

Minutes of the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women

Date and Time

November 14-15, 2005

Location

U.S. Health and Human Services
Snow Room
Washington, D.C.

Meeting Participants (in attendance)

(I) Advisory Committee Members

Rhonda Arena
Colleen Coble
Rep. Sharon Cooper
Anne Crews
Rosemary Elebash
Pamela Galbraith
Peter Garza
Casey Gwinn
Gerald Isaacs
Mary Lauby
Elizabeth McCord, MD
Rev. Aldean "Al" Miles
Beverly Nuckols, MD
Delilah Rumburg
Judge Abbi Silver
Sherolyn Smith-DeSantis

(II) Federal Employees

U.S. Department of Justice

Diane M. Stuart
Andrea Bottner
Kris Rose

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Cristina V. Beato
Diedra Henry-Spires
Dr. Wanda K. Jones

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

Oral Statements

N/A

Written Statements

N/A

Other

There were approximately 25 members of the general public in attendance.

Matters Discussed

Monday, November 14, 2005

1. Diane Stuart, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and Dr. Cristina Beato, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their time and dedication. It was noted that this was to be the last meeting of this particular committee.
2. Andrea Bottner, Principal Deputy Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, introduced herself.
3. Updates from HHS, Office on Women's Health and DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women.
4. Dr. Wanda Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) welcomed the participants and updated the committee on the Department of Health and Human Services violence against women activities since the last Committee meeting.
5. Andrea Bottner and Kris Rose, OVW Chief of Staff, updated the Committee on violence against women activities at the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.
6. Diane Stuart spoke about OVW's emphasis on working with Native American communities.
7. Diane Stuart introduced Michael Hoskins, director of the Family Violence Policy Office, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (Department of Defense). He spoke on how his office was implementing the recommendations that came from the task force on domestic violence.
8. Marcia Eugenio, director of the International Child Labor Program at the U.S. Department of Labor, spoke about violence against women activities at the Department of Labor.
9. The next speaker was Larry Greenfeld, director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics at the Department of Justice. He spoke about trends in crime and the administration of justice.
10. Public Comment Period and Working Luncheon

- Three individuals had signed up for the public comment. Ludy Green, the executive director of Second Chance Employment Services, had a family emergency and had to leave. The other two individuals, Joe Arita of the Men's Health Network and Edward Bartlett, a private citizen, were not present.
 - During a working lunch, committee members viewed and discussed "A Decade of Change," an OVW-produced videotape made for the symposium that honored the 10-year anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act.
11. Corinne Graffunder, Chief of the Program Implementation and Dissemination Branch, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control Prevention, CDC, gave an update on her program.
 12. Angela Moore-Parmley, Chief of the Violence and Victimization Research Division, Office of Research and Evaluation, National Institute of Justice, spoke about the research and evaluation going on at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) on violence against women issues.
 13. Penelope Hughes, Director of Online Hotline, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) and Lynn Parrish, Vice President of Communications at RAINN addressed the committee on RAINN's online hotline project.
 14. Faith Hoffman, Women's Veterans Program Manager and Domestic Violence Coordinator, VA WNY Healthcare System, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Buffalo, NY spoke about programs for women veterans.
 15. Lynn Rosenthal, Executive Director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence spoke next on Lessons Learned on Emergency Preparedness.
 - Lynn read comments from Tiffany Carr, who could not attend the meeting, but sent an e-mail stressing some of the main points she wanted to be covered in the presentation surrounding domestic violence and disaster relief.

The Committee adjourned for the day at approximately 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 15, 2006

1. Diane Stuart opened and set up the agenda for the second day of the committee meeting to be an exchange of ideas among committee members. She began a general dialogue among the panel about its reaction to the presentations the previous day.
2. The panel voted unanimously to pursue the study of a national online hotline or other alternatives.

3. Mary Lauby and Delilah Rumburg led a discussion of the Response to the Committee's Charge and the recommendations of the Committee. The committee also discussed the future National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women and made suggestions about potential topics to investigate and implementation methods.
4. Diane Stuart asked panel members for their final comments before the meeting adjourned.

The Committee adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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

Diane M. Stuart
Director
Office on Violence Against Women

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