



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Friday, January 8, 2016

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Advocacy, Coordination and Collaboration, Outreach and Awareness

- ***28th Annual Memorial Service***
On Monday, February 8, 2016, from 7:00—8:00 pm, the Annual Memorial Service will be held in the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative Services Building (90 State Circle) in Annapolis. The event has been posted on the MNADV website, on social media, and flyers are available.
- ***Legislative Advocacy for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session***
The 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session begins on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The MNADV is already gearing up. Many individuals responded to the MNADV's request in December to join the MNADV Legislative Committee or be included on a legislative information e-mail list. The MNADV is already reviewing legislation and working closely with the Family Violence Council work group on the proposed stalking legislation. Cynthia Lifson, MNADV Legislative Counsel, has already met once with a survivor who will provide testimony on the legislation. The first Legislative Committee conference call is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016. Laure Ruth and Michelle Smith will again co-chair the Legislative Committee.
- ***FY 2016 Federal Budget – Advocacy***
The MNADV participated actively in the advocacy efforts to secure additional funding for VAWA, FVPSA, and VOCA in the federal FY 2016 budget. The budget, passed by both houses and already signed by President Obama, contains significant increases in funding. Senator Barbara Mikulski, who championed these efforts in the Senate, held a conference call on Thursday, December 17, 2016 to present the results. Michaela Cohen participated in the call.
- ***MNADV VOCA Survey***
Erin Boguski continued to collate the information submitted through the VOCA survey and subsequent discussions. The information will be shared with service providers and GOCCP.
- ***Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***
Michaela Cohen and Amber Guthrie attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The agenda included an update by Andrea Gielen on her research project on hospital-based domestic violence programs. MNADV Board members Karalyn Mulligan and Joan Stine are also HCC Board members.
- ***Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force***
Amber Guthrie attended the January 2016 meeting of the Victim Services Committee and Erin Boguski has been providing technical assistance to committee members on services, data collection, and confidentiality.
- ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***
The Steering Committee is on hiatus until February 2016.

- **Family Violence Council**
The Family Violence Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 11, 2016. The meeting will include a discussion of upcoming legislation as well as subcommittee reports.
 - **Family Violence Council Subcommittee on Best Practices for Family Justice Centers**
The subcommittee is working on scheduling another focus group of survivors to discuss needs and barriers, systems changes, and ways Family Justice Centers can be helpful.
 - **Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)**
Michaela Cohen, president of MLAW, held a conference call with the Board of Directors on December 16, 2015 to consider the ballot results and select the legislative issues for 2016 MLAW Legislative Agenda. The MLAW Board also planned the 2016 Reception and Briefing on February 16, 2016. The MLAW Legislative Agenda supports a variety of issues affecting women and families, including domestic violence and sexual assault.
 - **Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB)**
Michaela Cohen attended the steering committee meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 to finalize the plans for the 2016 Women's Legislative Briefing, scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2016. The committee discussed the program, speakers and seminar topics, sponsors, the teen track, committees, the timeline, publicity, and registration.
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- **Communications and Social Networking**
 - **Social Media:** From December 1 – December 21, 2015, 5 Facebook posts and 5 Tweets were made on social media. On Facebook, 3,016 followers were reached and 790 Twitter users were reached. MNADV staff planned a presentation for Board Members during the January meeting.
 - **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent in December 2015 featuring the Memorial Service and Winter/Spring training calendar.

MNADV Board of Directors

- **MNADV Legislative Committee (see above)**
 - The Legislative Committee e-mail list is being expanded to include those who responded to the MNADV request in December 2015.
 - Cynthia Lifson, Legislative Counsel, is reviewing legislation and working with the Family Violence Council Working Group on Electronic Harassment and Stalking on the proposed stalking legislation. Dorothy Lennig and Steve Kroll are co-chairing and Laure Ruth and Cynthia are participating. Cynthia has met once with a survivor who will provide testimony on the legislation.
 - The first Legislative Committee conference call is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016.
 - Laure Ruth and Michelle Smith will again co-chair the Legislative Committee.
- **MNADV Domestic Violence Service Standards Task Force**
The Task Force met on December 17, 2015 to finalize counseling standards. As the counseling standards are finalized, MNADV is recruiting advocates and case management experts to finalize the advocacy and case management sections of the nonresidential standards. People interested in developing these sections should email Erin at eboguski@mnadv.org.

- **Development**
 - **Maryland State’s Attorney’s Association 7K Run/Walk**
A conference call has been scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10:00 am to begin planning for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016. Kelley Rainey, Suzanne Bailey, and Jeff Spaulding have agreed to help with the event.
 - **Corporate presentation for golf tournament proceeds**
Janet Blackburn will be making a presentation about the MNADV on Monday, January 11, 2016 to a business group. The group is considering recipients for the proceeds of their golf tournament. Cheryl Kravitz, Laurie Duker and Michael Cohen are providing information and assistance to Janet for her presentation.

Training and Technical Assistance for Service Providers

- **2016 Statewide Domestic Violence Conference Planning Committee**
 - Sponsorships and exhibitors are now available. Board participation in recruiting sponsors is needed.
 - The conference will be held on June 3, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis and will feature Anna Melbin from Full Frame Initiative as the keynote speaker. An application for speaker support from the Office for Victims of Crime was submitted in December.
- **Shelter Directors’ Group**
The Shelter group will meet on January 22, 2016, featuring Janice Miller from House of Ruth MD who will share tips on how to discuss strategies for confidentiality surrounding grant monitoring and audits. Other 2016 topics identified by the group include: transportation, human trafficking, and serving non-high-danger survivors.
- **Service Animal Working Group**
The working group is currently adapting a model protocol for service animals for Maryland, developed by the Washington State Coalition to provide guidance for victim service providers. A working group member and Amber Guthrie are reviewing a draft of the protocol on their next conference call scheduled for January 12, 2016.
- **Domestic Violence Trainings**
 - Completed Trainings**
 - December 15, 2015 – Hotline Customer Service Training (for Shelter and Hotline staff at the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County)
 - January 5, 2016 — Intimate Partner Stalking and the Use of Technology (for Child Welfare Workers)
 - Upcoming Trainings: Winter/Spring 2016 Training Calendar now available!**
 - February 11, 2016 – Preventing Dating Abuse: Safety and Engagement of teens on Social Media--Columbia (for everyone)
 - March 1, 2016 – Voices of Multiple Faiths, Forced Marriage, and Domestic Violence — Baltimore City (for everyone)
 - March 22, 2016 – Meeting Survivors Where They Are: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence — Southern MD (for everyone)
 - March 31, 2016 – LGBTQ 201: Serving Transfeminine, Transmasculine, and Nonbinary Survivors (for everyone)
 - April 28, 2016 – Providing Culturally Relevant Services to Korean, Chinese, and South Asian Survivors of Domestic Violence — Montgomery County (for everyone)

- January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, and May 18, 2016: Five day Comprehensive IPV training at GBMC in Baltimore (Registration is full, but a wait list is available)
 - June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, 2016: Five day Comprehensive IPV training at Laurel Hospital (Registration is full, but a wait list is available)
 - June 3, 2016 – Inform. Empower. Advocate. Working to End Domestic Violence in Maryland (statewide conference)
 - June 20, 2016 – We Can Make a Difference: Strategies to Promote Resiliency in Children Exposed to DV — Mid-Shore (for everyone)
- **Technical Assistance for Domestic Violence Service Providers**
Amber Guthrie and Erin Boguski continue to provide technical assistance to service providers as well as site visits and training and resources specific to individual program needs.

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

Maryland

- **Technical Assistance and Training**
Staff continue to provide technical assistance to participating law enforcement agencies and their partner domestic violence programs. Domestic violence in-service training was provided to the Maryland Police Training Commission on January 7, 2016 in Frederick County. LAP training is scheduled for Carroll Community College on January 14, 2016.
- **LAP in Healthcare**
Staff is working with the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center and Union Memorial Hospital to implement LAP.
- **LAP in Departments**
Staff continues to provide technical assistance to three Maryland state departments (DHR, DPSCS, and DJS).
- **LAP Data**
LAP data for calendar year 2015 is in the process of being collected. Survey links were distributed this week.

National

- **LAP OVW-TA Grant**
 - Training in 2016 is scheduled for Brazos, Texas on February 4; Kauai, Hawaii on February 9; Honolulu, Hawaii on February 12; Ravalli County, Montana on March 15; Missoula County, Montana on March 16; and St. Joseph, Missouri on April 14.
 - 11 applications from four different sites are being assessed: 7 jurisdictions in Tennessee; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Castle Rock, Colorado; Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and Wayne County, Michigan.
- **LAP Advisory Council**
 - LAP Advisory Council teleconference dates for 2016 have been scheduled for February 3, April 6, June 1, and August 3.
 - The draft body-worn camera protocol was distributed to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association, Fraternal Order of Police, National Network to End Domestic Violence, BWJP, and AEquitas for review and comment.
 - The next culturally-specific committee teleconference is scheduled for January 20, 2016.

- ***OVW-TA Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (HPDI)***
 - The MNADV continues to coordinate with OVW, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and several national consultants to manage this award.
 - LAP implementation for Pitt County, NC and Contra Costa County, CA began on October 1, 2015.
 - Staff are working with non-selected sites in Phase I, specifically White Plains, NY and Winnebago, IL to implement LAP.

- ***Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) Project***

The MNADV continues to provide on-going technical assistance to the eighteen county-based teams.
- ***Domestic Violence Homicide Database***

Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2014 – June 2015.
- ***Judicial Initiative Exploratory Committee***

Staff will meet with potential researchers and GOCCP in January to discuss the research scope of work.

Administration

- ***Grant Reports***

The FVPSA FY 2015 annual report and VAWA Coalition Set-Aside three-month report (FY 2015: July-September 2015) were submitted in December 2015. Additional reports are due in January 2016 for federal and state grants.
- ***Personnel, Financial and Operational Policies and Procedures***

The MNADV is continuing to revise the personnel, financial and operational policies and procedures to ensure compliance with federal requirements, to clarify MNADV internal policies, and to ensure the effective operation of the organization.
- ***Audit for Fiscal Year 2015***

The annual audit for fiscal year 2015 is scheduled for February 1-5, 2016.