



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT **Friday, February 12, 2016**

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Advocacy, Coordination and Collaboration, Outreach and Awareness

■ ***28th Annual Memorial Service***

The Annual Memorial Service was held on Monday, February 8, 2016, from 7:00—8:00 pm, in the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative Services Building (90 State Circle) in Annapolis. The event was publicized through e-mails and fliers, the MNADV website, and on social media. Speakers included Christopher Shank, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Larry Hogan and former Executive Director, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and Maggie Binkley, roommate of a domestic violence victim. Captain Holly Barrett, Maryland State Police, read the names of those who died as a result of domestic violence during the past year. The event was well-attended and was covered by the media.

■ ***Legislative Advocacy for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session***

The 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session began on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The MNADV is reviewing legislation and working closely with the Family Violence Council work group on the stalking legislation. The Legislative Committee is holding weekly conference calls, co-chaired by Laure Ruth and Michelle Smith. Cynthia Lifson is providing testimony, preparing witnesses, and coordinating with legislative partners on MNADV priority bills and other bills of interest. The MNADV is tracking all bills of interest and providing updated legislative agendas and alerts.

■ ***VOCA***

Michaele Cohen, Erin Boguski, and Amy Johnson met with Gale Malone of SAMS, the organization responsible for GOCCP's needs assessment, on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 to discuss the expanded VOCA funding. The MNADV shared the results of our VOCA survey as well key priorities and considerations for next fiscal year's VOCA funding.

■ ***Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***

Michaele Cohen and Amber Guthrie attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The agenda included a review of the tech stalking handout, the standardized database, planning for upcoming forums (annual hospital-based programs meeting and topical seminars), completed and upcoming trainings and events, program updates, law enforcement reporting, medical records for courts, MNADV updates, and next year's grant applications. MNADV Board members Karalyn Mulligan and Joan Stine are also HCC Board members.

■ ***Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force's Victim Services Committee***

Amber Guthrie and Erin Boguski attended the February 2016 meeting of the Committee to promote the conference and best practices regarding confidentiality. MNADV also provided technical assistance regarding data collection.

- ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***
The Steering Committee is on hiatus until February 2016.
 - ***Family Violence Council***
The Family Violence Council met on Monday, January 11, 2016. The meeting included 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)***
Because of the snowstorm, Michaela Cohen, president of MLAW, held a conference call with the Board of Directors on January 25, 2016 to identify liaisons for each Agenda issue, encourage additional sign-ons, prepare for the Women's Legislative Briefing, and plan 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, Tara Pavao and Tiffany Garner attended the 2016 Women's Legislative Briefing on Sunday, January 31, 2016. The MNADV had a prominently positioned table with publications and fliers. The table was visited by many of the event attendees. Michaela Cohen also attended the Presidents' Networking Session in the morning. Cynthia Lifson presented on the workshop panel addressing health and safety legislation and Michaela Cohen provided handouts to workshop attendees.
 - ***One Love***
The One Love subcommittee has been gathering information, including meeting with the Women's Law Center, talking to Jackie Campbell, and capturing Karalyn Mulligan's daughter's experience. MNADV LAP staff and Kelley Rainey from Family & Children's Services used the Escalation video at a recent LAP training for Carroll Community College and evaluation data and Kelley's experience were shared with the subcommittee. MNADV staff and the subcommittee will continue to share information and identify steps to advocate for improvements with the Escalation model.
- ****
- ***Communications and Social Networking***
 - **Social Media:** From January 1 through January 31, 2016 11 tweets and 6 posts were published on social media, reaching almost 6,000 Twitter and Facebook users.
 - **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on February 1, 2016 featuring the Memorial Service and conference registration and sponsorships, which was opened by 464 email users.

MNADV Board of Directors

- ***MNADV Legislative Committee***
 - The Legislative Committee e-mail list continues to be expanded to include new participants.
 - Cynthia Lifson, Laure Ruth, and Michelle Smith provide leadership for the MNADV Legislative Committee.
 - Legislative Committee members and the MNADV Board of Directors are encouraged to participate in the weekly conference calls.

- The weekly Legislative Committee conference calls include legislative status reports, reviews of new legislation, MNADV recommended legislative positions and actions, and planning for legislative hearings, including written and oral testimony, the preparation of witnesses, and coordination with legislative partners.
- Cynthia Lifson, Legislative Counsel, reviews all legislation and is working with the Family Violence Council Working Group on Electronic Harassment and Stalking on the stalking legislation. Cynthia coordinates advocacy efforts with Laure Ruth, Women's Law Center of Maryland, and Dorothy Lennig, House of Ruth Maryland, on all domestic violence legislation.
- ***MNADV Domestic Violence Service Standards Task Force***
The January 2016 meeting of the Task Force was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. Case management and advocacy are the new sections that will be developed.
- ***Development***
 - ***Maryland State's Attorney's Association 7K Run/1 Mile Walk***
A conference call has been scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016 at 1:00 pm to continue 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. The flier has been developed and disseminated and social media posts are being made by both MNADV and the MSAA. Registration is open and potential donors are being contacted.
 - ***Corporate presentation for golf tournament proceeds***
Janet Blackburn made a presentation about the MNADV on Monday, January 11, 2016 to a business group deciding who to give the proceeds of their golf tournament. Janet did an excellent presentation and will report on the outcome at the February 12 Board meeting.

Training and Technical Assistance for Service Providers

- ***2016 Statewide Domestic Violence Conference Planning Committee***
 - Workshops and registration are now available for the conference. Assistance from the board with marketing the conference is needed.
 - Sponsorships and exhibitors are now available. Current sponsors include: Kaiser Permanente (\$2,500); Michaele Cohen (\$1,000); ElderSAFE (\$500); and JCADA (\$125). 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 (OVC) was submitted in December.
- ***Shelter Directors' Group***
 - The Shelter group rescheduled the January 2016 meeting due to inclement weather. They will meet on February 19, 2016, featuring Dominic Goodall from MNADV and HopeWorks, Inc., who will speak about teen prevention programs in shelter. Other 2016 topics identified by the group include: transportation, human trafficking, and serving non-high-danger survivors.
- ***Service Animal Working Group***
 - The working group has adapted a model protocol for service animals for victim service providers, which is in its final stages of revision. Trainings for domestic violence service providers and the general public are being planned.

■ **Domestic Violence Trainings**

Completed Trainings

- January 20, 2016: day one of the five day *Statewide Comprehensive IPV training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore

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)
- February 17, March 16, April 20, and May 18, 2016: *Statewide Comprehensive IPV Training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore (full; in progress)
- February 23, 2016 – *Trauma-Informed Practices for Children Impacted by Domestic Violence* for the Child Welfare Academy
- March 1, 2016 – *Voices of Multiple Faiths, Forced Marriage, and Domestic Violence* — Baltimore City (for everyone)
- March 7, 2016 – *Reproductive Coercion and Domestic Violence* for the Betty Ann Krahnke Center shelter staff
- March 22, 2016 – *Meeting Survivors Where They Are: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence* — Southern MD (for everyone)
- March 29, 2016 – *DV Dynamics* for Aberdeen Proving Ground S/A Advocates
- 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)
- May 5, 2016 – *Domestic Violence Dynamics and Best Practices* for the statewide Pupil Personnel Conference
- ■ 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)
- July 7, 2016 – *Motivational Interviewing* for HopeWorks, Inc.
- September 13, 2016 – *Hispanic and Latino Cultural Competency Training* in Lanham (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.

■ **IPV, Trauma, and Substance Use Project**

Tiffany Garner is conducting outreach activities to reach domestic violence service providers, abuser intervention programs, health care providers, and substance use providers to promote the trainings and symposiums associated with the project. Skill-based trainings are being scheduled at individual agencies now and a series of symposiums are being planned that will feature local and national experts.

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

Maryland

■ **Technical Assistance**

Staff continue to provide technical assistance to participating law enforcement agencies and their partner domestic violence programs. An in-service domestic violence training was provided to new recruits at the Frederick Police Department on January 7 and January 28, 2016. Training was also provided to 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 continue 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.

National

■ **LAP OVW-TA Grant**

- Training 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.
- Trainings for two additional sites are in the process of being scheduled for spring/summer 2016 for Castle Rock, Colorado and Wayne County, Michigan.
- Applications from three different sites are being assessed: several jurisdictions in Tennessee; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

■ **LAP Advisory Council**

- The LAP Advisory Council held a teleconference on February 3, 2016 to discuss the body-worn camera policy. The policy will be finalized spring 2016 and presented at the MNADV statewide conference.
- LAP Advisory Council teleconference dates for 2016 have been scheduled for April 6, June 1 and August 3, 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.
- Staff continue to work with two LAP implementing sites, Pitt County, NC and Contra Costa County, CA; as well as White Plains, NY.

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

- The MNADV continues to provide on-going technical assistance to the eighteen county-based teams.
- A training is scheduled on motivating DVFRT participation by increasing attendance and engagement, addressing DVFRT team burnout, and managing and organizing case information. The training will be presented by the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative on February 10, 2016 at JHU in Columbia.

- ***Domestic Violence Homicide Database***
Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2015 – June 2016. The homicide information for July 2014 – June 2015 was finalized and published at the Memorial Service.
- ***Judicial Initiative Exploratory Committee***
Staff has been working with GOCCP and the researchers, Dr. Jill Messing and Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell, to develop a draft budget and proposal to develop a pretrial risk assessment tool, implementation and evaluation plan.

Administration

- ***Audit for Fiscal Year 2015***
The annual audit for fiscal year 2015 was conducted February 1-8, 2016 by Draper and McGinley.
- ***Grant Reports***
FVPSA, STOP VAWA, BJAG, OVW TA, OVW DVHP and VOCA progress reports and financial reports were submitted to DHHS, GOCCP and OVW in January 2016. Annual SAPR reports are due for STOP VAWA grants in February 2016.
- ***Personnel, Financial and Operational Policies and Procedures***
The MNADV revised and finalized the personnel and financial policies and procedures to ensure compliance with federal requirements, to clarify MNADV internal policies, and to ensure the effective operation of the organization. The MNADV continues to revise the operational policies and procedures to ensure that they reflect current practice.