

OAG Survivors' Council (Special meeting via Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2020

Present: Co-Chair, Denise Durbin, Hilary Sykes, Kathleen Niedstadt, Kristina Smith, Cal Pfeiffer, Ify Whitfill, Jennifer Hartzler, Summer Dickerson, and Aaron Ash; non-members: Ali Parham, Miranda Brown, and Robyn Diex D'Aux: OVA employees

Next meeting: October 9, 2020, 12 pm, Zoom Virtual platform

1. Announcements

Call to order at 12:03pm by Co-Chair, Denise Durbin

Roll call

Motion to approve July 10, 2020 Minutes made by Hilary Sykes, seconded by Kathleen Niedstadt.

Co-Chair Durbin explained that a public vote for Co-Chair needs to be on public record. Members were instructed to email their votes to alicia.parham@ky.gov by close of business Monday, August 31, 2020. Results will be announced after Monday's deadline and recorded in today's meeting minutes.

Five votes were cast resulting in Hilary B. Sykes elected as Co-Chair.

Co-Chair Durbin relayed that AG Cameron is not extending the tenure of the Survivors' Council. He is allowing the Council's term to expire on its normal schedule. If current Council members would like to re-apply, they are encouraged to do so. Concern was expressed that filling out the Application again could be traumatizing for some. Ms. Durbin expressed she would check to see if previously submitted applications could be used. Applications for the 2021-22 Survivors' Council should be available by the end of September or the beginning of October 2020.

Co-Chair Durbin announced there will be a guiding document forthcoming to provide structure and parameters for the Survivors' Council moving forward.

2. Discussion

The Survivors' Council officially voted (August 2019) to work on a Trauma Informed Courtroom Initiative. Motion to re-open initiative topic. More current discussions in meetings revealed a desire to change to a Trauma Informed Investigation Initiative. Hillary Sykes motioned for a new vote to determine which Initiative to move forward on, Kristina Smith seconded. The Trauma Informed Investigation Initiative was chosen by a 6-1 vote.

Upon a motion from Summer Dickerson, with a second from Cal Pfeiffer, the Council decided by unanimous vote to proceed with a video panel discussion format to be disseminated as part of OVA's webinar series on Trauma Informed Investigations. The webinar series will be held in October of 2020. The Survivors' Council segment will be available for viewing on October 28, 2020 at 1:30 – 3pm.

Proposed questions and ideas for discussion by the panel on Trauma Informed Investigations need to be submitted to Co-Chairs, Denise Durbin and Hilary Sykes, by September 30, 2020 for review.

Co-Chair Durbin expressed the need for a special meeting prior to the completion of the Initiative. Date to be determined.

3. Adjournment

Next Meeting -- October 9.

Motion to adjourn made by Summer Dickerson and seconded by Cal Pfeiffer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.