



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **Friday, April 8, 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 ends on Monday, April 11, 2016. The MNADV has been actively involved in coordinating with legislative partners and providing written and oral testimony on more than 50 bills. The MNADV Legislative Committee has held weekly conference calls, co-chaired by Laure Ruth and Michelle Smith. The MNADV has tracked all bills of interest and provided updated legislative agendas and alerts.
- ***Press Releases and Awareness***  
As a result of MNADV press releases on the Maryland 2015 DV Counts results and the 2015 annual Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) report, reporters have contacted the MNADV for more information. Alicia Bickoff, MNADV LAP Manager, has been the spokesperson for the LAP report and has done two television interviews on WMAR-TV. Michael Cohen and Erin Boguski were interviewed for a regional cable TV show on April 6.
- ***VOCA***  
The MNADV continued to provide coordination and input into GOCCP's VOCA needs assessment report. Amy Johnson represented the MNADV at a meeting on March 29, 2016 to discuss the initial responses for the interim report. This report will inform the NOFA for next year's VOCA funding priorities.
- ***2016 STOP Administrators and Coalition Directors Joint Meeting***  
Executive Director Michael Cohen attended the 2016 STOP Administrators and Coalition Directors Joint Meeting, "*Working at the Intersections: Promoting Access and Accountability*," in Chicago, Illinois, March 29-30, 2016. The focus of this year's meeting was on serving marginalized and underserved people (e.g., racial, ethnic, and cultural groups, LGBTQ). There were also sessions on state administrators and coalitions working together, federal sexual assault legislation, and VAWA, VOCA, and FVPSA funding issues. Michael also spent time with the new GOCCP VAWA state administrator, Sun Jang. They shared information and discussed issues.
- ***Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***  
Michael Cohen and Amber Guthrie attended the Health Care Coalition Hospital-based Program Forum on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. The focus of this year's all-day forum is a morning panel on child protection issues. The afternoon session will include a program round table discussion. A small grant-writing work group from the Board is also working on applications for upcoming state grants.
- ***Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force's Victim Services Committee***  
Erin Boguski and Amber Guthrie will attend the April meeting of the Victim Service Committee. A Human Trafficking Symposium, held by MNADV and featuring several Human Trafficking Task Force members, will be held in Southern Maryland on May 9, 2016.

- ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***  
The April meeting of the IDVC has been cancelled.
- ***Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)***  
Michael Cohen, president of MLAW, led the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on March 21, 2016. The Board discussed membership efforts for 2016-2017, including a revised brochure and membership letter/form, reviewed the status of bills on the Legislative Agenda, discussed the legislative wrap-up event and outreach and speaking opportunities. MLAW will have 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.

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- ***Communications and Social Networking***
  - **Social Media:** From March 1 through March 31, 2016, 14 tweets and six posts were published on social media, reaching over 3,400 Twitter and Facebook users. This included participating in No More week with tweets and re-tweets on Twitter.
  - **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on March 24, 2016 with a new, mobile-friendly template. It featured a LAP interview in the news and conference registration. It was opened by 500 email users.

## **MNADV Board of Directors**

- ***MNADV Legislative Committee***
  - The weekly Legislative Committee conference calls included legislative status reports, reviews of new legislation, MNADV recommended legislative positions and actions, and planning for legislative hearings, including written and oral testimony, and coordination with legislative partners.
  - The MNADV has been actively involved in providing written and oral testimony on more than 50 bills.
- ***MNADV Domestic Violence Service Standards Task Force***
  - The Task Force held a call in March 2016 to finalize the Advocacy section.
  - The next call will be held on April 29, 2016 to draft the Case Management section.
- ***Development***
  - **Maryland State's Attorney's Association 7K Run/1 Mile Walk**  
A conference call was held on Friday, March 18, 2016 to continue planning for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016. The next scheduled call is Monday, April 11 at 1:00 pm. 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. Donors have been solicited and confirmed. Registration is open and 112 people had registered as of 4/4/16.
  - **Memberships and Donations**  
In FY 2016, as of April 4, 2016 (6 months), the MNADV had brought in \$14,100 in memberships and \$5,678.30 in donations. The total of \$19,778 is only \$771.70 short of the FY 2016 budget goal of \$20,550. It should be noted that efforts to solicit donations this year have been focused on sponsorships for the statewide domestic violence conference, which have been extraordinarily successful (see report below).

## 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 registration is needed.
  - Sponsorships and exhibitors are still available. Current sponsors include: Kaiser Permanente (\$2,500); OVC TTAC (savings of \$1,300); Michael Cohen (\$1,000); ElderSAFE (\$500); **NEW!** UMBC Health IT Graduate Program (\$250); Family & Children's Services (\$250); and the following Bronze sponsors (\$125): JCADA; Maryland Insurance Administration; and MLAW. The total cash received for sponsorships so far is \$4,875. Other sponsorships are still expected. Sponsor information (ads, links, payments, etc.) are due *now* for inclusion in the conference program.
  
- **Shelter Directors' Group**
  - The Shelter group met in March for an open meeting where the following was discussed: lack of mental health resources in the community, substance use on-site, relationships with law enforcement, and roles of participants.
  - A short survey for shelter programs on services offered and staffing specifics was completed and will be analyzed for later use with the group.
  - The group will meet on April 20, 2016 with a presentation by Amelia Rubenstein on serving human trafficking survivors in shelter.
  - Other 2016 topics identified by the group include: transportation, funders, and serving non-high-danger survivors.
  
- **Service Animal Working Group**
  - The working group completed and finalized the model protocol for service animals for victim service providers. It has been released for use and is currently being marketed to larger audiences. It is also available on the MNADV website.
  - A training for allied professionals is scheduled for May 19, 2016 in Columbia. Another training specifically for domestic violence service providers will be offered in June.
  
- **Domestic Violence Trainings**
  - **Completed Trainings**
    - March 7, 2016: Betty Ann Krahnke Center on *Reproductive Coercion*
    - March 16, 2016: *Statewide Comprehensive IPV Training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore (full; in progress)
    - 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 30, 2016 – *Intimate Partner Stalking and the Use of Technology* (Carroll County AIP Training)
    - March 31, 2016 – *Intimate Partner Violence, Trauma, and Substance Use* (Carroll County AIP training)
    - March 31, 2016 – *LGBTQ 201: Serving Transfeminine, Transmasculine, and Nonbinary Survivors* (for everyone)

### **Upcoming Trainings**

- April 5, 2016 – *Meeting Survivors Where They Are: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence* — Southern MD (rescheduled; for everyone)
- April 20, 2016 – *Users and Abusers: Abuser Intervention, Trauma, and Substance Use Symposium* (for AIP facilitators)
- April 20 and May 18, 2016: *Statewide Comprehensive IPV Training for Advocates and Professionals* at GBMC in Baltimore (full; in progress)
- April 25, 2016: *LGBTQ 101* (for Lifestyles staff)
- 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
- May 9, 2016: *Comprehensive Human Trafficking Symposium*, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- May 11, 2016: Home Health Workers on *Futures Without Violence Curriculum*
- May 19, 2016: *Taking "Paws": Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence Who Have Service Animals*, Columbia
- May 20, 2016 – *The Co-occurrence of Substance Use, DV, and Trauma in Health Care Settings* (co-sponsored with the MD Health Care Coalition Against DV) (for health care providers)
- May 24, 2016: *Trauma-Informed LAP and High Danger Safety Planning* (for Crisis Intervention Center staff)
- June 3, 2016 – *Inform. Empower. Advocate. Working to End Domestic Violence in Maryland* (statewide conference)
- June 14, 2016: *Active Listening* (for Lifestyles staff)
- 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 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 staff)
- 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.

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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.

- Staff facilitated 3 regional LAP meetings: 3/14 in Cecil County; 3/15 in Baltimore County; and 3/16 in Carroll County. Staff is working with the Life Crisis Center to coordinate a regional LAP meeting in April/May.
- Staff will provide training to the Baltimore County Police Department on *Enhancing Law Enforcement's Practice of LAP* on April 27.

- **LAP in Healthcare**  
Staff received Union Memorial Hospital in Cecil County's signed Hospital Expectations and Readiness Checklist. A meeting will be held in May to review the hospital policy and plan for training. Staff will provide a LAP train-the-trainer re-training for Bon Secours Hospital on April 12.
- **LAP in Departments**  
Staff continue to provide technical assistance to three Maryland state departments (DHR, DPSCS and DJS).
- **LAP Data**  
Alicia Bickoff was featured on ABC2 News, WMAR-TV in an In Focus segment to highlight the *2015 LAP Annual Report Summary and Statistical Report* and another segment on violence against women.

### **National**

- **LAP OVW-TA Grant**
  - Training is scheduled in 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.
- **LAP Advisory Council**
  - A LAP Advisory Council teleconference was held on April 6 to resume discussion regarding LAP core elements.
- **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.
  - Two additional LAP sites have been added to the HPDI—Miami, FL and Winnebago, IL. Work with these sites will begin in summer/fall 2016.

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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.
  - Staff attended the Prince George's County DVFRT meeting on March 9.
  - Staff are planning to attend the Prince George's County DVFRT meeting on April 13 and the Carroll County DVFRT meeting on May 4.
  - The annual Domestic Violence Fatality Review Council meeting will be held on August 11. A save-the-date was sent to DVFRT members.
- **Domestic Violence Homicide Database**  
Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2015 – June 2016.
- **LAP Logo and Website**  
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 submitted a concept paper for the Byrne Criminal Justice (BJA) Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs solicitation in March. MNADV will be notified by April 22 if the concept paper was selected to submit a full application. The project would focus on designing, piloting, and evaluating a risk assessment tool for offenders. GOCCP, Dr. Jill Messing, and Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell will serve as a partners on the application.

**Administration**

■ **Grant Applications**

- The FVPSA FY 2017 and LAP-TA FY 2017 grant applications were submitted. 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**

- The MNADV is hiring for a LAP Specialist. The job description is posted on MNADV's website.
- Alisha Queen's last day at the MNADV was March 18, 2016.
- Dave Sargent's last day at the MNADV was March 31, 2016. To honor his contributions and extraordinary legacy, the MNADV is naming the annual LAP award the "David M. Sargent Lethality Assessment Award." Dave will continue to participate as a member of the LAP Advisory Council during his retirement.
- The revised MNADV Personnel Manual was finalized and distributed to the staff.