

MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2022
VIRTUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

The Domestic Violence Task Force met virtually on Monday, January 31, 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
Marcia Hornick
Erin Jasina
Jean Kilham
Mary Krueger
Patricia LaFrance

Hon. Diane Nicolosi
Lynda Ruel
Amanda Grady Sexton
Jon Strasburger
David Vicinanzo
Hon. John Yazinkski
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 7: Identify other relevant subject matters.

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 any time.

Justice Hantz Marconi referenced the agenda, noting #1, a list of topics to consider under other relevant areas. The following topics were discussed under Charge 7:

- **Wiretapping statute.**
 - Amend statute.
 - Safety exceptions.
 - Definition of safety.
 - Parameters
 - Volunteers to take an amendment to legislators.
 - Draft amendment should include input from all criminal justice stakeholders.
 - NHLA proposed convening a stakeholder workgroup during the summer to review possible changes to the statute.
 - What are other states doing?

- **Judicial Accountability.**
 - No place to take an issue with respect to judicial rulings.
 - The customary avenue for review are motions to reconsider and appeals.
 - Victims often do not appeal.
 - Cost prohibitive.
 - Safety concerns.
 - Credibility.
 - Establish a judicial review process.
 - Data collection vital.
 - Expansion of judicial surveys.
 - Implicit bias

- **Firearms.**
 - Central issue in domestic violence cases.
 - Amend firearms statutes relative to domestic violence.
 - No means to know whether all of an offender’s firearms have been surrendered.
 - What are other states doing?
 - Data collection.

- **Offenders using the judicial system to further harass/coerce/control victims and RSA 173-B:5-a, III.**
 - Misuse of “Richards” hearings.
 - Abuse of Ex Parte filings.

Justice Hantz Marconi wrapped up the meeting by asking members to volunteer by email to work with the Working Group on drafting recommendations. The Task Force will meet again after reviewing all the information collected.

With no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Merrill, Recording Secretary