provided an update on a new \$70,000 Request for Letters of Interest (RLI)—RLI-2024-543-FCS-EB (Services to Support Persons Experiencing Interpersonal Violence and/or Sexual Assault), issued on Monday, February 26, 2024; it's available on CABQ's Bonfire portal and the deadline for submission is March 12, 2024.

c. Legislative Session Outcomes/Next Steps

- i. **HB 27: Extreme Risk Protection Order Changes** – Teresa Garcia
 1. **Update:** House Judiciary Committee did a do not pass recommendation; however, there are approvals on committee substitutions, so there're amendments that were considered. But, again, it did not pass.
- ii. **SB 12: Protection Against Abuse and Violence Act** – Teresa Garcia
 1. **Updates:** Senator Sedillo-Lopez urged the Committee to pass, but there were delays in Judiciary; Republican members also had concerns around “self-defense” definition and other definitions; so it didn't go through.

2. Teresa Garcia shared that, going forward, Representative Yanira Gurrola is interested in supporting this legislation; the subcommittee should arrange a meeting as they did with Representative Herndon to assess how Representative Gurrola can be kept informed.
3. Teresa Garcia will keep the subcommittee apprised of any post-legislative session meetings pertinent to the subcommittee.
4. Teresa Garcia shared that Governor Lujan-Grisham may propose a special session focusing on public safety

iii. HB151: Post-Secondary Affirmative Consent Policies

1. **Update:** It did pass this session (with championing by Alexandria Taylor, Executive Director of NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs).
- d. **United States v. Rahimi** (Docket # 22-915: Question presented: Whether 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8), which prohibits the possession of firearms by persons subject to domestic-violence restraining orders, violates the Second Amendment on its face).
- i. Prep to issue statement on either outcome – New Process (Teresa Garcia)
 1. **Update:** A decision has not been handed down. Reconvene with the Policy and Funding Subcommittee once the decision is finalized to discuss next steps and how to frame a joint statement with Representative Herndon and Mayor Keller.
- e. **DA DV Unit:** Work alongside the District Attorney's (DA) office for the upcoming legislative session (approved on 1.8.24)
- i. **Updates:**
 1. Teresa Garcia: Joshua Boone (Chief Deputy District Attorney) did send an email to Teresa Garcia introducing her to Rebecca O’Gawa and Dana Beyal, both of whom were hired for DV positions within the DA’s DV Unit. Joshua Boone welcomed any feedback or input from the subcommittee. *The DV’s Units short-term goals include:*
 - a. *Engage with District Court to help staff, create, and implement DV Court;*
 - b. *Engage with District Court to initiate the process of the DA's office being involved and getting real-time information regarding Orders of Protection;*
 - c. *Identity cases (both felony & misdemeanor) that are set for trial in the next 90 days that involve TRO/or POs for trial;*
 - d. *Identify defendants with pending cases that have 3 or more either active or dismissed DV cases (felony & misdemeanor) for review and prosecution.*
 2. Jodie Jaramillo: Rape Crisis Center of Central NM has been going to the DA’s office (in partnership with Jennifer Pena, Victim Witness Administrator at District Attorney’s Office) for training new advocates.

VII. New Topics:

- a. Policies or funding recommendations regarding how survivors who are unhoused are being supported – Ellen Braden
 - i. Recommendations?
 1. Ellen Braden provided context: The issue is that there're issues with current shelters being overwhelmed and accommodating clients—and assessing how to prioritize needs (i.e., is the unsheltered individual needing shelter vs. support/protection from interpersonal violence). CABQ needs specific programmatic and structural recommendations about how to ensure the safety of persons who are seeking shelter and addressing their layered needs (i.e., housing and support with interpersonal violence)
 2. Kelsea Kilbride brought up that unhoused individuals can face barriers to getting protection/space away from their abusive partner in low-barrier shelters (in that if both individuals in the relationship are unhoused and end up in the shelter, there is no private space or separate space for IPV/DV/SA survivors to be housed). What would be preferable would be a confidential space in the shelters staffed by DV/SA-specific case manager(s).
 3. Teresa Garcia: Asked if it would it be helpful to have SAFE House be part of the conversation—to provide any insight. Teresa Garcia will send SAFE House's Executive Director another invite to participate in the subcommittee.
 4. Jodie Jaramillo: Commented that it's also dependent upon the providers' respective intake processes; for instance, select area providers do not house SA survivors and Rape Crisis Center is having to pay fees to area providers to temporarily house SA survivors (when possible)—since many SA survivors disclose SA during intake and that may disqualify them from housing services.
 5. Group Conversation: The ability to afford rent is also a factor for why SA/DV survivors may stay with the perpetrating party (this was echoed by Jodie Jaramillo, Kelsea Kilbride, and Matt Mirarchi—each of whom mentioned that clients at their respective organizations have disclosed that stable shelter and a lack of available, safe alternatives are reasons why they remain with the perpetrator).
 - a. It's vital to fund client/victim advocates to help clients/victims navigate the system—because of the aforementioned barriers (especially for non-English-speaking victims and victims with disabilities).
 - b. There need to be continued conversations around how providers can best support victims/clients in navigating the systems to ensure the victims/clients aren't disqualified

from services (due to disclosure of abuse, assault, or substance misuse).

ii. What additional information is needed from homeless services

1. Jodie Jaramillo: Commented that additional consideration needs to be made for DV/SA victims who are also grappling with substance misuse. If victims have substance misuse issues, there're a lot of restrictions around housing and affiliated on-site supports (e.g., some shelters can house individuals with substance misuse, but if there are not on-site supports, it can create an environment where a victim is detoxing but doesn't have necessary supports in place to prevent relapsing and/or continued safe detoxification). If unhoused victims get caught with substances, they automatically are ejected—which can re-start the triggering/cycle again.
2. Housing solutions that address the multiple layers of trauma (abuse/assault/rape, mental health supports, substance misuse treatment/support, and life skills building) stand a better chance of having positive, client/victim-centered results.
3. Ellen Braden: Shared that CABQ is investigating how best to fund recovery housing (that also can address some of the layered traumas affiliated with DV/SA); any details will be formalized/outlined in an RFP.

VIII. Public Comment

- Teresa Garcia: The DVSA Commission was provided with tickets to the March 9th NM United game; please contact Teresa Garcia for more information.

IX. Agenda Topics for March 27, 2024 meeting

- a. Send to Jodie Jaramillo, jjaramillo@rapecrisiscnm.org

X. Work Assignments / Next Steps

- Teresa Garcia will forward the DA's DV Unit's goals to Matt Mirarchi for inclusion in the minutes (completed 11:04AM, 02/28/24).
- Members/Attendees will send Ellen Braden any additional context or funding recommendation regarding how unhoused DV/SA survivors can be supported.

XI. Adjournment at 9:23AM