

GBV Implementation Task Force Meeting
June 16,, 2023 1-2:30p

Present

- Karla Altmayer, Healing to Action (Chair)
- Neha Gill, Apna Ghar, (Vice Chair)
- Teresa Sullivan, Legal Aid Chicago
- Olivia Farrell, Crown Family Philanthropies
- Scheherazade Tillet, A Long Walk Home
- Shykira Richards, Working on Womanhood – Youth Guidance
- Samantha Handley, Anixter Center
- Trisha Teofilo Olave, National Immigrant Justice Center
- Brenda Myers-Powell, Ernestine’s Daughter
- Joel Mitchell, Emmaus
- Darci Flynn, Office of the Mayor
- Umi Grigsby, Office of the Mayor
- Patricia Padilla, Office of the Mayor
- Edith Zarco, Office of the Mayor
- Aarushi Kataria, Office of the Mayor
- Erica B Davis, Chicago Department of Public Health
- Adriana Camarda, Department of Family and Support Services
- Deidre Harrington, Department of Family and Support Services
- Yesenia Galvan, Department of Family and Support Services
- Laura Ng, Department of Family and Support Services

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Review
2. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
3. GBV Task Force Rules (Discussion)
4. Motion to move the standing meeting from Fridays
5. Priorities of the new administration and proposed task force work plan towards new strategic plan
 - a. Current administration’s priorities and impact on the issue of GBV
 - b. Proposed work plan for strategic plan
 - c. Discussion
 - i. On a scale of 1-5, how clear are you right now about this work plan? What is missing?
 - ii. What is 1 strength and 1 concern about this work plan?
 - iii. What are the top two challenges that might result if we adopt this work plan?
6. Discussion on survivor leadership
7. Next steps/ wrap up.

GBV Task Force Rules

- Before the next meeting, the City will circulate a more fleshed out set of rules for the GBV Task Force

- High level rules around attendance and meetings was circulated (attached with notes)
- In the process for 4 additional members bringing total up to 21 members (via ordinance amendment)
 - These seats would be appointed by the Mayor
 - If the current Task Force sees gaps/has recommendations, the City welcomes those to be noted
- Cadence of Meetings: every two months to allow enough time for subcommittees to do their work

Priorities of the New Administration and Proposed Task Force Work Plan Towards New Strategic Plan

Current Administration's Priorities on the Issue of GBV

- GBV Strategic Plan was informed by the Taskforce, but as the two-year mark draws close, we are at an inflection point.
 - Priorities of the New Administration: Mayor has expressed support for the issue and the taskforce. Internally, they are hoping to create a policy framework centered around young people and their communities and GBV is the lens used across policies. The City agrees to bring in new leadership in the Administration to meet the Task Force; Umi plans to attend meetings, and Darci is working closely with her to be at the table and part of conversations.
 - Centering young people for GBV means young people experience violence, they have caregivers who may experience violence. By using this lens, they measure outcomes and performance through it. This cuts across different focus areas.
 - The desired result is safer, stronger Chicago.
 - Task Force members discussed that it is important to do more for trans individuals. When individuals work as “males” they do not have problems, but when they are themselves (“put on a wig”), they are under attack.
 - Task Force members discussed how families are healed through their children. Young individuals come for resources for their families, they are helping their relatives get help and change the narrative. This is a community issue; everyone needs to be addressed.
 - The working definition of co-governance is still being worked on within the Mayor’s Office. It is an articulation of the priorities of the administration at this moment and the mechanism to get to the desired result at this moment.
 - Task Force members discussed that there is a hierarchy around resources, conversation, and other things when it comes to GBV. The Violence Reduction Plan released by the last administration included domestic violence and noted that Black women were most impacted. Yet the conversation around GBV is not connected to other forms of violence.
 - The City will utilize a class-race-gender lens is used for all focus areas. The taskforce is a body that touches the work of multiple offices and individuals.
 - The Task Force members discussed that it is necessary to consider the impact of disabilities on reporting and response. We cannot forget that GBV also causes disability.

Proposed Work Plans

- The taskforce, subcommittees and Survivor Leader Working Group will assess what has already done by doing a SWOT analysis between June and August and then the City will help to identify trends/themes and conduct more robust community engagement
- The results will be compiled in the July sub-committee meetings, the trends / results will be presented in the August meeting for review. There will be additional data from the following sources:
 - DFSS is doing a survivors' / community needs assessment: separate for individuals (all questions are optional) and agencies. The virtual version will be rolled out in end of June and in-person will be rolled out July through August. Data will be analyzed in September.
 - The UN Safe Spaces project is also conducting community engagement about creating safer places (re: sexual violence) in public spaces in Chicago
- August is a time to provide something to the community to react to the proposed plans. It is at tables that are already set. The final strategic plan will be finalized by end of the year.
- Task Force members discussed that there is a concern that a plan that is excellent on paper but isn't actionized is drafted. This could be addressed by talking the language of the Mayor to have mission alignment. The strength is the existing knowledge base. The weakness could be getting lost in new ideas and forgetting existing ideas; can be addressed by having some metric / assessment for each objective and evaluate.
 - Need to define the age-group for "youth." One organization defined it as 14-24.
 - There is a need for summary for what has happened, an assessment tool, and a SWOT analysis.

Discussion on Survivor Leadership

- Centering survivors or youth means that people are not bound by in-person modality, and we meet them in a variety of modalities. We need to find ways to reach non-English speakers.
- Government needs to create spaces for organizations to come together and move out of silos and work collaboratively. It must not be mere funding, but giving a hat-tip to this work is important.

Next Steps

- Including information on the website's meeting page that in case someone needs accommodation they inform the Taskforce so an interpreter can be called
- The City/Chairs will circulate materials and instructions to complete the SWOT analysis
- The City will send a survey for a meeting cadence
- The City will draft a formal set of rules to be voted on at August 2023 meeting