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## *NH Judicial Branch Domestic Violence Committee*

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### Committee Report

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Attending: Hon. Kimberly Chabot, Jean Kilham, Anne Zinkin, Karen Gorham, Katie Tripp, Dianne Martin, Chair.

The NHJB Domestic Violence Committee met on July 7, 2022 to discuss:

- I. Video Training Discussion to finalize content for final review by Judge King - Judge Chabot and special guest Judge Carbon
- II. Update on Reestablishing Coordinating Council's – Judge Chabot
- III. Update on Salem Pilot Meeting with Local Advocates – Katie Tripp
- IV. Simplified Process for Requests for Records from Dept. of Safety/Gun Line – Update from Karen Gorham/Katie Tripp
- V. Update on Meeting with the Coalition – Dianne Martin/Jean Kilham
- VI. Update on Plan for DV CLE –Jean Kilham
- VII. Update on New Hampshire Legal Assistance Information Packet – Jean Kilham (Recommendation 5.17)
- VIII. Superior Court Video Review – Karen Gorham
- IX. Law About Guides – Anne Zinkin

At the meeting, the Committee approved the report/minutes from the June 20, 2022. The Committee heard from Judges Chabot and Carbon about the video training. The audience for the video is advocates. Judge Carbon is going to work with Jean about content and with Susan about making the edits.

The Committee also heard from Judge Carbon about the history of the coordinating councils. Manchester is the only one left. Coordinating Councils can be helpful for data mining and to educate the community generally about Domestic Violence. Across the country, they are used to problem solve. The composition of the Coordinating Councils generally includes: Judges, clerks, local prosecutors, defense attorneys, police chiefs, education folks, batterer's intervention folks, advocates. Coordinating Councils are focused on team building. Need Judge support from courts – support from Judges King, Nadeau, and MacDonald. Superior court should be included. Need to identify list of stakeholders and do background work. Judges Chabot and Carbon will take the lead.

The Committee discussed cases involving strangulation (felony) superior court. Judge Colburn just did a lengthy trial. Judges need to be trained about strangulation – LAP screening. Comes up at bail hearings. Karen Gorham will get an estimate.

Jean Kilham reported on the revision of the protocols. Jean is leading the initiative. The plan is to complete the work on Protocols 1-5 in approximately 6 months.

The Committee heard an update from Katie Tripp. She and court staff had the first meeting with staff from the crisis center. They are excited about prospect of doing this in all of the courts. During the meeting, they discussed that Salem doesn't have a local location for an advocacy center, the closest center is in Rochester. HAVEN indicated they might be able to provide an advocate in the courthouse. Next steps will include creating something where we can make a recommendation to all of the Circuit Court clerks about how to implement.

The Committee then discussed how to publicize the “Law About...” guides that pertain to Domestic Violence and Stalking, beyond putting them on the NHJB website and the law library website. It was suggested that a poster could be made and placed in the lobby of the courts, near the kiosks, so that people could easily see them. Posting them at libraries and providing them to the crisis centers was also suggested. Judge Chabot suggested a public service announcement on the radio. Dianne Martin will discuss with the Communications team and circle back.

Katie Tripp suggested the Committee could create a sheet that could be used branch wide that could be provided to the filer in a DV case. It could contain the link to the Law About webpage, along with other useful court information.

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Recommendations and tasks completed following the July 7, 2022 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommendation 5.1.1: (Publicize the availability of NH Law About... guides) (continued)</li><li>• Recommendation 4.2 and 4.3: (Website improvements)(continued)</li></ul>
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Expectations for next meeting

Karen Gorham and Katie Tripp will continue to work on a simplified process for requests for court records by DOS/Gunline. Dianne Martin will reach out to Communications regarding further publication of the NH Law About guides. Judge Chabot will work with Judge Carbon on the idea of re-starting the Coordinating Councils. Jean Kilham will reach out to NHLA about adapting the NHLA information packet to address Recommendation 5.1.7.

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