



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **Friday, March 11, 2016**

### **NEW AND NOTEWORTHY**

#### **Advocacy, Coordination and Collaboration, Outreach and Awareness**

- ***Legislative Advocacy for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session***  
The 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session just passed the half-way point in the 90-day session. The MNADV is actively involved in coordinating with legislative partners and providing written and oral testimony on a large number of bills. The MNADV Legislative Committee is holding weekly conference calls, co-chaired by Laure Ruth and Michelle Smith. The MNADV is tracking all bills of interest and providing updated legislative agendas and alerts.
- ***Press Releases and Awareness***  
The MNADV sent a press release about the Maryland 2015 DV Counts results and will be sending one about the 2015 annual Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) report to our media lists. Reporters who responded were particularly interested in local statistics and information.
- ***VOCA***  
The MNADV continued to coordinate with Gale Malone of SAMS, the organization responsible for GOCCP's VOCA needs assessment. The MNADV is sharing information and resources to assist SAMS in preparing its report. This report will inform the NOFA for next year's VOCA funding priorities.
- ***NNEDV and Federal Funding Advocacy***  
The MNADV is actively engaged in advocacy for federal domestic violence funding. At NNEDV's request, the MNADV sent letters to members of the Maryland Congressional delegation asking for their support. Additionally, the MNADV will participate in the annual NNEDV forum and advocacy day in June 2016.
- ***Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***  
Michaele Cohen and Amber Guthrie attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016. The agenda included a presentation on domestic violence and substance use by Tiffany Garner, MNADV Project Specialist, outreach and forum planning, ideas for grant applications, and program updates. MNADV Board members Karalyn Mulligan and Joan Stine and Project Manager Amber Guthrie are also HCC Board members.
- ***Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force's Victim Services Committee***  
Erin Boguski attended the March 2016 meeting of the Committee and promoted the conference and survivor-centered services. MNADV also facilitated a technical assistance call between NNEDV, the Confidentiality Institute, and Resolve's project leads for a Human Trafficking Standards Initiative (HTSI) international data collection project, where MD/DC has been identified as a potential pilot site. The task force also shared MNADV residential program standards and the standards of states identified by MNADV as model resources for human trafficking service providers.

- ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***  
Dominic Goodall attended the February meeting and Erin Boguski attended the March meeting of the Steering Committee. In lieu of a kick-off event in June and a one day training in October, a two day conference is being planned for October. Dominic is participating in the locations subcommittee and Erin is participating on the budget committee.
- ***Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)***  
Michael Cohen, president of MLAW, led the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on February 22, 2016. The Board discussed the 2016 Reception and Briefing held on February 16, 2016, reviewed the status of bills on the Legislative Agenda, considered supporting an additional bill, and discussed outreach opportunities, including a table at the MNADV domestic violence conference. The MLAW Legislative Agenda supports a variety of issues affecting women and families, including domestic violence and sexual assault.
- ***Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB)***  
Michael Cohen attended the wrap-up meeting for the WLB on February 18, 2016. The Planning Committee reviewed the event held on January 31, 2016, assessed the evaluations, and made recommendations for next year's event.

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- ***Communications and Social Networking***
  - **Social Media:** From February 1 through February 29, 2016 22 tweets and 12 posts were published on social media, reaching over 10,000 Twitter and Facebook users.
  - **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on February 29, 2016 featuring the Run/Walk, DV-related deaths statistics, and conference registration, which was opened by 437 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 Task Force held a call in February 2016 to develop the Advocacy section. Subcommittees formed to address Legal and Medical advocacy specifically. The next call will be held on March 10, 2016 to finalize the Advocacy standards.

## ■ **Development**

### ■ **Maryland State's Attorney's Association 7K Run/1 Mile Walk**

A conference call was held on February 19 and another has been scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016 at 1:30 pm to continue planning for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016. Kelley Rainey, Suzanne Bailey, and Jeff Spaulding are helping 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.

## **Training and Technical Assistance for Service Providers**

### ■ **2016 Statewide Domestic Violence Conference Planning Committee**

- The conference will be held on June 3, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis. Anna Melbin from Full Frame Initiative will be the keynote speaker. 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); OVC TTAC (savings of \$1,300); Michael Cohen (\$1,000); ElderSAFE (\$500); Family & Children's Services (\$250); and the following Bronze sponsors (\$125): JCADA; Maryland Insurance Administration; and MLAW. Board participation in recruiting sponsors is needed.

### ■ **Shelter Directors' Group**

- The Shelter group met in February, featuring Dominic Goodall, 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**

- February 17, 2016: day two of the five day *Statewide Comprehensive IPV training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore
- February 11, 2016 – *Preventing Dating Abuse: Safety and Engagement of Teens on Social Media* – Columbia (for everyone)
- 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

#### **Upcoming Trainings: Winter/Spring 2016 Training Calendar now available!**

- March 16, April 20, and May 18, 2016: *Statewide Comprehensive IPV Training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore (full; in progress)

- March 22, 2016 – *Meeting Survivors Where They Are: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence* — Southern MD (for everyone)
- March 22, 2016 – *Tech Safety*—Frederick (for MCASA’s Victim Advocate training)
- March 29, 2016 – *DV Dynamics* for Aberdeen Proving Ground S/A Advocates
- March 29, 2016 – *Intimate Partner Stalking and the Use of Technology* – Lower Eastern Shore (for child welfare workers)
- 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)
- April 30, 2016 – *Technology and Safety Planning* – Calvert County (for hotline volunteers)
- May 1, 2016 – Organizational Trauma— Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference
- 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. Two trainings for substance use providers have been provided and additional skill-based trainings are being scheduled. A series of symposiums are being planned that will feature local and national experts. The first will be on April 20, 2016 for abuser intervention programs and the second will be held on May 20, 2016 for health care providers in partnership with the Health Care Coalition.

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**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 program.

- A mandatory training is scheduled on March 22, 2016 for domestic violence coordinators, representing all 22 barracks of the Maryland State Police on *Enhancing Law Enforcement Practice of LAP: Applying Lethality Factors, Laws and Best Practices in Maryland*.
- Staff are working with the U.S. Park Police, Greenbelt barrack, to implement the LAP. Preparation for training, implementation and coordination with domestic violence programs is currently underway.

- **LAP in Healthcare**  
Staff held a teleconference with Frederick Memorial Hospital to discuss expanding LAP into their labor and delivery department; and with 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**  
The *2015 LAP Annual Report Summary and Statistical Report* were finalized and distributed to LAP participants on March 1 (LAP Update #1). The report summary was also uploaded to the MNADV website.

### **National**

- **LAP OVW-TA Grant**
  - Training is scheduled for Ravalli County, Montana on March 15; Missoula County, Montana on March 16; St. Joseph, Missouri on April 14; April 26 and 27 for Tennessee Phase 1 sites; Wayne County, Michigan on May 10; and Castle Rock, Colorado on May 25.
  - Applications from three different sites are being assessed: several jurisdictions in Tennessee; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
  - Megan Rosenfeld participated in the IACP's Body Worn Camera and Victim Impact Forum on February 24-25. Information from the forum will be incorporated into the MNADV's Body Worn Camera LAP policy.
- **LAP Advisory Council**
  - LAP Advisory Council teleconferences dates for 2016 have been scheduled for April 6, June 1 and August 3.
- **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.
  - Staff participated in a briefing on March 9 with OVW and the White House.

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- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) Project**
  - The MNADV continues to provide on-going technical assistance to the eighteen county-based teams.
  - A training was held on February 10 at JHU in Columbia on motivating DVFRT participation by increasing attendance and engagement, addressing DVFRT team burnout, and managing and organizing case information. The training was presented by the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. At least 6 local DVFRTs were represented at the training.
- **Domestic Violence Homicide Database**  
Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2015 – June 2016.
- **LAP Logo**  
A LAP logo has been designed and approved for use by OVW. Staff are in the process of working with the designer to develop a LAP website as well.

■ **Judicial Initiative Exploratory Committee**

Per the request of GOCCP, MNADV is preparing to submit a concept paper for the Byrne Criminal Justice (BJA) Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs solicitation which is due March 29. MNADV will be notified by April 22 if the concept paper is selected to submit a full application. GOCCP and Dr. Jill Messing will serve as a partners on the application.

**Administration**

■ **Audit for Fiscal Year 2015**

The annual audit for fiscal year 2015 was completed by Draper and McGinley. There were no findings. A presentation will be made by auditor Michele Mills to the MNADV Board of Directors at the March 11 Board meeting.

■ **Grant Applications**

- The FVPSA FY 2017 grant application was submitted on February 26, 2016. The LAP-TA FY 2017 grant application was submitted on March 1, 2016.
- Upcoming grant applications include the VAWA Coalition Set-Aside grant and VAWA STOP and VOCA grants from GOCCP.
- To facilitate these applications, MNADV staff began drafting the FY 2017 budget. It will be presented to the Board for approval in October 2016 after the MNADV has received notification about the 2017 grants.

■ **Staffing**

- Alisha Queen's (LAP Specialist) last day working with the MNADV is March 18, 2016.
- Dave Sargent's last day working with the MNADV is April 1, 2016.