City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence Task Force

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 starting at 2 pm (MST)
Location: Albuquerque City Hall, 400 Marquette NW, 9th floor Room #9081
Contact: Sandra Archuleta

**Task Force Members Present:**
Torri Jacobus, Chair
Dawn Begay, Vice-Chair
David River
Gail Starr, on behalf of Suzanne Greene
Jessica Fierro
Johnny Wilson
Joseph Burke
Juliann Salinas, on behalf of Claudia Medina
Larry Hinojos
Liem Nguyen on behalf of AnhDo Bui
Liza Wolff-Francis
Melissa Ewer
Pamelya Herndon
Sandra Archuleta
Zane Stephens

**Task Force Members Absent:**
Pam Wiseman
Larry Koren
Cynthia Borrego
Susan Vigil
Angel Charley
AnhDo Bui
Elena Giacci
Kena Chavez Hinojos
Linda Stone
Michelle Aldana
Vincent Galbiati

**City Staff Present:**
Briana Esparza
Crystal Velarde

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order by Chair Torri Jacobus at 2:05 pm.

II. Introductions
    a. All present introduced themselves & stated which agency they are with.

III. Approval of Agenda
a. Liza Wolff-Francis motioned to approve the agenda. Johnny Wilson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2019 meeting
a. Juliann Salinas moved to approve the November minutes. Sandra Archuleta seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

V. Overview of APD Violence Intervention Program (VIP); presentation by Commander Burke
a. Commander Joseph Burke informed the task force about APD’s new Violence Intervention Program (VIP). He shared how the program will have a two-prong approach - a law enforcement lead initiative and a civilian lead initiative. The law enforcement side will focus on gun crime & the Metro 15. Their current goal is to have a 15% reduction in gun violence by January 2020. They will also be working with BCSO, FBI, DEA, ATF & US Marshalls. If the investigation can go to the federal level, they will file there due to the heavier sentencing. They are also working with the DA’s office and their Crime Strategy Unit for data research. Right now, APD is focusing on their juvenile offenders. The civilian side will be in charge of outreach and support for the victims. They will provide education to the victims as well as resources. This program is a priority of Mayor Keller and Chief Geier. Commander Burke opened the discussion up for questions or concerns and stated he would relay the information to Commander Garcia who is in charge of the VIP. Some questions included:
   i. Will the Metro 15 be shared with other agencies? Commander feels it might become public but would follow up.
   ii. What type of offenders are on the Metro 15? People who have broken probation/parole, someone who’s committed a violent act.
   iii. Will any special units will be formed for domestic violence? Right now, APD will be using their FAST detectives initially but will be depending on all units working together. May in the future put together a specific task force for this.

VI. Subcommittee Structure lead by Vice Chair Dawn Begay. Members who were not present will be given the opportunity to sign up for the subcommittee they would like to participate in.
   a. Policy: Recommendations for changes in City policies and ordinances aimed at reducing instances of domestic violence.
      i. Will work on prevention, intervention and recovery, as well as advocate to change DV definition.
      ii. Member will include Jessie Fiero as lead, Johnny Wilson, Gail Starr & Melissa Ewer. Support committee members include, Liza Wolff-Francies, Larry Hincejos, Liem Nguyen, David River, Joe Burke, Zane Stephens and Pamelya Herndon.
   b. Collaborations: Recommendations for how to improve cooperation among city departments and outside entities with respect to domestic violence.
      i. Will work on prevention, intervention and recovery, as well as sexual assault & data.
ii. Members will include Liza Wolff-Francis, Joe Burke, Larry Hinojos, Liem Nguyen, Zane Stephens, Jules Salinas & Sandra Archuleta. Support committee members include, Johnny Wilson, Melissa Ewer & Briana Esparza. No lead was picked, they will wait till their 1st meeting.

c. **Funding:** recommendations for how to effectively increase services through grant programs and other sources of funding. This will be in collaboration with agencies working on the task force as to not take funding from their programs.

i. Will work on prevention, intervention and recovery.

ii. Members will include Pamelya Herndon as lead. Support committee members include, David River and Jules Salinas with support from Jessie Fierro and Gail Starr.

VII. **Sexual assault**

a. Will be recognized as DV in the task force space.

VIII. **Domestic Violence**

a. Discussion as to how to define DV. APD has to follow state statute regardless of how the DV task force would like to define it. However, groups associated with the DV task force are willing to help people who do not fit in that specific box. This is something the policy subcommittee could look at changing and making broader. Vice Chair Dawn Begay would like to find the gaps between the agencies and the state statute and work on fixing this.

b. Definition will be tabled at this time.

IX. **DV Task Force will add 15 minutes to the next meeting.**

a. Time will be added to allow more discussion.

X. **Open Discussion/Topics for next meeting**

a. Subcommittees will break into groups to start discussion and planning.

XI. **Announcements**

a. The Gateway Center proposal will welcome community input on Saturday December 14, 2019 at the Convention Center.

b. Friday, December 13th from 1-3 pm at the Barea’s Community Center, the Census Bureau specifically to discuss homeless transient population.

C. Will be able to phone into meetings in the future.

XII. **Adjournment**

a. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm by Chair Torri Jacobus.

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**Signature**

Torri Jacobus, Chair

**Date**

1-4-2020