



**Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory  
Council**

**Offender Program Standards Subcommittee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Joe DiTunno, Shauna Harrington, Johanna Canning, Senator John Kissel, Ginger Wilk

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Shauna Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

## **II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Shauna Harrington offered welcoming remarks and Council members introduced themselves.

## **III. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 8/19/2024 made by Shauna Harrington and seconded by Ginger Wilk.

## **IV. NEW PROVIDER APPLICATIONS REVIEW**

- The subcommittee unanimously approved applications for both Val Quarles of “No More Quarrels Psychotherapy, LLC” and Danielle Turner of “Inner You Clinical Services.” Dr. Quarles submitted an application to be approved as both an agency and an individual provider. Ms. Turner submitted an application to be approved as an agency provider only.
- There has been a recent uptick in applications submitted by providers seeking approval.
- Senator Kissel suggested it was worth inquiring to the newer folks as to how the word is getting out.

## V. SURVEY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

- Shauna Harrington reported out that the co-chairs have received responses from each geographical area jurisdiction regarding the programs that are generally utilized in those locations; however, not every agency the survey was sent to responded.
- Joe DiTunno reported that there were a lot of mental health provider responses, which was to be expected, but not many responses that identified specific DV programs in the area.
- The members decided that it may be worth giving other agencies a chance to respond still to collect this information.

## VI. DISCUSSION

- Joe DiTunno reported to the members that our subcommittee is expected to come up with a recommendation to submit to the larger council before their next meeting on December 4, 2024.
- The members discussed basing a recommendation off the findings of the survey, which should indicate the types of Offender Programs that are being utilized across the state.
- Shauna Harrington also suggested an option to make a recommendation based on the Supervised Diversionary Program (SDP) and its appropriateness for DV offenders. She provided the members with the statutory eligibility criteria and welcomed discussion from the members on their thoughts for including a DV component if it is not appropriate based on the statutory criteria.
- Joe DiTunno suggested it would be worth collecting data regarding how often SDP is used for DV crimes and what the considerations are for the offender when it is a DV crime.
- Johanna Canning spoke to the operations of the program, such as the criteria requiring a severe mental health disorder like schizophrenia; the fact that violent charges deem a person ineligible; it is a fairly structured program with frequent check-ins to probation; and there is a plan put in place prior to the program's acceptance by a judge.
- Shauna Harrington reported that, in her feedback from the FVVA supervisors, it appears that this program may be utilized differently across the state, with some courts granting the program more freely than others.
- The members agreed that there may be occasions when an offender is not stable enough to be able to appropriately participate in a DV component if the SDP is utilized according to statutory provisions.
- The members also discussed looking at a way to make this a two-part program where the first part stabilizes the person and addresses their mental health concerns while the second part addresses the DV concerns.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday, November 18, 2024 from 1-2:30 PM in a hybrid format

## VIX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn made by Joe DiTunno, seconded by Shauna Harrington at 1:40 PM.