



Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY
REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: September 22, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

| Task Force Member Attendance | Present | Telephone | Absent |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sen. Sally Turner | | | X |
| Rep. Maurice West | | | X |
| Sen. Tony McCombie | | | 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 | | | |
| Cassandra Tanner Miller , Colton's Legacy | | | X |
| Willette Benford, Live Free Illinois | | | X |
| Jennifer Vancil, Quanada | X | | |
| Michelle Meyer | X | | |
| Jeannine Woods | | | |
| 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 | | |
| Caleb Schaffner, ICJIA | 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 | | |
| Robert Mannis, Lt. Gov's Office | | | |
| Sheryl Freidrich, IDPH | | X | |
| Ret. Chief Tom Weitzel | X | | |
| Sheriff Andy Hires | | | X |

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Co-Chair Megan Alderden called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and welcomed Illinois Domestic Fatality Review Task Force members.

B. Old Business

1. Vote to adopt minutes from June 21, 2022 meeting

Jennifer Greene made a motion to adopt the minutes with the requested changes. Motion to Second made by Jennifer Vancil. Motion carried.

2. Reminder: 1-page Institutional Analysis

Co-Chair Alderden discussed the institutional analysis of the DV response within Illinois. At the last meeting, members were asked to submit a one-page document with a description of what your program or agency does and what they're involved with identifying the source of funding and any gaps you see and any policies or legislation, if applicable. This should be completed by ex-officio members, too. Please submit it to Samantha Gaddy by October 15.

3. Sign-ups for working groups: Data, Policy & Procedure, Implementation & Technical Assistance, and Reporting & Recommendations

During the last meeting there was discussion on the creation of working groups to support the work of the Committee. Although four working groups were identified, for now we are focusing on the following three: Data; Policy and Procedure; and Implementation and Technical Assistance. Director Gaddy, who is helping manage the work of this Committee, will be sending out a survey via email in the next week or so.

4. Regional Review Teams

Co-Chair Alderden reminded everyone that the job of this committee is to provide support for the actual reviews that will be occurring regionally. The regions will be organized by the circuit court boundaries, although the review teams themselves will not necessarily be organized by those boundaries. For instance, a review team could be county specific, jurisdiction specific, or include multiple counties.

In the next few years, this committee will identify domestic violence fatality review teams across Illinois and support them by helping facilitate reviews and preparing them to do the actual reviews. A few locations have already expressed interest in creating a regional review team. Please think about locations that should be approached and share contact information for individuals who the Committee should speak with about creating a team. You can provide that information to Director Gaddy via email.

5. Mock fatality review with Dr. Websdale

Co-Chair Sara Block reintroduced Dr. Neil Websdale, the Director of and Professor in the Watts College of Public Services at Arizona State University and the Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative for the Office on Violence Against Women.

Co-Chair Block advised that the committee would spend the rest of our 3-hour meeting participating in a “mock review.” Following the Overview in March, this is “Part 2” help build the knowledge and capacity of the Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee to understand what domestic violence fatality review is.

Dr. Websdale led the Committee through an accelerated domestic violence fatality review consisting of 3 breakout groups, which worked through the following:

- Timeline: List all significant events in order to create a linear chronology that maps the case.
- Antecedents/red flags. These should highlight the principal signs that the relationship might have been heading toward serious violence/injury or death.
- Prior agency involvement and degree of agency coordination - involvement of friends, neighbors, family, and significant others in the community.
- Policy recommendations: What is to be done?

C. Public Comment

DVFR Director Gaddy asked that everyone send her their contact information to gaddy@ilcadv.org.

Vickie Smith asked that all look for information on the Pretrial Fairness Act regional trainings, which will take place October through December.

D. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Meyer.

Vancil seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jenny Schoenwetter.