



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Date/Time: Monday, February 12, 2024, starting at 3:00 P.M. MST
Location: City Hall, 7th Floor, Room 7096, Conference Room and [Zoom](#)
Contact: Isez Roybal, 505-991-3676

Commission Members Present:

Teresa Garcia, Chair
Stacy Burluson, Co-Chair
Charie Alipat, NM Asian Family Center
Jodie Jaramillo, Rape Crisis Center of
Central New Mexico
Sara Yvonne “Bonnie” Escobar, Enlace
Comunitario
Shannon Lowry, ABQ Sexual Assault
Nurse Examiners
Jolene Holgate, Coalition to Stop Violence
Against Native Women
Autumn Neas, Bernalillo County Sheriff’s
Department Sergeant
Victoria LeBlanc, Office of the Second
Judicial District Attorney’s Office
Kate Thompson, Law Office of the Public
Defender
Amber Chavez Baker, Second Judicial
Family Court Judge
Cecily Barker, Albuquerque Police
Department Deputy Chief
Jay Ratliff, Albuquerque Police Department
Deputy Commander
Christopher Sotelo, Albuquerque Fire
Department Deputy Chief
Jeffery Bustamante, CABQ Albuquerque
Community Safety Department
Ellen Braden, CABQ Health, Housing, and
Homelessness Department
Beatriz Valencia, CABQ Office of Equity
and Inclusion
Isez Roybal, CABQ Office of Mayor/Policy

Kathleen “KC” Carmona, NM Attorney
General’s Office
Rob Eppes, The Arc NM

Commission Members Absent:

Natividad Posada, Children, Youth and
Families Department NM

City Staff Present:

Brian Moore, Acting DVSAC Counsel
Lisa Schatz-Vance, Legal Department
Ashley Romero, AFR
Kyle Hartsock, APD
George Vega, APD

Members of the Public Present:

Lucrecia Jaramillo, NM Legal Aid
Becky O’Gawa, District Attorney’s Office
Karina Solares, DA’s Office
Kennedy Silver, APD
Joseph Hinkle, NM Coalition to End
Homelessness
David Adams, Parnall Adams Law
Desiree Trujillo, Bernalillo County
Sheriffs Department
Hiroko Minami, Domestic
Violence Resource Center
Kelsea Kilbride, DVRC
Gail Starr, Community Advocate
Larry and Joni Jones, Community
Advocates

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Co- Chair Stacy Burleson

- II. Introductions**
 - a. Co-Chair Stacy Burleson took a roll call of commission members.

- III. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Voting member Chair Teresa Garcia moved to approve the amended agenda for the February 12, 2024, meeting to include a survivor group conversation. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Escobar; the January agenda was approved as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

- IV. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2024**
 - a. Voting member Chair Garcia entertained a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Beatrice. The motion was seconded by Member Bonnie Escobar. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

- V. Training and Policy & Funding Subcommittee Updates Vote on Special Meeting for OMA Training with CABQ public Affairs and City Clerk's Office**
 - a. The Training Subcommittee of the DV/SA Commission is responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive training programs aimed at raising awareness, educating stakeholders, and data centered approaches to promote effective responses to domestic violence and sexual assault within the community.
 - i. Member Bonnie Escobar gave the below updates:
 - 1. Upcoming training Wednesday the 14th with programs
 - 2. Training for Members of ACS March 1st. Tentative agenda has been sent.
 - ii. Training Subcommittee will meet on the 4th Monday of the Month from 3-4 PM, February 22nd 2024.
 - b. The Policy and Funding Subcommittee of the DV/SA Commission is responsible for developing and advocating for policies, legislation, and funding initiatives that address domestic violence and sexual assault, promote survivor-centered approaches, and enhance the effectiveness of support services.
 - i. Member Shannon Lowry gave the below updates:
 - 1. Funding recommendations response
 - 2. United States by Rahimi updates and waiting to issue a press release or press conference based on outcome where its still pending
 - 3. Chair Garcia updated information for SB 12 and amendments that was supported unanimously.
 - 4. Jefferey spoke about hoteling.

5. Survivors who are unhoused were brought by Ellen and will have a continued conversation February 28th.
- ii. Policy and Funding Subcommittee will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the Month from 8:30 – 9:30 AM, February 28th, 2024.

VI. Updates from Previous DVSA Meeting :

- a. City Council Funding for DVSA Commission Coach
 - i. Chair gave update on funding for the Commission Coach where City Council all offered a portion of the funding.
 - ii. Application is up on the website. Chair Garcia asked folks to share application where it will be open for a week. Will close a week from Commissions Meeting.
 - iii. Expectation is for a half day of training for the creation of the Mission Vision and Bylaws by May 2024
- b. Training with CABQ Public Affairs and City Clerk's Office Scheduled for March
 - i. Chair Garcia gave an update that Daniel Manzanares and the City Clerk's Office will train the commission in March for the OMA rules.
- c. Proclamation for our one-year and proclaiming DVSA Commission day.
 - i. Chair Garcia will create a proclamation and gave update requesting to attend meeting in person. Chair Garcia will send the proclamation to everyone for the Mayor's office
 - ii. Isez suggested wearing purple or teal to show collaboration between team members.
- d. Funding request update for DV/SA Programs and DA DV Unit
 - i. Isez gave an update indicating Chair Garcia sent approved recommendations that were sent to the administration where there are budget hearings upcoming.
- e. Survivor Groups
 - i. Chair Garcia met with Chearie and members of the CSVANW where we obtained insight on how to better navigate the commission Survivor groups.
 - ii. Finding a grant would with funding.
 - iii. Considering childcare for the group, confidentiality, food, and a suggestion to have Silent James who is a graphic designer to create graphics to the information that is obtained to share widely with our community.
 - iv. Isez recommended using the administration's support to find grants. Isez also reiterated that we as a commission are not trying to duplicate the work of the programs or coalitions and making sure it's collaborative.
 - v. Isez opened the Ordinance where it fits in our communication and dialogue and concerns can be brought to the commission's attention.
 - vi. Jolene added to the importance of survivor's groups and prioritizing its not extractive in data but be intentional and transparent where this information

will go and how it will be used. Jolene added the value in hearing from survivors' voices including native voices or other communities of color to do something with intentionality.

- vii. Isez added that Angel Charley did talk about the survivor groups and where the system failed survivors and prioritized wellness but there was not a next step identified.
- viii. Chair Garcia added that we could put out a communication outwardly to the community and resembled the UNIDOS event held where community members were involved and continue conversations on this topic.
 - 1. Chair will look back for if there was a recommendation for Survivor Groups

VII. Albuquerque Community Safety Department Monthly Report of Hotel Fund Usage

- a. Member Jeffery Bustamante, Deputy Director of ACS, provided the following update: Rolled out and finalized contract with Ramada and have conversations with new hotels for the new fiscal year. There's 3 -5 people placed in the Ramada, do not currently have the dollar amount spent.
 - i. Any requests or recommendations let Jefferey know for Hoteling.
 - ii. Currently waiting on invoicing from the Ramada, where they have received more referrals but will check on data.
 - iii. Co-chair asked if those referred were referred to programs and Jeffery requested to have a more in-depth discussion at a later date more in detail.
 - iv. Chair Garcia reminded the commission this is a work in progress.

VIII. Discussion on Spending Remainder of the \$100,000 Fund

- a. Chair opened up discussion naming that ACS did indicate they would not be able to spend the funds by Jun 30th, Chair Garcia proposed for some of the funds to be used differently.
 - i. Looking at prior funding which was indicated on the screen differentiating Safe House and DVRC Prior spending of the 100K funding.
 - ii. Chair asked Ellen for a recommendation where she indicated we could do a request for bid which would mean anyone could apply for those funds where there 4 months to execute those dollars where it leaves the commission 6 weeks to spend the funds or do a small purchase order than a contract that would be quicker than a full-service agreement. Ellen would check back with the Attorney and give us an answer.
 - iii. Co-chair Stacy added that she has a grant that is an open pool and seeing if this pot of money could be offered that way. Ellen indicated there are several thresholds but will look into it where the city would not give the money up front but would be reimbursement where we would have to show the funds were used for the intention of the dollars and be reimbursed.

- iv. Jodie mentioned if ACS has the capacity to navigate these funds however Ellen stated they would come out of HHH directly.
- v. Bonnie added that there can be a supplemental agreement if an agreement already exists to get access to those funds.
- vi. Chair Garcia, asked if this funding would go directly to programs and Bonnie added the funds would not be given directly and would have to apply for those funds. Chair Garcia asked about reimbursement delays where Ellen named that programs were reimbursed by a third party that added to the delay or cause another barrier to programs to receive their reimbursement.

IX. Lethality Assessment Discussion and Vote: MNDV LAP 2.0, ODARA, DA-LE Assessment

- a. Continuing discussions obtaining the input of Law Enforcement and which one they would be leaning towards. Chair Garcia did meet with APD, Deputy Commander Ratliff, Deputy Chief Vega and Deputy Chief Barker
 - i. APD raised questions about the coordination within the systems like the DA and 2nd Judicial.
 - ii. The DA is in support of a Lethality Assessment that would be helpful and the DV Court the Lethality assessment could be used there.
 - iii. APD is receptive to the Lethality assessment for survivors where Deputy Commander stated he would prefer the DALE and ODARA to build something that is centered around New Mexico.
 - iv. BCSO also indicated they would be in support of a Lethality Assessment.
 - v. Chair updated the District Attorneys office did hire Rebecca and Dana as the attorneys for the DA Domestic Violence Unit.
 - vi. Chair Garcia provided a chart differentiating the three Lethality Assessments to show the difference between each and identified the documents sent prior to the commission such as the Foresti app and Geier Institute.
 - vii. Chair proposed to have a vote to continue conversations with the lethality assessment to better serve survivors where ODARA currently lacks identification of guns and or strangulation. This would be a recommendation proposed to Mayor and City Council.
 - viii. Deputy Commander Ratliff, would like to make sure this lethality assessment will be utilized and would like to make sure on the buy in from other programs before selecting lethality assessment.
 - ix. Becky confirmed they are funded for 6 months and stated that they would use the Lethality assessment where strangulation and guns needs to be on the lethality assessment but could provide more input as it's her first meeting.
 - x. Gail Star indicated this would be a tool for officers and help differentiate the victim from the offender and include stalking and get an advocate to

the field. This would help change the incorrect person being arrested and tool will help improve a response. She identified it would be a mistake to not use a tool and the use be dependent on other agencies use like the DA office.

- xi. Jodie stated that they can do a safety plan better with these questions in place. Bonnie asked if the lethality assessment was available in another language.
 - xii. Chair Garcia identified that the DALE with the ODARA would take more work as the commission would need to build the Lethality Assessment where the LAP 2.0 is already in existence and already built processes to include an app.
 - xiii. Jodie advocated that a Lethality Assessment include a sexual assault question and a lethality assessment would support with a safety plan for survivors.
 - xiv. Bonnie asked if this was offered in other languages and Chair Garcia would look into confirming this and if the app currently offers it.
- b. Chair Garcia proposed to table the lethality assessment conversation and may add this to the special meeting Shannon second where it was unanimously approved.

X. Public Comment

- a. Updates for the celebration of the first-year meeting with food and wear purple or teal.
- b. Judge Baker did update that she would like to have a lethality without authentication discussion and rules of evidence apply. Victim advocates and BCSO where there's support needed to make sure full addresses and collaborate with programs who support survivors for a meeting.
- c. Desire input in the chat for a training for the minute orders.

XI. Future Actions and Next Meeting

- a. Next Meeting: March 11, 2024 at 3pm MST.
- b. Isez Roybal to send out Meeting Minutes via email to Commission Members.
- c. Teresa Garcia and Stacy Burleson to send out additional and/or supplemental documents, upcoming agenda items, etc.
- d. Additional updates will be circulated via email.

XII. Adjournment – Thank you

- e. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. by Teresa Garcia, Chair.