

## **Minutes of the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women Spring Meeting**

### **Date and Time**

Thursday, April 15, 2004, 9:00 am to 5:41 pm

Friday, April 16, 2004, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### **Location**

St. Gregory Hotel

2033 M Street, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Ballrooms A & B

### Meeting Participants (in attendance)

#### (I) Advisory Committee Members

Rhonda Arena

Michael Bedke

Lydia Chassaniol

Hon. Sharon Cooper

Anne Crews

Barbara Dehl

Pamela Galbraith

Peter Garza

Casey Gwinn

Lt. Det. Margot Hill

Det. Gerald Lee Issacs

Mary Lauby

Dr. Elizabeth McCord

Rev. Aldean Miles

Dr. Beverly Nuckols

Nancy Pfothenauer

Delilah Rumburg

Greer Saunders

Hon. Abbi Silver

Sherolyn Smith-De Santis

Oliver Williams

#### (II) Federal Employees

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Cristina V. Beato

Frances Ashe-Goins

Josephine Robinson

U.S. Department of Justice

Diane M. Stuart  
Margaret Davis  
Kristina Rose  
Jana Sinclair White

(III) Members of the Public Who Presented Oral or Written Statements

Oral Statements

Karen Baker - Director of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center  
Stephen Baskerville - President of the American Coalition of Fathers and Children  
Stanley Green - Victims' Resources Advocate, Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE)  
Jan Brown - Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men  
David R. Burroughs - Chair of the Forum for Equity and Fairness in Family Issues  
Lee Newman - Executive Director of Violence Intervention Program, the New Hampshire Chapter of SAFE

Other

There were approximately 15 members of the general public in attendance.

**Matters Discussed**

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

1. Diane M. Stuart, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice, opened the meeting with welcoming remarks. Ms. Stuart gave a brief update on the work of the OVW.
2. Dr. Christina V. Beato, M.D., Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, also welcomed the National Advisory Committee (Committee) members.
3. Margot Hill outlined the procedures the Committee would follow during the meeting to consider the draft report. She stated that the Committee would consider one question at a time and that one member of the drafting subcommittee would lead each discussion. She further stated that written comments submitted by Committee members in advance of the meeting would be considered first and that any additional comments would be discussed afterwards.
3. Margot Hill discussed the process by which the drafting committee completed its work. She

stated that the drafting subcommittee members participated in multiple calls, each lasting an hour to an hour and a half in length, and produced multiple versions of the report.

4. Margot Hill led the discussion of the Preface and Introduction sections of the draft report. The Committee focused its discussion on the importance that those addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking should give to the safety and dignity of victims. The Committee determined that safety should be the major emphasis, but that dignity should be considered as well.

5. Mary Lauby led the discussion of question one. The discussion focused on the role of men in addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

6. Margot Hill led the discussion of question two. The discussion focused on the federal government's role in fostering and maintaining healthy relationships and healthy marriages.

7. Public Comment Session

- Karen Baker, Director of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, spoke about the need for national attention, focus, and funding for sexual violence prevention and intervention initiatives.
- Stephen Baskerville, President of the American Coalition of Fathers and Children, spoke about the relationship between domestic violence allegations and fatherless children.
- Stanley Green, representing Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE), spoke about the lack of assistance for male victims of domestic violence.
- Jan Brown, representing the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men, discussed the lack of assistance for male victims of spousal/intimate partner violence.
- David R. Burroughs, Chair of the Forum for Equity and Fairness in Family Issues, read a letter that he wrote to the Committee. He provided the Committee with copies of the letter and copies of a bibliography by Martin Freeberg of California State University. Mr. Burroughs also provided copies of six reports: Morse, B.J. (1995). Beyond the Conflict Tactics Scale: Assessing Gender Differences in Partner Violence, *Violence and Victims*, Volume 10, No. 4, pages 251-270; Ernst A., Houry D., Nick T., Mills T, Weiss S. (1997). Domestic Violence in an Inner-City ED, *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, Volume 30, No. 2, pages 190-197; Tjaden, P. and Thoennes, N. (1998) Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women: Findings From the National Violence Against Women Survey, *National Institute of Justice Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Research in Brief*; Moffitt, E. and Caspi, A., (1999) Findings About Partner Violence From the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study, *National Institute of Justice Research in Brief*; Melanie S. Harned, (2001). Abused Women or Abused Men? An Examination of the Context and Outcomes of Dating

Violence, *Violence and Victims*, Vol. 16, No. 3; and Hines, D.J., & Saudino, K.J. (2003). Gender Differences in Psychological, Physical, and Sexual Aggression Among College Students Using the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales, *Violence and Victims*, Volume 18, No. 2, pages 197-215.

- Lee Newman, Executive Director of the Violence Intervention Program at the New Hampshire Chapter of SAFE, spoke about the initiatives that the Violence Intervention Program is involved in to provide services to all victims of domestic violence.

The Committee adjourned for a 20 minute break.

8. Josephine Robinson discussed the role of a federal advisory committee and answered questions from the Committee members regarding their role and responsibilities.

9. Sherolyn Smith-DeSantis led the discussion of question three. The Committee discussed how the federal government can foster community ownership of efforts to end violence against women. The Committee also discussed efforts that local communities can take to develop effective responses to address violence against women. The Committee specifically discussed the role of businesses and faith based organizations in a coordinated community response to violence against women. The Committee also discussed the use of properly certified Batterers Intervention Programs.

10. Delilah Rumburg led the discussion of question four. The discussion focused on how the federal government can promote the identification of best practices and the dissemination and promotion of these practices nationwide and within tribal communities.

11. Delilah Rumburg led the discussion of question five. The Committee discussed how sustainability for successful programs is a shared responsibility. The Committee talked about the responsibility of grant recipients to be accountable for federal funds they receive and the responsibility of the federal government to be sensitive to the culture and constraints of non-profit organizations.

The Committee adjourned at 5:41 pm, April 15, 2004.

Tuesday, April 16, 2004

1. Diane Stuart welcomed the Committee back for a second day of discussions. She thanked the Committee for their work on the previous day. She also briefly told the Committee about the OVW's plans to hold a Symposium on September 13 and 14, 2004 to honor the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act.

2. The Committee continued with the discussion of question 5.

3. Dr. Betty McCord led the discussion of question 6. The Committee decided that the question was too complex for it to address in this document. The Committee determined that it would suggest to the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services that it be

charged with exploring the issues surrounding violence and children at a later date. The Committee created a subcommittee to draft a brief answer to the question. Casey Gwinn agreed to chair the subcommittee. Abbi Silver, Sherolyn Smith-DeSantis, Mary Lauby, Pam Galbraith, Colleen Coble, Gerald Issacs, Lydia Chassaniol, Delilah Rumburg, and Sharon Cooper volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

4. Delilah Rumburg led the discussion of question 7. The Committee discussed the need for professionals who have regular contact with youth and teens to recognize the signs of domestic and sexual violence and to know how to intervene in such instances. They also discussed the need for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs and coalitions to understand the unique issues facing teen victims and to build their capacity to serve teens and their parents.

5. The Committee determined that Committee members charged with rewriting a section of the draft report should submit the information to the drafting committee as soon as possible.

6. The Committee adjourned at 12:50 pm.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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Diane M. Stuart  
Director  
Office on Violence Against Women

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Designated Federal Official