



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Date/Time: Monday March 18th 2024, starting at 3:00 P.M. MST
Location: City Hall, 7th Floor, Executive Conference Room and Zoom
Contact: Janis Garcia: janisgarcia@cabq.gov

Commission Members Present:

Teresa Garcia, Chair
Chearie Alipat, 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
Jolene Holgate, Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women
Amber Chavez Baker, Second Judicial Family Court Judge
Cecily Barker, Albuquerque Police Department Deputy Chief
Jay Ratliff, Albuquerque Police Department Deputy Commander
Rob Eppes, the Arc NM
Emily Jaramillo, Albuquerque Fire Department Chief
Beatriz Valencia, CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion
Jasmine Desiderio, ACS Deputy Director
Ellen Braden, CABQ Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department
Kathleen “KC” Carmona, NM Attorney General’s Office

City Staff Present:

Daniel Manzano, Mayor's Office, Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Pamela Acosta, Bernalillo County, Behavioral Health Initiative Senior Manager
Kena Chavez Hinojos, CABQ
Lisa Schatz-Vance, Legal Department
Ashley Romero, AFR

Ethan Watson JD, CABQ, City Clerk
Cristobal Rocha, CABQ, City Clerk
Janis Garcia, CABQ FAC Manager
Renee Grout, CABQ City Councilor
Ethan Watson, CABQ
Tammy Fiebelkorn, CABQ City Councilor
Reina Martinez, CABQ Division Manager Dept. HHH

Members of the Public Present:

Pamela Herndon, KWH Law Center, Executive Director
Bev McMillan, United Way, Family Advocacy Center Liaison
Matt Mirarchi, Enlace Comunitario, Director of Advancement & Operations
Patricia Lyke, Office of the Second Judicial District Attorney’s Office
David Adams, Parnall and Adams Law
Karina Solares, DA’s Office
Johnnie Trujillo, El Puente Del Socorro Executive Director
Glenn St. Onge, DVRC Board Member
Hiroko Minami, Domestic Violence Resource Center
Kelsea Kilbride, DVRC
Cecilia Ortega, Victim Advocate, Casa Fortaleza
Becky O’Gawa, District Attorney’s Office
Gina Prieskorn-Thomas, Duke City

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Teresa Garcia Chair.

II. Introductions

- a. Teresa Garcia Chair took a roll call of commission members and introductions of those who were in person to include the Administration and City Councilors.

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Voting member Chair Teresa Garcia moved to approve the agenda for the March 18th 2024 Meeting. The March agenda was approved as presented and seconded by Jodie Jaramillo. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes from February 12th, 2024 and Minutes from Special Meeting February 21st, 2024 meeting.

- a. Voting member Chair Teresa Garcia moved a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was postponed by Voting Members due to absence of minutes due to transitions within the commission. Chair Garcia sought advice from City Legal and City Legal noted the issues with community joining the ZOOM to add the minutes and advised no harm would be done if the meeting is postponed. Chair Garcia moved to postpone the minutes for the next meeting where it was seconded by Jodie Jaramillo and unanimously approved to table Minutes until the next meeting on April 8th, 2024.

V. 1st Annual Celebration and Updates:

- a. Chair Garcia updated commission on the resignation of Co-Chair Stacy and thanked her for her input and time on the commission. Applications are open and asked commission members to share for a new co-chair.

b. Gratitude for Mayor Keller and city council by Chair Garcia

- o Proclamation was Presented and read to the DVSA Commission and Letters of thank you from the Mayor to all commission members.
- o Chair Garcia also turned it over to City Councilors Renee Grout and Councilor Fiebelkorn who support the commission.
- o Chair Garcia read a statement to the commission to congratulate the commission on their first year and thank the Mayors office and City Councilors for their support.

c. Celebratory Events Sponsorships and Thank You by Chair Garcia

- Recognition to Ron Patel - NM United March 9th
 - o Warm Thank you for tickets and a fun event to attend

- Recognition to Andres Trujillo - NM Runners March 17th
 - Warm Thank you for tickets and a fun event to attend
- Recognition to Gina Prieskorn-Thomas Duke City
 - Warm Thank you for tickets
 - Gina Prieskorn-Thomas Duke City addressed the Commission

C. Gladiators March 23rd

- Upcoming Game on March 23rd
- **New Member Introductions**
 - Jolene Holgate, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Women
 - Ron Epps, The Arc NM

• **Discussion and Vote: DVSA Annual Report:**

The Commission was unable to move forward due to technology issues where the Draft Annual report was not able to be presented to the commission for further input. The motion to vote was postponed by Voting Members due to the absence of showing the report virtually to the commission with the ongoing transitional changes. Discussion and Approval of DVSA Annual Report to be tabled until the next meeting on April 8th, 2024.

Link Provided to Janis Garcia Prior to Commission Meeting:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAF_0_LjAG4/VSH-Usf6DB6nf0UTjLpvBA/view?utm_content=DAF_0_LjAG4&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor

VI. Discussion and Vote: Lethality Assessment Updated and Amended Resolution for the Mayor and City Council

- Chair Garcia opened the discussion and re-read the Lethality Assessment Resolution for Accessibility Purposes. The commission engaged in discussion and updates on the importance to present the resolution to City council and for funding purposes. Shannon asked a question on AFR being listed where if there are other places that use the Lethality assessment for first responders. Where Chair Garcia did have conversations with Chief Sotelo and the use of the Lethality Assessment.

- Chair Garcia moved for the approval of the Resolution as amended where Voting member Jodie Jaramillo seconded and was passed Unanimously. Chair Garcia congratulated the commission on the work for the last few months.
- Voting member Bonnie indicated issues with joining the Zoom where community members could not join. Chair Garcia offered help to Janis Garcia to make sure community members can join the meeting. She walked Janis through the ZOOM process and approved all members on the APD Zoom link. Chair Garcia was grateful for the grace as the commission navigates the unintended consequences and challenges with the commissions internal changes.

VII. Training and Policy Subcommittee Updates

Co-Chair, Sara ‘Bonnie’ Escobar & Desiree Trujillo, Matt Mariachi, Enlace Comunitario

- Subcommittee Updates and Minutes presented by Matt Mariachi where the training for Albuquerque community safety did not happen and will be rescheduled.

VIII. *Open Meetings Act Training and Introduction of Cristobal Rocha Program Administrator*

- Presentation by Clerk Watson and Cristobal Rocha.

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- Subcommittee Updates and Minutes presented by Matt Mariachi

X. Open Meetings Act Training and Introduction of Cristobal Rocha Program Administrator

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XI. Public Comment

XII. Chief Emily Jaramillo requested to review the Lethality Assessment verbiage for the the inclusion of the Albuquerque Fire Rescue. Voting member Shannon Lowery moved a motion to stricken AFR (Albuquerque Fire and Rescue) from the Lethality Assessment.

In lieu of a second motion or a motion to debate to stricken AFR from the Lethality Assessment an open discussion was held upon completion of the open discussion. Voting member Sara Yvonne “Bonnie” Escobar made a motion to remove including APD, BCSO and AFR and replace with “First Responders” Voting member Shannon Lowery moved to second the Motion, Voting member Chair Teresa Garcia took a vote the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote to remove including APD, BCSO and AFR and replace with “First Responders”.

Verbiage to be removed

“Including APD, BCSO and AFR”

Located on the named Document below:

RESOLUTION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT COMMISSION NO. 2024-02 LETHALITY ASSESSMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Located on the second page 11th paragraph:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DVSA Commission, in fulfillment of its duties and powers as outlined in Section 2-6-18.4 of the Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Ordinance, hereby recommends the implementation of a lethality assessment tool for first responders, ~~including APD, BCSO and AFR~~, to be Utilized in domestic violence and sexual assault incidents;

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. by Voting member Chair Teresa Garcia

