

GBV Task Force Meeting Minutes

03/13/24 10am-11:30am

Agenda:

1. Call to order, roll call, agenda review
2. Review and approve meeting minutes from October 2023 and Feb 2024
3. 2024 scoping (no vote taken)
 - a. Discussion of 2024
4. Public comment
5. Next steps/wrap up

Attendees Present:

- Karla Altmayer (Healing in Action); Aster Gilbert (Center on Halsted); Radhika Sharma (Apna Ghar – in place of Neha Gill); Brenda Myers-Powell (Ernestine's Daughter); Rachel Ostergaard (The Salvation Army STOP IT Program); Shykira Richards (Youth Guidance, Working on Womanhood); Teresa Sullivan (Legal Aid Chicago); Trisha Teofilo Olave (National Immigrant Justice Center); Erica B. Davis (CDPH); Yesenai Galvan (DFSS); Deirdre Harrington (DFSS); Laura Ng (DFSS); Andrea Chatman (DFSS); Latoya Hester (DFSS); Noureen Hashim-Jiwani (MO)

Minutes

[Warm-up: Headline for end of year task]

Brenda Myers-Powell (BMP): Communities unaware of GBV, require education, identify and get services.

Sarah Leyden (SL) & Aster Gilber (AG): \$50 million funding for GBV.

Teresa Sullivan (TS): Combat GBV and building connections.

Comment: GBV survivors are thriving, through resources and education.

Themes: funding, education/services, growth/newness.

BMP: reaching people, service the population where they are. Use their language. People don't think the terms/issues apply to them, don't know what the acronyms mean. People don't realize they're being harmed.

AG: programing, curriculum, parameters to what we're doing and use it plan funding.

BMP: Alaska has a lot of hard challenges but demonstrate good community, culture, and unity. Despite the hardships of outreach to remote tribes. Respecting all cultures is key.

SL: get into the priorities for the TF that feel achievable for this year. Quality > Quantity.

Karla Altmayer (KA): What are we seeing in the ordinance and what does that mean for us as a task force?

- Ecosystem approach
- Parameters listed in the ordinance and the issues that the TF will advise the mayor on
- Women's Advisory Council is made up of different sectors. This GBV TF is all in the same sector. We need means of connecting and collaborating with other stakeholders and actors.

SL: list of city departments? What they are doing; make recommendations to ensure capacity and expertise within those departments. Define touch points, recommend trainings, etc.

BMP: have an outline of who we can go to, and to whom we give advice. What the departments do related to our TF work.

Radhika Sharma (RS): Know what every city department does, how they can better service communities, including immigrants, migrants, and refugees. Needed, Chicago Foundation for Women, Alphawood Foundation Chicago. Multisectoral alliances. Juvenal justice. Have a priority for each point in the ordinance.

Open Question: How do we connect and approach people who are not at the table.

[Noureen discussion of MBJ priorities]

- Young people and their families
- Missing women
- TNT
- Funding source (alternatives to ARPA)

RS: what's resonating from Mayor's community meetings and events?

SL: natural synergy, empowering and moving people (economic security and housing). Innovation and doing something different. Meet their needs. Wider range of support, the Network (cash assistant stipends). 3rd area: nourishing people. Funding is how we support people, ex. counseling and legal services.

Pilot programs (MOCS): GBV survivors, as a case comes in, what does care look like – from CPD. How calls are coming in. Space on those working groups, joining and feedback. Once a month.

Laura Ng (LN): Who is part of the pilot program?

SL: Not focusing on law enforcement.

Feedback: Moving towards alternative response, improving law enforcement by changing operations/responsibilities.

[Break out: one to two areas of overlap between administration goals and ordinance.]

RS group report-out: public safety; GBV no longer stigmatized. City departments need to get training on their individual roles in addressing GBV. Amongst employees and in their work and service.

AG group report-out: #2 and #7 line up with empower the people and moved the people. Get ppl into stable long-term housing. Getting money to survive long-term.

SL group report-out: cash assistance for survivors. Expand services, money available for survivors. Housing. New arrivals and housing, GBV. Destigmatize GBV with youth. Young people are not as open about this type of trauma. Social media glamorizes violence. Saturate communities with alternative messaging. Culture around GBV needs to change.

Summary: Alignment on public safety and education (internal + external), resources (housing + money).

[Noureen: Review of survey results]

[Breakout]

SL group report-out: less urgent but long investment = safety, AR, immediate safety needs. 2 = awareness among youth. 3 = caretakers and adults, model behavior. Less urgent: detective training. Issue is oversight and accountability.

RS: migrant crisis. 70% of women who come to the US are survivors of GBV, where is reproductive health, disease testing, etc.? Needs to be stood up.

Group report-out on alignment: pillars =housing and empowerment, direct correlations between #2 enhancing coordination, #6 AR to GBV/HT. Housing. #7 reform policies that allow for GBV. In the survey housing is centered. Pillars à justice as co-governance. #6 mystery pillar (?) Shift cultural norms so GBV is not perceived as stigmatized. Preventative measures, shifting awareness. 20% mandatory GBV prevention education in every CPS school. Shifting cultural norms.

TF unique value add group report-out: overall, unlike the delegate agency, TF does not have pressure to feel beholden to the funder (city/state). More forthcoming, expertise brings credibility to city services. While there is popular response to cash assistance, TF members have

broader experience of what policies work. Lift up, and accountability mechanism for the city. TF helps destigmatize GBV by raising it up as an issue for all departments.

Themes: Awareness is key. Meeting people where they are (communication campaigns, etc.).
Alternative responses: housing and cash assistance.

Dierdre Harrington: Survivor led working group and their priorities should inform ours.

Q: Can we be updated on Bring Chicago Home?

A: Currently on the ballot, cannot discuss it. Once it is off the ballot we can provide a presentation.