

## GBV Task Force Notes August 28, 2024

Members Present: Karla Altmayer, Teresa Sullivan, Olivia Farrell, Aster Gilbert, Samantha Handley, Rachel Ostergaard, Amanda Pyron, Shykira Richards, Jennifer Rosenkranz, Trisha Toefilo Olave, Linda Tortolero, Rebecca Darr, Christopher Balthazar

City Staff Present: Madeleine Pattis, Noureen Hashim-Jiwani, Adriana Camarda, Laura Ng, Yesenia Galvan, Elizabeth Meyer, Erica Davis, Deidre Harrington

Quorum Achieved

### Discussion of Sub Committees

- Chair and co-chair will not serve in the subcommittees. The subcommittees will be made up of members from the GBV Task Force.
- The subcommittees formed are:
  - Alternative Response- Amanda Pyron will be co-chair, reach out to Teresa if you want to be the other co-chair
    - Alternative Response group will have support from MOCS representative
    - Housing organizations should be involved
  - Shifting Cultural Norms- Shykira and Aster will be co-chairs
    - Shifting Cultural Norms will have support from MO-EDYHS representative

### Discussion of Open Meetings Act

- This group must comply with the open meetings act as part of their commitments as an appointed body. Achieving quorum is necessary to be able to take votes on items.
- A recap of OMA was reshared with the group.
  - The Chair has received a letter from the attorney general's office about meeting minutes, which have not been approved due to lack of quorum.
  - As a codified body, the expectations are listed in ordinance, including the expectation to meet in person quarterly.

### Discussion of Priorities

- Priorities were developed from previous conversations in task force
- A vote on the priorities was taken and the priorities were approved.

### Introduction of a new member

- Chris Balthazar welcomed into GBV Task Force. Chris will serve in the capacity as liaison to the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council.

### Survivor Led Working Group Presentation

- Survivors from the Survivor Led Working group present a draft of the Survivor Bill of Rights for feedback from the GBV Task Force.
- The SLWG stands as a symbol of the city's dedication to a future free of GBV, hoping to see a survivor bill of rights promoted as a guiding policy. Survivor bill of rights would ideally be distributed to local communities, libraries, schools, and referred to by city decision-makers.

- Members of the GBV Task Force shared feedback captured below. The GBV Task Force will need to see an updated version prior to adopting a formal recommendation through vote.

### **Discussion and questions for Survivor Led Working Group**

The questions below capture the questions posed to SLWG from members of the GBV Task Force:

- Have other survivor groups proposed a bill of rights? How has this been incorporated? Is there feedback from other survivor bodies?
  - Not that SLWG knows of. This would be a model
  - It would be helpful to present this to other survivor bodies
- What was the process by which the SLWG built this bill of rights?
  - The process of making the survivor bill of rights was collaborative. All members of SLWG contributed during meetings. Outside of the group, so far others have not yet been consulted.
- How are members selected to be part of SLWG?
  - People who were selected to be in the SLWG were selected a year before, at the end of 2022. Everyone on the GBV TF was alerted.
  - Missing voices may include someone from the deaf community. The current language is not inclusive of the deaf community. (Ex: right to be heard, amplified voice, etc.)
  - Consider what languages this should be translated in.
  - The group is created under the GBV Task Force and supported by philanthropy.
- How would this bill of rights be incorporated?
  - We would need to consult with the City's department of law.
  - Need further discussion with SLWG on how this would be promoted across the city.

### **City Updates**

- Mayor's Office: The Mayor has hosted two roundtables with youth populations and will continue to meet with stakeholders. Mayor's Office representatives shared the Mayor's policy priorities and shared that GBV portfolio is cross-cutting across these priorities.
  - DFSS: DFSS shared that the 2025 budget will prioritize program sustainability. DFSS will continue to support cash assistance, housing stability, training and education, legal services and the GBV hotel program.
  - CDPH: CDPH continues to support people who case harm through the Peace in Chiago Homes Initiative

### **Liaison Updates**

- WAC- WAC does not have any new updates.
- LGBTQ+ AC – no big updates, taking a breather from June Pride month activities. Supporting with selecting a chief LGBTQ+ officer

### **Next Steps**

- Share notes with the survivor working group once notes approved
- SLWG will talk through questions presented and incorporate these suggestions
- Task Force will explore meeting with DOL to better understand implications of SLWG proposal
- Next Task Force will review term expirations