



## City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

**Date/Time:** Monday May 13, 2024, starting at 3:00 P.M. MST  
**Location:** City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Executive Conference Room and Zoom  
**Contact:** Emily Jaramillo: [evjaramillo@cabq.gov](mailto:evjaramillo@cabq.gov)

### 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  
**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  
**Jeffrey Bustamonte**, ACS Deputy Director  
**Ellen Braden**, CABQ Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department  
**Kathleen “KC” Carmona**, NM Attorney General’s Office

### City Staff Present:

**Pamela Acosta**, Bernalillo County, Behavioral Health Initiative Senior Manager  
**Staci Martinez**, AFR  
**Lisa Schatz-Vance**, Legal Department

### Members of the Public Present:

**Pamela Herndon**, KWH Law Center, Executive Director  
**Bev McMillan**, United Way, Family Advocacy Center Liaison  
**Jennifer Pena**, Director of Victim Services, Bernalillo County DA Office  
**Melissa Silver**, NMCADC  
**Patricia Lyke**, Office of the Second Judicial District Attorney’s Office  
**David Adams**, Parnall and Adams Law  
**Karina Solares**, DA’s Office

**I. Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by Chearie Alipat, Co-Chair.

**II. Introductions**

- a. Teresa Garcia Chair took a roll call of commission members and introductions of those who were in person.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Bonnie requested a correction- April 8<sup>th</sup> at the top of the agenda, should state May 13, 2024.
- b. Jodie Jaramillo moved to approve the agenda, Jolene Holgate seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**IV. Approval for the minutes**

- a. Corrections: Reina Martinez in place of Ellen Braden for HHH
- b. Bonnie moved to approve, Teresa seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**V. Training and Policy Sub-Committee Reports**

- a. Desiree updated that the minute order was hosted. Stated that they had a lot of good feedback. Were going to reach out to Jasmine to see if they could reschedule the training. Judge Baker would like to host another training over the summer and they are hopeful that APD can attend.
- b. Policy subcommittee update from Ellen Braden, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am next meeting, needs a Zoom link. Welcoming people to attend their meetings to have a more meaningful impact on their meetings. (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month 830-930). Emily Jaramillo will get the permanent zoom link updated on the website.
- c. May 27 is the next subcommittee meeting for Training and it needs to be cancelled. Last Monday of the month 3-4 in person at the Sheriff's Conference Room or via. Open to the community for input. Emily Jaramillo will get this updated on the website ASAP.

**VI. Revisit and Discuss the DV Task Force recommendations and Vote**

- a. Chair Teresa Garcia reviewed the document that included the recommendations related to the survivor groups, trainings, and other items.
- b. Emily brought up training needs for AFR
- c. Desiree brought up that she has similar training for BCSO that they are trying to tailor for Fire/EMS
- d. Chair Teresa Garcia would like the commission to take a look at this document and identify other areas that DVSA can focus on.

e. Bonnie brought up that they need to have a training discussion with ACS about the use of the vouchers.

f. Ellen will bring the discussion of vouchers into the policy subcommittee

g. Hoteling: Albuquerque Community Safety Process for Survivors:

- Jeffrey stated that he was not aware of the situation where a client was not connected with a voucher extension and will follow up with Jodie and Deputy Commander Ratliff offline to honor the confidentiality of the client.
- Some of the programs has questions related to the process for how to access hoteling. Chair Teresa Garcia asked for more details on the process from ACS.
- Jeffrey stated the best process is to reach out to him via cell phone, or anyone at ACS. He needs to know details about the client. Then ACS reaches out to the hotel for availability. ACS then tries to get to a “yes” as quickly as possible.
- Victims are either unaware of the vouchers or are having difficulty accessing the vouchers.
- Jeffrey is willing to sit down to improve processes. Jeffrey said that there are a few pain points and not all of them are controlled by ACS.
- Betriz pointed out that OEI/HHH uses one phone number for housing needs that is working well.
- Ellen pointed out that this is a process issue and not a policy issue. Recommended that Jeffrey meet with the service providers to identify process issues.
- Jeffrey stated that the vouchering will always need leadership approval. But stated that there are challenges with the hotels having availability.
- ACS is seeking support from the Commission in Advocacy for funding and making public comment at City Council Meeting. Jeffrey stated that they would appreciate support from the commission to City Council.

## **VII. Update on Funding Allocation**

a. Ellen Braden made a report that all of the contracts have been executed for the 70K funding

- 4 submissions of letter. One was not from a local agency and they submitted for something that was not part of the request for letters of interest.
- Ellen is interested in what part of the process was burdensome for organizations that did not submit letters of interest.
- Everyone that applied was approved.

## **VIII. City Council Presentation of Final Lethality Assessment**

a. Waiting for a sponsor, Emily updated

## **IX. Annual report updates**

a. Judge Baker said that she could not access the annual report. She stated that some of her stats were off.

b. Needs data from the public defenders office and DA office

- c. SANE (Shannon Lowry) will get the data submitted ASAP
- d. Chair Teresa Garcia stated that she will list names of commission members rather than photos
- e. Teresa will circulate the draft to commission members to review to approve at the next meeting.

**X. Scheduling of Mission, Vision, and Bylaws**

- a. Coach and Consultant Shannon Jaquez for June 11 1-5pm;
- b. Half day team building and Coaching with the inclusion of Charm School team building training. Emily Jaramillo will follow up with Ian about this.

**XI. Public Comment**

- a. Bonnie was asking for support from the commission to support a resolution in support of survivors and immigrant-friendly public safety policies
  - DV victims will be more reluctant to seek help
  - Bonnie would like support on sending this resolution to the Mayor
  - Requesting to schedule a special meeting

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 4:37pm Chearie Alipat, Co-Chair