



## City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

**Date/Time:** Monday July 8, 2024, starting at 3:00 P.M. MST  
**Location:** City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Executive Conference Room and Zoom  
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### **Commission Members Present:**

**Teresa Garcia**, Chair  
**Chearie Alipat**, Co-Chair, NM Asian Family Center  
**Jodie Jaramillo**, Rape Crisis Center of Central New Mexico  
**Sara Yvonne “Bonnie” Escobar**, Enlace Comunitario  
**Shannon Lowry**, ABQ Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners  
**Cecily Barker**, Albuquerque Police Department Deputy Chief  
**Kyle Hartsock**, Albuquerque Police Department Commander  
**Ron Eppes**, the Arc NM  
**Emily Jaramillo**, Albuquerque Fire Department Chief  
**Beatriz Valencia**, CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion  
**Serina Fazio**, ACS Deputy Director  
**Ellen Braden**, CABQ Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department  
**Desiree Castell**, Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office

### **Members of the Public Present:**

**Josie Campos**, BCSO Victim Liaison  
**MaryEllen Garcia**, NMCADV  
**Lisa Christopherson**  
**Malisa Garcia**  
**Tiffany Jiron**

### **City Staff Present:**

**Staci Martinez**, AFR representative  
**Mariel Willow**, Legal Department

## **I. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Teresa Garcia, Chair.

## **II. Introductions**

- Co-Chair Chearie Alipat read into record the expectations and community agreements and did the roll call.

## **III. Approval of Agenda**

- Chair Teresa Garcia moved to approve the agenda. Bonnie seconded. Approved by all with a roll call vote.

## **IV. Approval for the minutes**

- Change of spelling for Lisa Shatz-Vance's name on the minutes was requested.
- Chair Garcia moved to approve minutes with the change. Bonnie seconded. Approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

## **V. Updates**

- June 11, 2024, was the Mission and Vision Coaching Session. Will have a second session to look ahead and schedule with commission, this has not been scheduled yet. Chair Garcia will send out a doodle poll to schedule the next session.
- New Member application is still in process. Applications are coming in for voting member positions and a working group will review. Chair Garcia was able to get the full scope of the applications and a follow up meeting will be scheduled for the two vacant positions.

## **VI. Revisit, Discuss and Vote of the DV Task Force Recommendations and Ordinance**

- Chair Garcia put the 39 recommendations document on the screen for all to view.
  - She reminded the group about the duties of the Commission.
  - Pointed out that there are 39 recommendations for the Commission to focus on to advise the Mayor.
  - Chair Garcia pointed out that the recommendations were divided up into different areas, such as training, funding, policy.
  - Chair Garcia brought up one item that she would like to have discussed is the survivor groups. She outlined the language in the recommendation related to focus groups.
    - MaryEllen brought up the funding her group had to conduct focus groups for the next 4 years. Goal is 6 focus groups a year statewide. There are significant things to consider for focus groups. She mentioned that a lot of consideration must be taken into where these groups are held, who conducts them, childcare, and other important issues. She has a cost analysis that she can share with the commission. MaryEllen stated that it cost about \$16,000.

- Co-Chair mentioned that she wanted to ensure that the groups are not exploitive. And also reserving compensation for interpreters that are needed for language access.
- Tiffany Jiron discussed participating in the project that MaryEllen was describing and that the work needs to be done with care and intention and follow up with survivors that participated. She also mentioned the importance of the confidentiality for the survivors.
- Chair Garcia reminded the group that the experience of survivors is important and would like to have further discussion.
- Jodie asked MaryEllen about the \$16,000 cost for a session, did it include renting a space. She said yes, it includes everything that was needed, food, childcare, rental, logistics, etc.
- The vacant position to support the commission was brought up. It is currently still vacant under APD.
- Chair Garcia brought up the funding for this project and Ellen Braden reinforced that the Commission cannot receive funding and it would need to go a City department to distribute.
- Co-Chair Alipat recommend to table it for further discussion and a future recommendation.
- Working group discussion- needed clarification from legal and the Commission also needed to discuss what specific items the working group would oversee.

## **IX. Training Subcommittee Report**

- Bonnie discussed the training Aug 2 for ACS
- Also working on a 2-hour training for AFR and the DA's Office

## **X. Survivor Stories Discussion:**

- A survivor gave permission to Lisa Christopherson to tell her story as a victim of DV.
  - Ms. Christopherson described a story where the victim is a former special education student of hers with reading and writing challenges. Her student reached out to her after she had a challenging experience with APD/Law Enforcement.
  - The victim was nervous to engage with LE because of immigration status.
  - The victim received a DV packet that had out of date information and also felt that the officers were not able to provide the accommodations that the victim needed to be better supported to understand how to work through the processes and systems in place. The victim did not feel supported by APD and LE.
  - Commander Hartsock began to look into the case and report back information that was documented on the APD side.
  - MaryEllen interjected that she did not believe it was appropriate to have this discussion in an open meeting format. She had concerns that there was no consent from the survivor to have this discussion on a recorded meeting.
  - Chair Garcia reminded the group that the victim gave permission to share her story but not to dig into the file/case, so she paused the discussion.

- Chair Garcia brought back up that this would be the purpose of the working group to discuss cases and how to address outside of an open meeting. Discussion was paused related to the case.
- Commander Hartsock explained how all APD officers are trained in the CIT class how to engage with a variety of victims with different needs.
- Chair Garcia asked if the Commission should table the recommendation for the working group to the next meeting and Shannon Lowry agreed and requested to wait.
- Dr. Pruet with AFR brought up a case that AFR had where they engaged with a patient that disclosed to firefighters that she was being trafficked, but she did not want Law Enforcement to be involved. AFR did not know what to do next to support the victim, but she agreed to be transported to the hospital. AFR presented this case hoping that the Commission could help provide resources to support firefighters in this situation. Luckily, Dr. Pruet and the hospital were able to provide supports to this victim.
  - Shannon Lowry interjected to bring up that this case should also not be discussion over the open meeting format.
  - Dr. Pruet explained that all identifying information was left out of the report in the hopes that the Commission could help support AFR to better support the victims.
  - Co-Chair Alipat brought up that it was important to have all systems and organizations having these conversations to make improvements for supports for survivors.

#### **X. Emergency Hoteling Updates:**

- Ellen Braden explained that once the 85K will go out to organizations and the rest will be reserved for emergency hoteling based on the previous vote.
- Jeffrey brought up that ACS renewed contract with the Ramada and are also should have the Tree Inn and Suites off of Menaul available for vouchers within the next couple weeks.

#### **XI. Continued Discussion of Annual Report Draft for approval by the Commission Present to present to City Council and the Mayor to Vote and Approve**

- Shannon had to jump back on to be able to vote.
- Chair Garcia reviewed the content of the report and explanation of the data. Next year's report will be calendar year data.
- Bonnie moved to approve the annual report, Chearie seconded. All members voted in favor.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 pm Teresa Garcia, Co-Chair

