



NH Judicial Branch Domestic Violence Committee

Committee Report/Minutes

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

The NHJB Domestic Violence Committee met on June 9, 2022 to:

- I. Discuss Final Superior Court Form (Rec. 4.4) – Karen Gorham
- II. Discuss 603 Legal Aid DV Clinic Initiative and Need for Funding – Dianne Martin
- III. Discuss Video Training for Email DVO Petitions
 - Outline drafted – Dianne Martin/Jean Kilham
 - Judge Carbon to Narrate – Judge Chabot
- IV. Receive an Update on DV issues in the Courts - Jean Kilham
- V. Receive an Update on Salem Pilot Meeting with Local Advocates – Katie Tripp
- VI. Review and Discuss Law About Guides – Dianne Martin
<https://www.courts.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt471/files/inline-documents/sonh/legal-guides-about-dv-stalking.pdf>
- VII. Review and Discuss Website Changes and Webpage Creation – Dianne Martin
<https://www.courts.nh.gov/resources/committees/nhjb-committee-domestic-violence>
- VIII. Wrap up and next steps

At the meeting, the Committee approved the report/minutes from the May 12, 2022. The Committee reviewed the final acknowledgement of rights form for Superior Court to address Recommendation 4.4. Karen Gorham explained that the Superior Court does not have a separate form for DV, which is different from Circuit Court. The notice was added to the standard acknowledgement of rights form.

Dianne Martin reported she spoke with Attorney Emma Sisti, Pro Bono Manager at 603 Legal, about establishing a program that provides free legal DV assistance onsite one day per week. Volunteer attorneys would provide assistance and 603 Legal would provide paralegal and administrative resources and administer the program. She projected a cost of approximately \$70,000 per year. The program will also include one day of assistance provided remotely statewide. The Committee and 603 Legal will collaborate on finding funding and providing space, etc. Committee members will review potential funding sources and report back.

The Committee received an update on the video training. The draft video outline has been prepared by Communications. Judge Chabot spoke with Judge Carbon and she is happy to narrate. Jean Kilham agreed to do the introduction. A draft handout and brochure have also been prepared. The Committee will review and provide any revisions. Thereafter, the draft will be provided to the Coalition for review and input. Once complete, Communications will produce the video training.

Jean Kilham reported on DV issues in the Courts. The Committee discussed background checks through the Gun Line. Many of the requests are to other jurisdictions and can take time for responses. She facilitates requests to the Courts. Katie Tripp noted that the requests to the Courts come by fax, but that it would be better if they could come by email. Karen Gorham volunteered to work with Katie Tripp to develop a clear, simple, streamlined process. They will collaborate and report back to the Committee.

Katie Tripp reported that she reached out to the local advocates several times regarding the Salem pilot to reestablish regular lunches/communications. She will follow-up and report back.

The Committee next discussed the Law About... guides. Committee members will review and advise of any revisions. The Committee also discussed the website changes and the review conducted by the intern working with the Committee. She went on the website to conduct a review of the page to determine the ease of finding information about DV and stalking and the related forms by someone without experience on the website. She reported back that she found the website fairly easy to use and located the information and forms easily. Dianne Martin noted that it might be helpful to add a link to the DV and Stalking page to the "Resources" tab on the landing page. The Committee agreed. That change will be made.

The Chair requested Committee members review the outstanding recommendations and tasks and identify their top three priorities and be prepared to discuss those at the next meeting. The Committee scheduled the next meeting for June 20th.

Recommendations and tasks completed following the May 12, 2022 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation 4.4: (Make court forms more easily accessible on website)(continued)• Recommendation 4.2 and 4.3: (Website improvements)
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Expectations for next meeting

The Committee will review the webpage created for the “Law About...” and report back with any revisions. The Committee will also review the video training outline and provide edits. Katie Tripp will continue to work with the local advocates in the Salem area regarding the pilot to reestablish the court/local advocate lunches/communications. Committee members will review the outstanding recommendations and tasks and identify the top three for discussion at the next meeting.
