



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **Friday, May 13, 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 ended on Monday, April 11, 2016.

Both of MNADV's priority bills passed:

- HB 155/SB 278 ■ *Criminal Law – Stalking and Harassment*
- HB 314/SB 346 ■ *Peace Orders – Grounds for Relief*

Other bills that passed included:

- HB 534/SB 924 ■ *Family Law – Protective Orders – Notification of Sunset Repeal*
- HB 1371 ■ *Criminal Law – Strangulation – Lethality Screening Protocol and Training*
- SB 1047 ■ *Task Force to Study Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence*
- SB 1143 ■ *Prince George's County – Neshante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force*
- HB 1005/SB 848 ■ *Health Insurance – Contraceptive Equity Act*

The MNADV has sent out the final legislative report, updated the information on the website, and updated the legislative summary to include the 2016 bills. Post-session discussions have already been held to assess this year's session and to begin thinking about next year.

##### ■ ***Media Contact***

- As a result of the arrest of Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ron Bateman, the MNADV fielded several telephone calls from the media seeking information and comments. Staff have also reviewed press coverage, including the 911 call and police report (including the LAP), which was released to the media. The MNADV's position is that the process needs to proceed.
- The MNADV has also responded to calls related to recent domestic violence homicides and has provided background information to reporters.

##### ■ ***VOCA***

The MNADV continued to provide assistance and feedback for GOCCP's VOCA needs assessment report.

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

Michaele Cohen attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016. The meeting included future planning, grant applications, program updates, and comments by the new coordinator, Audrey Bergin.

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

Erin Boguski attended the April and May meetings 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)***  
Erin Boguski participated in the May meeting of the IDVC and provided follow-up technical assistance as they plan their annual October faith-based conference.
- ***Culturally Specific Service Provider Round Table***  
The Round Table met on April 28 to finalize planning for the cultural competency training series and to identify next steps for the initiative. Trainings will be held on Hispanic/Latin@ survivors, d/Deaf survivors, and African immigrant survivors. Outreach strategies were discussed as well as the planning of a capacity building day for culturally specific programs.
- ***Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)***  
Michaele Cohen, president of MLAW, led the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on April 25, 2016. The Board discussed legislative outcomes, the legislative wrap-up event on May 4, 2016, membership efforts for 2016-2017, outreach activities, the 2016-2017 Board of Directors, and the 2016 fall conference. 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 April 1 through April 30, 2016, 16 messages were posted and tweeted on social media, reaching over 8,600 Facebook users alone. This included information on the MSAA 7K Run/1 Mile Walk and the Governor's Crime Victim Rights' conference.
  - **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on April 22 24, 2016, which featured the MSAA 7K Run/1 Mile Walk, the legislative final report, the MNADV domestic violence conference, upcoming trainings, and two LAP interview in the news and conference registration. It was opened by 489 email users.

## **MNADV Board of Directors**

- ***MNADV Legislative Committee***  
The Legislative Committee's activities concluded at the end of the legislative session on April 11. The Committee will reconvene later in the year to discuss issues for the 2017 legislative session.
- ***MNADV Domestic Violence Service Standards Task Force***
  - The Task Force held a call on April 29, 2016 to draft the Case Management section.
  - The next call will finalize the Advocacy and Case Management sections and identify any final steps to finalize the standards document on May 12, 2016.
- ***Development***
  - **Maryland State's Attorney's Association 7K Run/1 Mile Walk**  
The MSAA 7K Run/1 Mile Walk was held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. There were 223 registered participants for this year's event. MNADV LAP Manager Abby Hannifan came in second among the women runners and Office Manager Tara Pavao bettered her previous running time per mile. Many MNADV staff and Board members attended, walked, and cheered on the runners and walkers. The MNADV has not yet received information about the proceeds.

- **Memberships and Donations**

In FY 2016, as of May 5, 2016, the MNADV had brought in \$14,500 in memberships and \$6,936.03 in donations. The total of \$21,436.03 exceeds the FY 2016 budget goal of \$20,550 by \$886.03. This does not include the \$7,625 received so far in sponsorships for the statewide domestic violence conference.

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

- **2016 Statewide Domestic Violence Conference**

- 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. **The registration deadline has been extended to May 16, 2016.** Assistance from the Board with marketing the conference registration is still needed.
- Current sponsors include:
  - **Platinum** (\$1,000+): Kaiser Permanente (\$2,500); OVC TTAC (savings of \$1,300); Michael Cohen (\$1,000)
  - **Gold** (\$500): ElderSAFE; **NEW!** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH); **NEW!** Maryland NOW; **NEW!** Northwest Hospital
  - **Silver** (\$250): Family & Children's Services; UMBC Health IT Graduate Program; **NEW!** Maryland Commission for Women; **NEW!** New Hope Treatment Center
  - **Bronze** (\$125): JCADA; Maryland Insurance Administration; MLAW; **NEW!** Court Watch Montgomery; **NEW!** Esperanza Center; **NEW!** Inspirationally Speaking; **NEW!** Catholics for Family Peace; **NEW!** GOCCP; and **NEW!** the Maryland Health Care Coalition (payment pending). The total cash received for sponsorships so far is **\$7,625.**

- **Shelter Directors' Group**

The group will meet on May 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 model protocol for service animals for victim service providers is now 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 on June 23.

- **Domestic Violence Trainings**

### **Completed 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 14, 2016 – *Intersection of Trauma, DV, and Substance Use* (substance use providers)
- April 15, 2016 – *Underserved Populations: Serving LGBTQ Survivors of Domestic Violence* at Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Also an exhibitor.
- 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 25, 2016: *Intersection of Trauma, DV, and Substance Use* (for Heartly House AIP facilitators)
- 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 5, 2016 – *Intersection of Trauma, DV, and Substance Use (Family Crisis Resource Center and Dove Center AIP facilitators)*
- May 9, 2016: *Comprehensive Human Trafficking Symposium*, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- May 11, 2016: Home Health Workers on *Futures Without Violence Curriculum*

### **Upcoming Trainings**

- 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 22, 2016: YWCA shelter staff training
- May 24, 2016: *Trauma-Informed LAP and High Danger Safety Planning* (for Crisis Intervention Center staff)
- June 2, 2016: *Intersection of Trauma, DV, and Substance Use* (for substance use providers)
- 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)
- June 28, 2016 – *Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Survivors* (for service providers)
- July 7, 2016 – *Motivational Interviewing* (for HopeWorks staff)
- July 12, 2016 – *Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Advocates and Advocacy* (for service providers)
- August 9, 2016 – *Creating Inclusive, Trauma-Informed Environments, Services, and Organizations* (for service providers)
- 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 will provide LAP-VI and hotline guidelines training to the YWCA in Anne Arundel County on May 22.
- Staff will provide LAP-VI and hotline guidelines training to the Crisis Intervention Center in Calvert County on May 24.
- MNADV's law enforcement consultant will provide entry level domestic violence training to the Maryland State Police on June 28.

■ **LAP in Healthcare**

Staff received the signed Hospital Expectations and Readiness Checklist from Union Memorial Hospital in Cecil County. A meeting will be held on May 18 to review the hospital policy and plan for training.

■ **LAP in Departments**

Staff continue to provide technical assistance to three Maryland state departments (DHR, DPSCS and DJS). Staff are working with DPSCS to coordinate a multi-topic domestic violence training for DV agents in late summer.

**National**

■ **LAP OVW-TA Grant**

- Training is scheduled for Castle Rock, Colorado on May 25; Nashville, Tennessee on June 23.
- In-service webinars for law enforcement agencies and domestic violence programs are scheduled for May 20, May 23, June 5, June 15, and July 6.
- Staff developed a position paper on *Mandating the LAP*. The paper has been submitted to OVW for approval and will be made available on the website and to LAP implementers upon approval.
- Megan Rosenfeld participated in a roundtable discussion on *Opportunities & Challenges: Open Police Data Initiatives and the Impact on Victims of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault* on Thursday, April 21. The discussion was held in Washington, D.C. by the Office on Violence Against Women.

■ **LAP Advisory Council**

- The next LAP Advisory Council teleconference will be held on June 1.
- A June LAP Link was developed and will be distributed in June to feature the new LAP logo, announcement of website development, protocol on body-worn cameras, and recent research.
- The *Use of Body-Worn Cameras during the Administration of the LAP* document was submitted to OVW for approval. The policy will be distributed in June. Megan Rosenfeld and Chief Jeff Spaulding will present on body-worn cameras and the LAP at MNADV's statewide conference on June 3. A webinar will be held on June 27 for LAP participants on the new policy.

■ **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 held a planning meeting in Oakland, CA in April with the other TA providers.
- 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.
- Under this award, staff will also be working with jurisdictions participating in the Violence Reduction Network (VRN).

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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.
  - The annual Domestic Violence Fatality Review Council meeting will be held on August 11.
- ***Domestic Violence Homicide Database***

Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2015 – June 2016.
- ***LAP Website***

Staff are in the process of working with the designer to develop a LAP website.
- ***Judicial Initiative Exploratory Committee***

The concept paper for the Byrne Criminal Justice (BJA) Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs solicitation was accepted with an invitation to submit a full application. The application is due June 14.

## **Administration**

- ***Grant Applications***
  - An MVOC grant was submitted.
  - The VAWA Set-Aside Coalition application will be submitted by May 11.
  - The VAWA STOP (Coalition and LAP/DVFRT) applications will be submitted by May 17.
  - The BJA application will be submitted by June 14.
- ***Staffing***
  - Dominic Goodall has left his part-time position at MNADV to work full-time for Northwest Hospital's DOVE Program. His last day was April 22.
  - The MNADV has conducted phone interviews for a LAP Specialist position. In-person interviews are being scheduled. The job description is posted on MNADV's website.
  - The revised MNADV Personnel Manual was finalized and distributed to the staff.
- ***Budget/Financial Oversight***
  - MNADV staff continue to monitor the FY 2016 budget and develop the FY 2017 budget along with the grant applications.
  - Office Manager Tara Pavao is tracking her savings in office supply orders. She documented that in the 12 months of FY 2015, she saved \$2,703.86. So far in FY 2016 (October 2015 to April 2016), she has saved \$2,282.59. In 7 months, she has already saved 84% of what she achieved in 12 months last year. Tara has been an "outstanding shopper" for the MNADV!
- ***The MNADV Family is Growing***
  - Last month, staff met Amanda Wilson's new son Charlie and welcomed him to the MNADV family.
  - Other new additions will be arriving in August and September for Amy Johnson and Alicia Bickoff.