



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Date/Time: Monday, December 11, 2023 starting at 3:00 P.M. MST
Location: City Hall, 7th Floor, Room 7096, Conference Room and [Zoom](#)
Contact: Isez Roybal, 505-991-3676

Commission Members Present:

Teresa Garcia, Chair
Stacy Burleson, Co-Chair
Chearie Alipat, NMAFC
Jodie Jaramillo, RCCCNM
Sara Yvonne “Bonnie” Escobar, Enlace Comunitario
Jolene Holgate, CSVANW
Amber Chavez Baker, Judge 2nd Judicial
Victoria LeBlanc, District Attorney’s Office
Kate Thompson, Public Defenders Office (Jayme Leadmon as proxy)
Jenny Bartos, ARC NM (Heather Benevidez as proxy)
Kathleen Carmona, NM Attorney General’s Office
Cecily Barker, APD Deputy Chief
Jay Ratliff, APD Deputy Commander
Christopher Sotelo, AFR Deputy Chief (Ashley Romero as proxy)
Autumn Neas, BCSO Sergeant (Desiree Trujillo as proxy)
Ellen Braden. CABQ HHH

Beatriz Valencia, CABQ OEI
Isez Roybal, CABQ Office of Mayor/Policy

Commission Members Absent:

Shannon Lowry, ABQ SANE
Jeffery Bustamante, CABQ ACS
Natividad Posada, CYFD NM

City Staff Present:

Brian Moore, Acting DVSAC Counsel
Jennie Lusk, Assistant Director of Policy
Kyle Hartsock, APD Commander
George Vega, APD Commander

Members of the Public Present:

Sarah Coffey, NM Legal Aid
Bev McMillian, FAC Manager
Maria Cahuenas, Domestic Violence Resource Center
Melissa Silver, NMCADV
Gail Starr
David Adams, Parnall Adams Law

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Teresa Garcia.

II. Introductions

- a. Chair Garcia reviewed the [Community Agreements](#) and took a roll call of commission members.

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Chair Garcia entertained an amendment to move “Albuquerque Community Safety Department Monthly Report of Hotel Fund Usage,” to after “Report and Recommendation on pursuing and implementing a Lethality Assessment” on the agenda. Member Charie Alipat seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.
- b. Chair Garcia moved to approve the agenda as amended for the December 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Member “Bonnie” Escobar. The December agenda was approved as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2023

- a. Chair Garcia moved to approve the DVSAC meeting minutes from November 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Member Charie Alipat. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

V. “Our Why” discussion and Michael Jr.’s Video “Know Your Why”

- a. Chair Garcia facilitated discussion around the Commission’s “Why” after the following video was played:
<https://youtu.be/1ytFB8TrkTo?si=DCPSyb5NInPZVt-u>.
- b. Multiple members, including Garcia, Alipat, Jaramillo, and Holgate, shared their “why”

VI. Subcommittee Updates: Training and Policy/Funding

- a. The Training Subcommittee of the DV/SA Commission is responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive training programs aimed at raising awareness, educating stakeholders, and data centered approaches to promote effective responses to domestic violence and sexual assault within the community.
 - i. Member Escobar (Chair of Training Subcommittee) gave the below updates:
 - 1. Planning a training so that partners, law enforcement and judicial can understand what they each do/ policies and procedures to take place in early 2024.
 - 2. Discussed how the subcommittee intends to, in the immediate term, have a short, small training to understand how referrals will be made and process of hotel vouchers.
 - 3. Training should take place the first week of the year, barring ACS’s follow-up on with hotel and CORA team
 - ii. The December training Subcommittee meeting is cancelled. The subcommittee will meet next on January 22, 2024.
- b. The Policy and Funding Subcommittee of the DV/SA Commission is responsible for developing and advocating for policies, legislation, and funding initiatives that address domestic violence and sexual assault, promote survivor-centered approaches, and enhance the effectiveness of support services.

- i. Member Ellen Braden gave the below updates:
 - 1. Primarily focused on advocating for additional dollars for additional services to meet community needs. Research around what actual needs are (i.e. case management costs), funds to breakeven with VOCA cuts, best practices for caseloads, etc. Based on findings and next subcommittee meeting, subcommittee can begin putting a recommendation together to bring to the January Commission meeting for approval and to be included during city budget
 - a. NMCADV, MaryEllen Garcia, has information collected from service providers, as the coalition intends to ask for \$10million at the 2024 legislative session
 - ii. The subcommittee will be meet next on Wednesday, December 20, 2024 at 8:30am in-person or Zoom.

VII. DA-LE Assessment: Training/Sustainability and Cost model

- a. Chair Garcia gave the floor to Melissa Silver, Coordinated Community Response Team Leader with the NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence, to present on the DA-LE assessment (training and cost model).
- b. DA-LE, danger assessment, 11 question, evidence-based risk assessment that identifies survivors who are at the highest risk of homicide or near lethal assault (strangulation, firearms). This model requires very close partnership between law enforcement, judiciary and the DV agency because of the complexity of DV cases. Law enforcement completes assessment on scene → high risk survivors are immediately connected to services → risk assessment is sent to the court to inform any criminal proceeding. Risk assessment is meant to supplement the police report.
 - i. Report is measured by predictive validity; does not change based on race or ethnicity.
 - ii. Victims are much more likely to underestimate than overestimate their risk of being killed by their partner. One question on DA-LE is, “Do you believe they are capable of killing you?” When victim answers yes, signals high risk
 - iii. Pre-trial release: This assessment can lean into the idea that detention and monetary risk should only be reserved for defendants at critical risk
- c. NMCADV and Johnnie Trujillo (Socorro) met with Dr. Campbell, who created the DA-LE, in partnership with crisis institute, and Dr. Zoe Hilton, who created ODARA, Ontario risk assessment. Dr. Campbell and Dr. Hilton are willing to come to New Mexico and create a risk assessment specifically for NM. NMCADV is looking at funding to bring the two researchers in to create that NM specific assessment for it be funded for the state.
 - i. Sustainability: New Mexico’s intellectually property -- Own it, train the trainer

- ii. Costs: NMCADV will keep updated
- d. NMCADV is pursuing this opportunity and is offering to commission to partake in. Members asked questions around the following:
 - i. Language access and resources
 - ii. Sexual coercion
 - iii. What high-risk factors
 - iv. Adaptable questions
 - v. Were there changes to any local rules for the Courts? Yes
- e. **Chair Garcia will coordinate with others to create an information packet on the different assessments discussed to be presented at January meeting.**

VIII. Report and Recommendation on pursuing and implementing a Lethality Assessment

- a. DC Barker reached out to Major City Chiefs Association to get insight and perspectives on what assessments major cities throughout the country are using. The following questions were asked:
 - i. Do you use a lethality assessment? If so, which assessment is it?
 - ii. Do you feel the need to supplement that assessment with any other assessments, and if so which one is it?
 - iii. Are you having patrol officers give these assessments on scene?
- b. Commander Hartsock presented on APD's findings
 - i. First question: It was clear from Cities that responded an assessment tool was being used (Dallas, Nashville, Oklahoma, Tucson, Toronto county), with varying tools being used.
 - 1. Oklahoma – the tool is mandated by state law. Internally developed their own assessment.
 - 2. Arizona – state legislature approved one assessment to be used, if city/county decides to use an assessment. Internally developed their own assessment.
 - ii. Second question: Uniform no.
 - iii. Third question: Most city/county are, but some are not.
 - 1. For places to do use test on scene, they're training patrol officers on how to give assessment and what number spikes high risk, what program or advocacy group to refer to, etc.
 - 2. In cases where they do not use tool on scene – some agencies made the arguments that they want more highly trained personnel (advocates, specialized patrol officers) to do assessment or confidentiality
 - iv. APD is currently evaluating ODARA, with recent internal changes, and is open to recommendations that the DVSAC has. Interested in the possibility of developing a tool specific for New Mexico.

IX. Albuquerque Community Safety Department Monthly Report of Hotel Fund Usage

- a. Member Jeffery Bustamante, Deputy Director of ACS, will provide written update:
 - i. “As reported previously, Albuquerque Community Safety has finalized its lease agreement with the Ramada. Early use of the hotel has been modest, though our Community Oriented Response & Assistance (CORA) team has worked to connect individuals to emergency housing as the need has arisen. At this time no dollars have been drawn down but I anticipate that will soon change with criteria being finalized both internally to ACS and with the Domestic Violence Commission. ”
- b. Chair Garcia presented the Process for Survivor Hoteling using CABQ \$100,000 Fund (flowchart and document)
 - i. If survivor calls 911, contact DVSA program for an advocate -- For DV, the only contact is DVRC
 - 1. **Flowchart should be updated to “Contact DVSA Program for an Advocate” to account for capacity issues** (not enough field advocates to respond to every case). Updated version will be on January agenda for approval.
 - 2. Working to expand MOU’s (Enlace, NMAFC, etc.)
 - ii. Is DART included?
 - 1. Not currently included but can be immediately, as discussed in Training subcommittee – training for DART + ongoing (i.e. hoteling training and ongoing training as these funds and other services are available)
 - iii. DVRC stated they are available from 7am to 3am

X. Commission Updates: Goals for January

- a. The following updates on DVSAC items were given:
 - i. Conversations with Judge Baker (Family Court), Jodie Jaramillo (RCCCNM), Desiree Trujillo (BCSO), NM Legal Aid, BCSO Civil regarding DV survivors obtaining their property; as survivors do restraining order, there is an addition minute order that has to also be done. Goal: Ensure survivors can obtain their belongings in safest way without system barriers.
 - ii. Serving of restraining orders. 2,600 DV cases, and BCSO will attempt to serve a restraining order up to 9 times, which is 23,400 attempts. There are only 4 staff at BCSO civil. Goal: Support BCSO Civil Division in developing solution to ensure restraining orders are served.
 - iii. Creation of a Domestic Violence Court – one-stop shop: allows families to go in front of one judge for an order of protection, for a family case when they’re dealing with custody divorce and time-sharing child support, and the criminal case. Goal: Better serve the families who go through CJ system and break down unnecessary barriers (not having to go to 8+ places to manage incidents of DV). It could be on two-track supplement

with lethality assessment as the DV court will have the same sort of stakeholders.

- iv. Cohesive Data collection from service providers – 5-10 data points to show how many DV clients are getting served. Goal: Present data in way that is most impactful, indicative of public health issue, showcases need for extra funds, and does not unintentionally harm survivors or resources
- v. Streamline and equitable process for new members on Commission
- b. The following items were requested to be on future DVSAC agendas:
 - i. Uniform Emergency Restraining Orders for the entire State of NM
 - ii. Develop a strategic plan for DV SA in Albuquerque area.
- c. Anything the DVSAC works on, always take it back to ordinance to ensure the Commission is actually working in accordance with why it was created

XI. Public Comment

- a. Pancho Claus Event, December 17th from 12pm (noon) to 2pm, Dolares Puerto Park
- b. NM Asian Family Center will be closed December 20-January 3 in observance of winter break. NMAFC thanks CABQ, OEI, and Deputy Commander Ratliff, Enlace, and RCC for bridging the cultural humility trainings this year with the DART Team and ACS, which includes the new hires on VIP and CORA
- c. The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women will be closed December 25-January 5, 2024.

XII. Future Actions and Next Meeting

- a. Next Meeting: January 8, 2023 at 3pm MST.
- b. Isez Roybal to send out Meeting Minutes via email to Commission Members.
- c. Teresa Garcia and Stacy Burleson to send out additional and/or supplemental documents, upcoming agenda items, etc.
- d. Additional updates will be circulated via email.

XIII. Adjournment – Thank you

- e. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by Teresa Garcia, Chair.