

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2022**  
**VIRTUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

The Domestic Violence Task Force met virtually on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 with the meeting called to order by Justice Hantz Marconi at 4:00 p.m.

**The following members participated:**

Justice Anna Barbara Hantz Marconi  
Mary Barton  
Merrill Beauchamp  
Kathy Beebe  
Kristyn Bernier  
Hon. Susan Carbon  
Pam Dodge  
Steven Endres  
Sarah Freeman  
Dr. Scott Hampton  
Chief David Hobbs  
Marcia Hornick  
Erin Jasina  
Jean Kilham

Patricia LaFrance  
Lynda Ruel  
Lyn Schollett  
Amanda Grady Sexton  
Jon Strasburger  
Michael Strauss  
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David Vicinanzo  
Susan Warner  
Hon. John Yazinkski

Lisa Merrill, Recording Secretary

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Justice Hantz Marconi called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the third meeting of the Domestic Violence Task Force. She noted that the meeting is being recorded and the proceedings are being livestreamed. She outlined the focus of the meeting under Charge 2: Analyze the Status of NH Law Regarding Domestic Violence.

Justice Hantz Marconi provided an overview of the documents and materials recently uploaded to the drop box and reminded members that they can access these materials using the link sent out this week. She referenced the agenda and invited members to talk about current statutes, including RSA chapter 173-b.

The Task Force discussed and considered the following under charge 2:

- RSA ch. 173-b and RSA 633:3-a.
  - Behavior not covered under the D.V. statutes.
    - Financial abuse.
    - Emotional abuse.
    - Verbal abuse.
    - Access to healthcare.
    - Threat of suicide by plaintiff.
      - Some states recognize as a threat while some do not.
  - Expansion of statutes.
  - New legislation.
  - Determination of credible threat on a broader scale.
    - Dangerousness factor.
    - Various assessment tools.
      - Predominant Aggressor Assessment.
    - Judicial awareness.

- Many NH statutes rely on Federal statutes.
  - Surrender of firearms.
- HB 1340 currently before the NH legislature inserts a definition of domestic violence.
- No contact provision as part of sentencing.
  - Equal protection issue.
- Review connection between the civil and criminal process.

Members agreed there are different and wide-ranging categories of domestic violence.

Justice Hantz Marconi noted that the Task Force has identified many gaps in the statutes. She thanked members again for their time and effort, and encouraged the group to continue to submit materials, comments, and ideas.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Domestic Violence Task Force will occur on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx and will be live-streamed for the public.

With no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Merrill, Recording Secretary