



Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: July 18, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Task Force Member Attendance	Present	Telephone	Absent
Sen. Sally Turner			X
Rep. Maurice West	X		
Sen. Tony McCombie			X
Rep. Celina Villanueva			X
Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City of Rockford	X		
Jenny Schoenwetter, Harbor House	X		
Jennifer Greene, Life Span Chicago	X		
Judge Robert Anderson	X		
Sara Block	X		
Amanda Pyron	X		
Vickie Smith	X		
Cassandra Tanner Miller , Colton's Legacy			X
Willette Benford, Live Free Illinois			X
Jennifer Vancil, Quanada			X
Michelle Meyer			X
Jeannine Woods			X
Meg Hefty, Sarah's Inn Forest Park			X
Jenna Lopez, YWCA			X
Megan Alderden, DePaul University, Program Director of Criminology	X		
Fawn Pettet, Land of Lincoln, Alton			X
Carol Klarquist, Office of the Illinois State Public Defender			X
Stacy Short, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services			X
Amanda Vasquez	X		
Thomas Golebiewski	X		
Wendy Cohen, Attorney General Office	X		
Emily Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Office of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker			X
Dan Likens, ISP Division of Criminal Investigations Zone 1 Commander	X		
Teresa Tudor, Illinois Department of Human Services	X		
Dr. Jacob Stelter, North Shore, Lake County			X
Ariana Karia			X
Ret. Chief Tom Weitzel			X
Sheriff Andy Hires			X
Amirrah Abou-Youssef	X		

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Co-Chair Sara Block called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and welcomed Illinois Domestic Fatality Review Task Force members to the eighth meeting. Peter Yu of ICJIA conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

B. Old Business

1. Mission Moment

Block reviewed the Karina Gonzalez case out of Springfield, IL.

[Chicago dad charged with murdering wife and daughter, wounding son - Chicago Sun-Times \(suntimes.com\)](https://www.suntimes.com/story/news/crime/2023/05/16/chicago-dad-charged-with-murdering-wife-and-daughter-wounding-son/7048447002/)

[Little Village shooting: Man arrested after wife Karina Gonzalez and teen daughter killed, son wounded in Chicago shooting - ABC7 Chicago](https://www.abc7chicago.com/news/little-village-shooting-man-arrested-after-wife-karina-gonzalez-and-teen-daughter-killed-son-wounded-in-chicago-shooting-11278447/)

2. Vote to adopt minutes from May 16, 2023, meeting

Sen. Maurice West made a motion to adopt the minutes. Motion to Second made by Jennifer Greene. Amirrah Abou-Youssef abstained. Minutes were approved.

3. Annual trainings

Everyone should have received an email from ICJIA last month about completing two of the annual trainings. These should be completed by now and everyone should be able to log onto OneNet. Please complete these two trainings if you have not done so, and if you have any questions, please reach out to Samantha or Stacey. If you did not receive an email from ICJIA or need the email again, let staff know so that they can contact ICJIA on your behalf.

4. Confidentiality Agreement

Committee members need to sign the confidentiality agreement. Please do so if you haven't already.

5. National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Conference, October 9th and 10th Prescott, AZ

Members received a save the date flyer attached to the meeting materials last week for the NDVFR Conference with Dr. Websdale's group in Prescott, Arizona on October 9th and 10th.

It is important for a few members of this Committee to attend and at least one member from each of our pioneer sites. Staff is working out a budget for the trip so that we know how many people we are able to send and how much external money might be needed to send everyone who would like to go.

C. New Business

1. Regional Review Teams

Team updates

Kankakee – Jenny Schoenwetter reported that required and interested members met last week with Sara Block, Megan Alderden, and Samantha Gaddy. They are interested and ready. Only hesitation was the public defender's office, which they are coordinating logistics with.

Lake – Thomas Golebiewski reported that the State's Attorney's Office is taking lead and has secured about 18 people and they are awaiting guidance and next steps.

Madison – Samantha Gaddy reported that they met with a group of judges and law enforcement. Those present assigned out who is responsible for recruiting required members from the third judicial district. They are meeting again and ICADV will provide examples of how other regions have chosen to prioritize their cases.

Rockford – Jennifer Cacciapaglia reported that they received funding for a full-time position to oversee the DVFRT, DVRT, and a new strangulation awareness effort. They are in the final stages of confirming the funding, then will coordinate a meeting among members. They expect to know the members by October.

Will – Abou-Youssef reported that all the required members are obligated with more interested/involved. There is a lot of curiosity about the time commitment as many organizations are understaffed.

Bringing on the initial cohort progressively will help to increase the ability to streamline and there will be additional cohorts added in future years once the pioneer sites are established and work out some of the initial issues. The first reviews will be by January.

Onboarding

Training: Staff is reaching out to Dr. Websdale to lead trainings with the pioneer sites. Gaddy and Stacey Smith are working on tailor trainings for pioneer sites based on local needs and what the Illinois statute requires. If anyone would like to provide trainings on confidentiality, interviewing, traumatic brain injury/strangulation, etc., please reach out to Gaddy. The goal is to create an accessible training library since there will be turnover on the regional review teams.

Timeline: Will begin in the fall with the manual and all support documents finalized by then.

2. Materials discussion

Gaddy and Smith have completed about half the manual with the remainder completed by the next meeting. Please review it and send feedback by the end of July. These documents will continue to be a working draft. They will be further reviewed by ICJIA and edited by Gaddy and Smith following today's meeting.

Materials include:

- Manual
- Appendix materials
- Guest Confidentiality Agreement

Cacciapaglia asked everyone's thoughts in revisiting the conversation about adding the practice of ending with a self-care activity on the agenda. Block recommended providing guidance of examples on self-care activities as the regional team develops their own culture and what works best for them. Cacciapaglia recommended Kelsey Hart from her community on training for this subject.

Gaddy said they are planning a session on trauma-informed care and are coordinating with the Cathy Cave who had presented to the Committee. Block mentioned that one of the recorded trainings during onboarding could be on this topic.

Block specified that there will be core members, but when the actual reviews take place, there may be individuals brought in for specific reviews like family, employers, experts, etc., and the Guest Confidentiality Agreement is meant for those individuals.

Judge Anderson discussed the regional teams' need of requesting documents and the importance of putting information about that in the training and/or manual. It is granted, by the statute, for the DVFR Teams to have access to information, but some sources may not grant it as they are not aware of the law. Having information available to teams before that issue arises would empower the teams. Gaddy and Smith said that will be added.

Block shared that the second half of the manual will be more focused on the nuts and bolts like how to do request the documents, etc.

D. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Gaddy mentioned some legislative revisions that will need to be made such as when reports are due. If members notice other items that should be addressed in the law, please reach out to Gaddy so all revisions are needed.

E. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on September 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Cacciapaglia asked how to access the recordings of the meetings. Gaddy said she can help coordinate that.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cacciapaglia.

Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jenny Schoenwetter.