

**Gender-based Violence Task Force**  
**February 14, 2023, 11:30pm – 12:30pm**  
**Location: Chicago Cultural Center**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order, Roll call, Agenda Review
2. Review and approve Meeting Minutes from October 2023
3. Reports
  - a. City update
  - b. DFSS update
    - i. GBV Division
    - ii. Legislative Agenda (Julie Gilling)
  - c. Working Group updates
    - i. Survivor Led Working Group
    - ii. Others
  - d. Advisory Council on Women update
  - e. Funding update
4. Review and approve Task Force Rules
5. 2024 Scoping
  - a. Report from the Chair: Recap of 2023 (Karla)
  - b. Discussion of 2024 (Karla)
  - c. Calendar of proposed meetings in 2024
    - i. May 22, 2024
    - ii. September 18, 2024
    - iii. November 14, 2024
6. Public Comment
7. Next steps/Wrap Up

## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees

- Karla Altmayer (member)
- Olivia Farrell (member)
- Aster Gilbert (member)
- Samantha Handley (member)
- Sarah Leyden (member)
- Brenda Myers-Powell (member)
- Rachel Ostergaard (member)
- Amanda Pyron (member)
- Shykira Richards (member)
- Teresa Sullivan (member)
- Trisha Teofilio Olave (member)
- Noureen Hashim-Jiwani (Mayor's Office)
- Erica Davis (CDPH)
- Laura Ng (DFSS)
- Adriana Camarda (DFSS)
- Julie Gilling (DFSS)
- Mara Heneghan (Mayor's Office)
- Lindsay Sonenthal (Mayor's Office)

*Tabling vote on minutes from last meeting.*

### **Mayor's Office Updates (Noureen Hashim-Jiwani)**

- Teen Dating Violence Roundtable 02/22/24
- TNT Subject Matter Hearing 02/28/24
- Missing Women Subject Matter Hearing (March) w/ Invisible Institute
- Hiring a consultant for governance for this task force; putting together a selection committee
- Hiring a new policy analyst on Mayor's team, conducting interviews now (70+ applicants)
- Women's Advisory Council, Dr. Olusimbo Ige has shared out priorities for CDPH; National Institute for Reproductive Health ranked Chicago 2<sup>nd</sup> best in the country.
- The Survivor Working Group has been approved for 6-months of extended funding. They will provide recommendations to the TF for votes and decision making.
- The Advisory Council on Women has announced three priorities: (i) Economic Justice (housing focus); (ii) healthcare (reproduction focus); and (iii) safety.

### **DFSS Program Updates (Adriana Camarda)**

- Supporting 143 households, 90+ housed. End of 2024. Doubled investment \$2m. \$5m+ rapid rehousing from HUD. Prioritizing home share funding.
- Funding: 5,297 survivors, \$1,000 cash payments. \$1m corporate. Additional \$1.2 million for city, hope for 800+ more payments.

- Connections for women and children. \$600k doubled contract. Half of that has helped 57 survivors, 30+ households.
- The Network has more hotel and transportation assistance. Funded at \$1.2m. ARP served 500 legal supports for survivors. Investing more to sustain the program. Served 200 youth, 24 and under.
- Youth experiencing GBV. Home Share Fund, aim to address increasing in staffing costs.
- Looking at Hotline (16k contacts from Chicago, a 25% increase). No one applied for funding for an RFP, survey to see why. DFSS is sending a survey to health care providers to understand problems with RFP.

### Comments

*Rachel:* hearing from collages in medical field that these are pilot projects, and the organizations need funding support for ongoing programs. A lot of need to support victims of labor trafficking because funding has been cut and there are not new sources specifically for insurance for these groups.

- DFSS response: The pilot project refers to the City, not to the program. Having ongoing programs doesn't preclude you from applying.

### **Legislative Updates (Julie Gilling)**

- DFSS is tracking GBV and DV bills in state and some federal items. These don't have to do with the budget yet. Budgeting bills will be discussed later in the session.
- State Items:
  - Karina's bill: Karina Gonzalez, killed after obtaining order of protection. Specific guidance to courts for confiscation of weapons. Bill has been unsuccessful in last year's session. Different version of the bill, House bill to move forward. Amends the firearms restraining order, intimate partner, sworn testimony. Assignment to rules committee.
  - Order of protection bills. S2604, workplace as a protected place. Already a best practice but this will put it into statute.
  - S2828 extends plenary orders to a maximum of 10 years.
  - DV Awareness in October. Not moving.
  - DV Tax Credit for folks who make contribution to domestic violence shelter/service program. Referred to rules.
  - H4845 DV public benefit. Those who receive an of protection issued by court with have a temporary certificate of economic hardship. Referred to rules.
  - S5097 Minor Sex Trafficking Crimes.
- Federal Items:
  - HR443: empower department of labor to train workers to identify human trafficking. Human trafficking around the world. Involuntary servitude or force labor.
  - There are other trafficking bills, enhancing hotline. A bad bill that juxtaposes trafficking with migrants. Is not likely to pass.

### **Advisory Council on Women (Noureen Hashim-Jiwani)**

- No new updates. Three priorities set. Think of having priorities for the GBV Taskforce, when overlap we can have synergy.

### **Reviewing and Approving the Task Force Rules:**

- In discussion from August. Revisions. Question was around...

*Noureen:* Law department will walk through the required and suggested updates to the rules. When TF created, and Ordinance was written to formalize this group. The Rules adopted by this group are in contradiction to the original ordinance.

*Lindsay:* Walked through changes. Passed changes. See appendix.

Comments:

*Karla:* Members of this group feel that having detail around terms is very important.

*Noureen:* Continuity is very important to the administration as well. However, as was explained in the previous rules briefing sessions to those who joined, we can't have that level of detail on the terms because it contradicts with the original Ordinance. The way we should think about knowledge transfer and continuity may be through the current vacancies. We have a number of open roles that will be on a different term cycle. Of these roles, at least one has to be reserved for a liaison with the LGBTQ+ advisory council. There is a requirement that we have one shared member with the advisory council and at the moment, the council is at capacity. And we need to identify someone from their current roster to serve on the GBV Task Force.

### **Survivor Led Working Group Updates**

1. Survivor Led Working group (Karla): convening tomorrow, first time this year. Agenda survivor bill of rights for submission to the city. Meeting tomorrow to discuss. Have been having offline meetings to arrive to that decision between larger WG meetings. Erin Baynes represents them on this TF. She isn't present to share more about how that came about, priorities around education and awareness. Can present on that meeting at another time.

Question:

*Brenda:* Does the Survivor Led Working Group represent themselves (?).

*Sarah:* There are other survivors Bill of Rights, the US Attorney General created one that states can adopt. This could be helpful context for the group. The WG's bill will be specific to Chicago.

2. Shifting Cultural Norms (Karla): Aster is a part of it. Working with CPS, pilot to engage caregivers sexual health education as a vehicle for that conversation. Pilot has been launched since the end of January. Starting the first module this Friday. Healing to Action, and two other groups leading.
3. Alternative Responses: Has not met in over a year. Doesn't have a chair.
4. Coordinated Responses: Hasn't been meeting. Waiting on the RFP. Can schedule another meeting for the RFP session.

Question:

*Noureen:* Are these time sensitive? Are these working groups time sensitive?

Comments

*Aster:* There has been no clarity, started mid-year, ordinance passed in mid-April. Designed to align with the pillars for the strategic plan. Working group meeting issues, feeling structureless and without guidance. Would benefit from an agenda item for the future, rules set in place. Building back structure

and guidance. Continuity got funky in the transition. Structure that so it's not just a bunch of different groups siloed. Most groups have sitting liaison.

Response: It could help if this TF established new strategic priorities. So that aligns with working group.

Question: what will the consultant work on?

Response: Scope of the consultant: less strategy and more governance. How do these working groups interface with each other, more process oriented than strategy. Organizing the output from the meetings and stakeholders which will be filtered into the steering.

#### 5. Data Group (no updates).

The consultant will provide recommendations on governance to the task force. Part of the recommendations that they will provide will come from interviews conducted with the task force and the individual subcommittees and working groups. There will be a hiring committee to select the consultant. Funded through Michael Reese, not the city.

#### **TF Schedule Discussion:**

- Currently meeting quarterly. Proposed 1.5 hour length. Attendees agreed.

Question (Brenda): we should have discussions be survivor led. Who is the bill of rights representing?

Response: TF started out as a steering committee and shifted over time. We need to be clear of the governance structure of the TF. Ex. will it use co-governance, or be more advisory? How do the working groups that hold unappointed members participate and make it a meaningful participation?

**2023 Retreat Recap:** had a discussion of what the priorities are. A starting point to fine tune priorities.

#### **TF Current Tasks:**

1. Identifying strategic priorities as a TF. Create recommendations from the retreat. The TF still has to do the internal work of finetuning. 13 areas of importance. Maybe reduce it and set priorities.
2. Establishing the governance structure. Interviews to start in March, and finalize by April to carry out the plan. Timeline is partly because the consultant will be driving that.
3. Having priorities and governance set for the future. Something should be formed for the budget discussions. If we're missing April-June, the TF is not going to get anything in the budget discussions. Timelines for identifying the strategic priorities. Speed to get to that point.

*Sarah:* is retreat material synthesized?

Response: Yes. Look more detail. Process for this.

*Noureen:* Laura did outreach?

Laura: Yes, community needs assessment was conducted. Limitations, just digital, didn't get face-to-face interaction. Mental health came up a lot. MH not historically funded/supported.

*Sarah:* We should have a plan in place for budget.

Response: May have decisions made on asks. Votes have to happen in the meeting. Mindful that voices should be able to react and give their suggestions. Do synchronically. Can meet before May if that is preferred.

*Erica:* in advance of next meeting we can develop a survey that goes out on the priorities, to streamline conversation and voting. It would help people come prepared.

Response: *Agreement.*

Question: Term limits? Human trafficking space represented?

Response: If there's attrition, we would like to get some people involved. Survivor leaders interested in engaging. National labor trafficking survivors are under-represented generally.

Response: Establishing a governance structure should happen first, that way when we bring on new people there will be more clarity.

*Amanda:* women's council. What are they planning in terms of budget ask? It would be good to know if we are naturally aligned.

*Noureen:* haven't made recommendations in sub-groups. Middle step. This TF could interface with during that step. What they have done is a report.

Comment: Do we want to prioritize budget advocacy or a report? To do both is a lot. Governance, budget or advocacy.

*Sarah:* Ideally this Mayor will continue the investments that predecessor had. The city benefited from investments. Knowing that there's nothing happening after 2024 is scary and impacts a lot. From a minimum standpoint, this is a recommendation to consider.

*Discussion of meeting in March. Exact date TBD.*

In advance of the March meeting, we should prioritize: (i) synthesizing retreat output; (ii) deciding a community process for upcoming meeting - involve everyone? Not just appointed members but community members.

*Meeting schedule dates for 2024 passed.*

Comment: what is the relationship is between the entities? It would be helpful to have more advance notice of these roundtables and have that on the radar.

Response: These are events on the mayor's calendar that are happening. Running/ongoing. Noureen is point person for mayor's office for everything GBV. If the topic is housing specific, we can make department connections. For one-off events on the mayor's calendar, contact Noureen.

Comment: Ideally provide an mail as well, to know these events are coming up.

Question: What is the aim of the roundtables? To generate ideas?

*Sarah:* re: roundtables. How will the feedback gets analyzed and used? There are important overlaps on this issue area. Interested in hearing what comes out of it, intersection and considerations. TNT, TF, WAC.

*Teresa:* re: legislative agenda. Is DFSS doing anything on these bills?

Response: currently keeping an eye out on bills. Typically: notify the IGA team, flag the bill, add it to system, develop an analysis, pass on recommendation to Mayor. Recommend that this is a great opportunity to testify in support.

*Meeting adjourned.*

Appendix (Reviewing and Approving the Task Force Rules):

Preamble refers to a different ordinance. Rules based on CCSPA rules, community commission for public safety. City staffers. Have stringent requirements for volunteers. Preamble is not relevant here. Training and Pledges are required for staff members but not for volunteers. Instead of making TF signing up and training that aren't required for advisors. Applicability of City of Chicago Personnel Rules. Remove that so people can live outside the city. Terms are contradictory with ordinance. In the code, it says that appointees shall be appointed and hold office for two years. Continuity. Terms in the ordinance is listed in the selection of members in the part before. Virtual attendees can participate once the vote is made. Proxy is not allowed for quorum. People can be reappointed but have to be for 2 years. Vacancies on the task force. Continuity is a fair question. Spend time thinking about the vacancy and selecting. Up for discussion when the term is over. One vacancy is more urgent, LGBTQ advisory liaison role. If someone resigns, see over time that it won't be one on top of each other. It's not like we'll have a new set of people every two years. Once a quarter, don't have to hold yourself to two times a quarter. Quorum has to be a majority. Four mentioned seats on the task force, two ex officio, advisory council liaisons. Need to come even if their not appointed/not here. 17 members appointed, need seats filled. 18, Majority is going to over half, 10. Agenda posted a minimum of 48 hours before, requirement for open meeting act. Limited time for public comment. Switch to 24h so the public can make comments. The changes.