

**NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE COMMISSION BOARD  
MEETING**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020: 10:00 AM -  
2:00 PM**

**Department of Environmental Quality, Large  
Conference Room 1210  
217 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North  
Carolina**

**Presiding Board Member:** April Burgess-  
Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Tiffany Bell,  
Casandra Hoekstra, Vickie Pait, Shelby Benton,  
Sherry Everett, Regina Gurley, Angela Harris,  
Tonya Horton, Cheryl Howell, Nora Salinas,  
Terri Sharp, Annette Taylor, Deborah  
Weissman, Karen Fairley, Carolina Alzuru,  
Holly Jones, Saira Estrada, Cathy Cloninger,

**Board Member on call:** Hilary Cooper,  
Kriquette Davis

**Special Guests Present:** Betty Marrow-Taylor,  
DOA Deputy Secretary, Katie Hall, Legislative  
Liaison

**Staff Members Present:** Mary Williams-  
Stover, Executive Director, Deborah Torres,  
Lori Gerber, Anna Capel, Bernetta Thigpen,  
Diane Blumel, Philisa Fowler, Jasmine Skinner  
(Intern-ECU) Erica Savage, Molly Overholt,  
Jackie Jordan, Kiricka Yarbough-Smith, Kendra  
Underwood, Angela Winston-Hill

**I. Call to order-** Ms. Burgess-Johnson,  
Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00  
AM. She read the Ethics Statement and invited  
any member who has a conflict of interest to  
identify. No conflicts reported.

**II. Approval of Minutes** – October 18, 2019  
Meeting -Vicki Pait made a motion to approve,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Weissman. Minutes approved.

**III. Chairperson's Report** – April Burgess-  
Johnson, *Chairperson*

April encouraged all members to connect with a  
committee and with staff of those committees.  
She announced Breakout rooms. Committees are  
required to report back and bring actionable  
items or recommendations back to the DV  
Commission/ working lunch.

**IV. Working Lunch and Report from  
Committees – Updates:**

Domestic Violence Offender Management  
Subcommittee Report:

**Purpose of the Commission:**

Transportation Subcommittee Report:

**North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission**  
**Subcommittee Report Form**  
**Access to Health Services Subcommittee**

**Purpose of the Commission:**

The purpose of the Commission is to 1) assess statewide needs related to domestic violence, ii) assure that necessary services, policies and programs are provided to those in need, iii) strengthen the existing domestic violence programs which have been established pursuant to G.S. 50B-9 and are funded through the Domestic Violence Center Fund, and iv) recommend new domestic violence programs.

**Focus Areas of the Subcommittee:**

Explore additional methods for state-funded victim service agencies to identify mental health and substance use disorder treatment service agencies to meet victim counseling needs in rural communities. The survey for the LME-MCOs and their network providers will inform us on the availability of agencies and licensed professionals currently delivering trauma informed EBPs and serving DV and SA victims in both rural and urban areas in the state. Promote increased routine screening by primary care providers, especially in rural areas, for indications of violence or abuse to underserved populations, including elders. In collaboration with other committees and the Commission as a whole, host a summit and convene partners across all levels of government and NGOs to showcase successful practices that improve coordination and collaboration for services to victims and families.

**Chairperson:** Starleen Scott Robbins, NC DHHS, [Starleen.Scott-Robbins@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Starleen.Scott-Robbins@dhhs.nc.gov),

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Co-Chair: Regina Gurley, UNCPN, [regina.gurley@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:regina.gurley@unchealth.unc.edu), 919-630-7186

**Meeting date(s): 02/13/2020**

**Commissioner Attendees:**

Fairley, Karen

Harris, Angela

Gurley, Regina

Pait, Vickie

Scott-Robbins, Starleen

### **Guest Attendees (list by name):**

Bernetta Thigpen

Kendra Underwood

Tajiavana Basnight

### **Key Topics Addressed:**

- Reviewed minutes from subcommittee conference call 02/12/2020.
- Bernetta obtained new information regarding pre-conference Summit questions brought up in our meeting 02/12/2020:
  - 1. CEU credit requests are to be self-submitted by attendees. Information/certificate of attendance are given *by individual request* from NCCADV. It remains unclear if the speakers/hours have been further vetted through a qualifying agency (IE – Wake AHEC) in order to then submit certificate of attendance from NCCADV to each certifying body (IE – NCAPA for PA Certification Renewal)
  - 2. Pre-conference summit presentations will occur with two other entities presenting simultaneously. NCCADV encourages participants to choose one “track” of presentations and attend only that particular track for the entire day. However, this will not be “enforced” necessarily, and so cross-attendance is still probable to occur. Conference audience will be all DV service providers across professional spectrums - faith, schools, legal, survivors and/or anyone affiliated with DV/SA.
  - 3. Timelines- Registration for conference opens next week. We were asked to submit a form of preliminary information with our subcommittee presentation information to NCCADV at today’s meeting.
- Vickie agreed to follow up about the ACEs/Resiliency presentation.
- Identified name of our Summit presentation: “The Intersection of ACEs, Resilience, and Domestic Violence as it Relates to Mental Healthcare Access”
- Continued to discuss the new focus of the Committee: “promoting routine screening by primary care providers, especially in rural areas, for indications of violence or abuse to underserved populations, including elders.” Potential action steps: advocacy to practice managers, training and education to primary care providers, including questions on the intake, etc. Who is currently screening already? Are there any boards or associations who consider it best practice already?
  - MD/DO/PAs: Report to NC Medical Board. Would this board have any data/added benefit to this focus? Advanced Practice RN/NPs: Report to NC Nursing Board. Would this board have any data/added benefit to this focus?
  - Consider reaching out to UNC Healthcare system regarding reporting for % of DV/SA screenings currently being captured by providers in this system.

- Payor sources/insurance part in this. Any there any requirements by insurances? Any additional billing/incentive or carve outs that can be used to promote/encourage participation in conducting DV/SA screening in primary care settings?
- Further down the road, consider how initiating screening will result in management of positive screens. For example, how do we educate providers that do screen and identify DV/SA move forward with knowledge of referrals to DV/SA agencies, duty to warn/report for professionals, etc.
- NCCare360's role?
- Continue to consider if there are additional Committee members we need at the table as we focus on the new goal of the Committee. Someone working with Dept. of Public Health? DHHS?

**Action Steps for Committee Members:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Follow up on Resiliency/ACEs presentation/speaker for the pre-conference Summit.</b>	<b>Vickie Pait</b>	<b>2/19/20</b>
<b>Finalize and submit: Names of presenters, Biographies of each presenter (150 word maximum) Workshop Descriptions (150 word maximum), Learning Objectives or Workshop Goals.</b>  <b>Send to: tjones@nccadv.org</b>	<b>Starleen and/or Regina</b>	<b>March 05, 2020</b>
<b>Update on survey response.</b>	<b>Starleen Scott Robbins</b>	<b>2/24/20</b>


**Next Meeting Dates: March 12, 2020 conference call**

**Requested DV Commission Meeting Agenda Items or Votes: None**

Legislative Subcommittee Report:

**Chairperson:** Holly Jones, NC DOJ, [hjones@ncdoj.gov](mailto:hjones@ncdoj.gov), 828-450-4894

**Meeting date(s): 2/13/2020**

**Commissioner Attendees:**

- Alzuru, Carolina
- Cooper, Hilary (*by phone*)
- Davis, Kriquette (*by phone*)
- Everett, Sherry
- Horton, Tonya
- Howell, Cheryl
- Jones, Holly
- Miller, Hans
- Taylor, Annette

**Key Topics Addressed:**

1)Legislative Action plan – Committee will wait for further developments from April and Mary related to the legislative proposal process. The item to be explored in the future is what does it mean when we say the DV Commission is going to “support,” “oppose,” or “endorse” an item? What advocacy tools are we going to use when we do support or oppose something?

2) DV Fatality Review Teams – Discussed the importance of statewide legislation enabling counties to form DVTRs. Sherry and Julia will begin researching this.

3) Second Amendment Sanctuary Movement – based on the swift and broad adoption of these resolutions across the state, committee will begin drafting a resolution that would confirm a county’s commitment to protecting domestic violence survivors and ensuring that the laws related to firearms and domestic violence will be enforced. We will explore whether we would like to pursue having the DVC formally ask counties with Second Amendment resolutions to also pass this resolution as a companion to them.

**VI. Presentation –NC Department of Justice Domestic Violence Initiatives**

Holly Jones, Public Protection Section, North Carolina Department of Justice  
*PowerPoint is attached*

**X. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 2.00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 15, 2020**

Submitted by Deborah Torres, NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement