

MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2022
VIRTUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

The Domestic Violence Task Force met virtually on Thursday, January 27, 2022, with the meeting called to order by Justice Hantz Marconi at 4:01 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
Marcia Hornick
Erin Jasina
Jean Kilham
Mary Krueger

Hon. Diane Nicolosi
Betsy Paine
Lynda Ruel
Amanda Grady Sexton
Jon Strasburger
Hon. John Yazinski
Anne Zinkin

Lisa Merrill, Recording Secretary

Justice Hantz Marconi called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the 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 6: Analyze current state of relationships among courts, law enforcement, criminal defense bar, and advocates, and identify steps to improve communication.

Justice Hantz Marconi opened conversation under charge 6 by asking members to identify and propose different avenues of communication, noting as an example the Bar Association's Cooperation with the Courts Committee.

- Formal communications.
 - List serves.
 - NH Bar Association.
 - Cooperation with the Courts.
 - Regular communication between crisis centers and NHJB DV Program Manager.
 - Quarterly meetings between Coalition and Administrative Judges.
- Informal communications.
 - Brown bag lunches.
 - With judges and staff.
 - With criminal justice stakeholders.
 - Crisis centers receive feedback from stakeholders throughout the system.
 - In court communication with court clerks and staff.

Members agreed about the importance of communication among stakeholders to share current information and best practices, and to keep protocols up-to-date.

Conversation turned to training for judges. There are many good training modules available but there is a lack of funding and resources. One idea was to engage the Bar to facilitate online training modules.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Domestic Violence Task Force will occur on Monday, January 31, 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 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Merrill, Recording Secretary