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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
Friday, June 10, 2016**

**NEW AND NOTEWORTHY**

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

■ ***NNEDV Public Policy Forum and Advocacy Day***

The annual NNEDV Public Policy Forum and Advocacy Day was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8. A group of service providers and advocates met with Maryland Congressional staff to advocate for funding for FVPSA, VAWA, and VOCA. This annual event enables the MNADV to participate with state coalition leaders from all over the United States to promote the benefits and successes of this funding for domestic violence survivors and the programs that serve them. This advocacy has resulted in increased funding for domestic violence service providers.

■ ***FVPSA Administrators' and Coalition Executive Directors' Grantee Meeting***

The national FVPSA meeting was held Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19 in San Diego, California and attended by Executive Director Michaele Cohen. Plenary sessions included the Intersection of Child Welfare and Domestic Violence, VOCA Update and Implications for FVPSA Grantees, Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Violence, Addressing the Intersection of Domestic Violence, Homelessness and Safe Housing, and Using Needs Assessments and State/Territory Plans to Make a Real Difference for Underserved Communities. Workshop breakout sessions focused on voluntary services, relationships with tribes and tribal coalitions, integrating gender and racial justice in advocacy, community level trauma and healing, mandatory reporting/survivor help seeking, enhancing responses to underserved populations, expanding safe housing options, coalition structure and membership, enhancing responses of DV programs to children and youth, a regional discussion, and a prevention reception.

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

Michaele Cohen attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The meeting included a presentation from the Brain Injury Association of Maryland on their services and resources, planning for future seminars and trainings, discussion of grant applications, and other updates.

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

A Human Trafficking Symposium, held by MNADV and featuring several Human Trafficking Task Force members, was held in Southern Maryland on May 9, 2016.

■ ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***

Erin Boguski will attend the June meeting of the IDVC Steering Committee.

■ ***Culturally Specific Service Provider Round Table***

The Round Table will hold a call in June to plan the remaining cultural competency training series and plan 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 May 23, 2016. The Board discussed 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 May 1 through May 30, 2016, 9 messages were posted and tweeted on social media, reaching over 6,317 Facebook users alone. This included information on NNEDV's Hair Cuttery program, the 7K Run, the Governor's Crime Victim Rights' conference, the MNADV domestic violence conference, upcoming legislation, and a Washington Post op-ed written by House of Ruth Maryland (which reached 3,751 users alone).
- **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on May 12, 2016, which featured the MNADV domestic violence conference, upcoming trainings, and a media interview. It was opened by 497 email users.

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■ ***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 May 12, 2016 to finalize the Advocacy and Case Management sections.
- A call will be held on June 29, 2016 to draft Crisis Intervention standards, which will be the last section of the standards.

■ ***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. The MNADV has not yet received information about the proceeds.

■ ***Memberships and Donations***

In FY 2016, as of May 31, 2016, the MNADV had brought in \$14,900 in memberships and \$6,936.03 in donations. The total of \$21,836.03 exceeds the FY 2016 budget goal of \$20,550 by \$1,286.03. This does not include the \$7,750 received in sponsorships for the statewide domestic violence conference.

## Training and Technical Assistance for Service Providers

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

- The conference was held on June 3, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis. Anna Melbin from Full Frame Initiative was the keynote speaker. The conference attendance was 209 people.
- Conference sponsors:
  - **Platinum** (\$1,000+): Kaiser Permanente (\$2,500); OVC TTAC (savings of \$1,300); Michael Cohen (\$1,000)
  - **Gold** (\$500): ElderSAFE; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH); Maryland NOW; Northwest Hospital
  - **Silver** (\$250): Family & Children's Services; UMBC Health IT Graduate Program; Maryland Commission for Women; New Hope Treatment Center
  - **Bronze** (\$125): JCADA; Maryland Insurance Administration; MLAW; Court Watch Montgomery; Esperanza Center; Inspirationally Speaking; Catholics for Family Peace; GOCCP; the Maryland Health Care Coalition; and Dimensions Health Corporation (Prince George's Hospital). The total cash received for sponsorships is **\$7,750**.

### ■ **Shelter Directors' Group**

The group met 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.

### ■ **Domestic Violence Trainings**

#### **Completed 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)

#### **Upcoming Trainings**

- 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)

## **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.

- Staff met with Maryland State Police on May 31 to discuss a statewide training plan.
- Staff presented on *Advanced LAP for Law Enforcement: Enhancing Understanding of Trauma, Risk Factors, Best Practices and Partnerships* at the MNADV statewide conference on June 3.
- Staff facilitated a panel, *Developing, Maintaining, and Using Strong Community Partnerships with the LAP*, at the MNADV statewide conference on June 3 which featured several LAP implementers: Audrey Bergin, Northwest Hospital; Tim Utzig, Anne Arundel County Police Department; Maggie Bale, Utah Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Kelley Rainey, Family and Children's Services.
- A LAP meeting is scheduled for Howard County LAP participants on June 23.
- MNADV's law enforcement consultant will provide entry level domestic violence training to Maryland State Police on June 28.

#### ■ **LAP in Healthcare**

Staff received a draft LAP policy from Union Hospital in Cecil County. Staff facilitated a meeting with the hospital and Cecil County Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Center 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). Six re-training sessions are scheduled for Prince George's County DHR, with two sessions on June 6, June 13, and June 20. Staff will meet with representatives from Howard County DSS on June 23 to discuss implementation. A multi-topic domestic violence training for specialized DPSCS agents is scheduled for July 27.

#### ■ **Legislative Follow-Up: HB 1371 – Criminal Law – Strangulation – Lethality Screening Protocol and Training**

LAP Manager Alicia Bickoff met with staff of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) to discuss the report on lethality assessment required by this legislation. The MNADV will provide information to the MPCTC for their report. The legislation takes effect on October 1, 2016 and the report is due on or before January 1, 2017.

### **National**

#### ■ **LAP OVW-TA Grant**

- Training is scheduled for Nashville, Tennessee on June 23 and Steamboat Springs, Colorado on July 13. Training for Cedar Rapids, Iowa will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
- Applications from Skagit, Washington and a multi-site application from Wisconsin are being assessed.
- In-service webinars for law enforcement agencies and domestic violence programs are scheduled for June 15 and July 6.
- A June LAP Link was developed and distributed at the end of May.

- **LAP Advisory Council**
  - The LAP Advisory Council teleconference was held on June 1.
  - The document, *Guidance on the Use of Body-Worn Cameras during the Administration of the LAP* was approved by OVW. The policy was distributed at the end of May to LAP implementers and is featured on MNADV's website.
    - Megan Rosenfeld and BOD Member, Chief Jeff Spaulding, presented 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, North Carolina and Contra Costa County, California, as well as White Plains, New York.
  - Staff held a planning meeting in Oakland, California in April with the other TA providers.
  - Two additional LAP sites have been added to the HPDI: Miami, Florida and Winnebago, Illinois. 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**  
Staff are working on the application for the Byrne Criminal Justice (BJA) Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs solicitation which is due June 14.

## Administration

- **Grant Applications**
  - The following grant applications were submitted: MVOC, VAWA Set-Aside Coalition, VAWA STOP Coalition, and VAWA STOP LAP/DVFRT.
  - The BJA application will be submitted by June 14.
  - Staff began to plan for a large VOCA training grant.
  
- **Staffing**
  - The MNADV conducted two in-person interviews for a LAP Specialist position.
  - The MNADV is advertising for a new LAP Manager. The description is on the MNADV website.
  
- **2016 MNADV Annual Meeting**
  - Staff began to plan for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
  - Two potential dates are being considered, Thursday, October 20 or October 27.

- New venues are being explored and the list will be pared down after contacts have been made. Criteria include capacity, space, cost, meals, and flexibility. Both lunch and dinner information will be obtained.
  - A request for nominations for awardees and honorees will be sent out in June (revising last year's survey).
  - The recommended theme is "Connection," with reference to interconnected services, support systems, and networking.
  - A keynoter who could address this theme was discussed.
  - The timeline was discussed and timeline goals were set.
  - Information will be presented to the Board of Directors.
  - The staff set another meeting in June to review information and continue the process.
- ***Budget/Financial Oversight***
- MNADV staff continue to monitor the FY 2016 budget and develop the FY 2017 budget along with the grant applications.