



## ILLINOIS FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCILS

# Steering Committee Meeting

Illinois Building  
607 E. Adams Street  
Room 906  
Springfield, IL 62701  
**Friday, April 20, 2017**  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Mary Ratliff, IFVCC Program Director welcomed everyone to the IFVCC Steering Committee meeting. Roll call was taken and the following members were present or on the conference call:

- Hon. Robert Anderson, 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit
- Sean Black, ICASA
- Hon. Kathy Bradshaw-Elliott, Co-Chair
- Julie Boland, The Center for the Prevention of Abuse
- Brenda Claudio, Kankakee County State's Attorney Office
- Carole Franke, IFVCC 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit Coordinator
- Shai Hoffman, ICJIA
- John Kjellquist, Illinois State Police
- Lacey Pollock, IFVCC Grant Monitor
- Mary Ratliff, Co-Chair
- Leanne Roth, Blue Tower Solutions
- Vickie Smith, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Teresa Tudor, Illinois Department of Human Services Bureau of Domestic and Sexual Assault

### IFVCC - State of Illinois Funding (GRF) and status of the local councils

- Current FY 18 Grantees include: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Councils without coordinators include: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Grant funding for FY19

- Grant Period June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.
- Mary discussed the distributed grant materials that were sent to all active and interested councils. Grant documents were due April 16<sup>th</sup> and we have received about 80% of the expended documents as of today.
- New circuits being added FY 19 are the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Coordinators who are resigning include 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>
- Circuits being lost in FY19 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit
- Mary discussed the issues with the payments being delayed at the Comptroller's office. How this isn't impactful on most active circuits because the fiscal agent can float the

expenses pending reimbursement. However, one grant and fiscal agent are not able to do this. Because of this the coordinators are not being paid until the reimbursement comes. ICJIA was able to get them payments for a few months but the situation is back to being severely delayed. The coordinators who are leaving are both under this grant. So, replacing them will prove to be challenging with delayed payments and no ability to float expenses on the part of the fiscal agent.

- Carole Franke discussed the situation in the 21<sup>st</sup> circuit and their lack of payments. She expressed that other grants they receive have received payments and IFVCC is the only one that they have not received at least one payment for. Judge Elliot expressed that reaching out to their representative would be a great next step as she thinks they will act and respond.
- Shai Hoffman spoke about his state funded programs and the unclear way in which payments are being made. He thinks that payments are about 100 days behind schedule. He reaffirmed that IFVCC is not the only state grant not being paid.
- Vicki Smith asked for clarification on specifics of the lack of payments. Mary clarified that only one grantee has received payments because of extreme effort. All payments are on the comptroller's website. Vicki also said that the comptroller reported that they are up to January for payments.
- Mary mentioned that ICJIA is no longer able to do initial cash requests which is just compounding the issues being faced by the grantees.
- Judge Elliott mentioned that they are going to reach out to their representatives and if good results come from that Carole will report to Mary and she will let all grantees know.
- Mary encourages anyone with ideas or information to reach out to her.
- Teresa Tudor asked about grantees receiving federal arrest money. Mary responded confirming that grantees are no longer receiving these funds.
- Mary talked about the FY19 grant amounts and how that is contingent on bringing on the new circuits. There is the possibility of the grants growing and Mary will know this in the next few weeks and will communicate this with the grantees. The range of grant amounts will be between \$28,000 and \$32,000
  - \$17,000 a council was the funding prior to the budget impasse. The amount has risen but the number of council has also decreased by about half.
  - Carole Franke added that the additional funds have been amazing in their area and has allowed the council to do more and re-engage.
    - Mark Wynn and Vanessa McNeal were two national speakers the council were able to get because of the increased funds. Carole elaborated on Vanessa McNeal and her history to give a little perspective on the topic.
  - Mary mentioned stipends that were given to service providers to provide additional trainers or putting on additional events. Carole added some detail about how this works in her circuit.
- Brenda Claudio added that with the reasonable charges to attendees for the trainings in the 21<sup>st</sup> and how this helps to offset costs and get food and other items for the trainings.
- Mary is wanting to work on spreading what the 21<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> circuits are doing working with their committees' members to come together to put on trainings and all taking responsibility for different aspects.
- Judge Elliott added how important the networking is to build relationships and growing the council.

- Mary discussed how she is wanting to change the format of the monthly coordinator calls. She is working to adding best practices and other valuable topics and using the other coordinators to provide this information. Providing their good experiences on specific topics such as SANE nurses. This is starting in the April call.
- Mary talked about while losing the coordinators we are going to continue fund both the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> circuits in FY19. Mary encouraged the group to let her know any ideas for alternative fiscal agents in those areas. Mary is also doing this and working with the judicial team to hire a new coordinator despite the payment issue.
- Mary spoke about how ICJIA is requiring Notice of Funding Opportunities and that IVFCC may have to do a noncompetitive NOFO in FY19.

## FY 14 Grant to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Orders of Protection (Arrest Grant)

- Mary gave an update on the status of this. IFVCC received a no cost extension through September 30, 2018. She has also encouraged continued training in the local councils.

### Evaluations

- The report on all the evaluations from the arrest grant is in process and is close to being complete Mary shared. Once complete it will be published and sent out.

### Revisions to Protocols

- Mary talked about the Persons with Disabilities and Elder Abuse Law Enforcement Protocol for the law enforcement has been approved by Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and has been distributed.
- The Persons with Disabilities and Elder Abuse Prosecutors Protocol is in process and will be sent off to OVW as soon as it is complete within the committee.
- Domestic Violence protocol revisions were then discussed. Mary indicated that the work group is ramping up and the committee is moving through the protocol and making good progress. She mentioned the good representation that there is on the group and how invested these folks are in the protocol. We are also adding a new law enforcement member to this committee as well as our Steering Committee.
- Judge Elliott mentioned how large the protocols are and how only online might not be ideal for encouraging usage in the councils.
  - Mary added that Blue Tower Solutions will be printing at least one protocol for each council as well as a flash drive with all the materials.
  - Copies for all three protocols will be provided to each council to confirm a question from Judge Elliott.

### Criminal Orders of Protection Effective January 2018

- Judge Elliott wanted this topic added and Brenda Claudio shared their experiences with this in Kankakee.
  - Kankakee has updated their forms to streamline this process. It is easier now for them. Brenda Claudio added that now it is easier to get the Order of Protection in criminal court because a hearing is not required.
- John Kjellquist added that if there are suggestions about how to make this easier and get this on LEADs that they should share.

- Judge Elliott asked if John was experiencing issues with this.
- John added that there are not many options besides getting creative with the misc. fields. Leads is limited so the changes are limited.
- Judge Elliot mentioned the lack of a criminal order of protection in the system is a big issue. John was not sure if he can make changes but he will try to pass it along.
- Mary is making a connection between Judge Elliott and John Kjellquist
- Judge Elliott offered to share their resources. Mary tried to get Carrie Boyd with ICADV to attend today to provide an update. Because the law will most likely be changed. Mary will pass along any information she gets as the process continues.

### Military Webpage

- The resources are complete and we are just waiting for IT to get this on a webpage. ICJIA website designers have confirmed this webpage will be published within the next week or so.

### IFVCC Materials and Resources

- ICJIA's public information officer has been working with IFVCC to spread materials and resources via constant contact and other distribution options ICJIA has.
  - Mary encouraged everyone to sign up for the distribution to get IFVCC info as well as ICJIA information.
- The IFVCC website work is underway and it is hoped to be complete by early summer.
- Mary talked about how she has both federal and state funds to get materials made. Councils like to have these and Mary has been working with councils to determine items they may want created.
  - Strangulation was one topic that came up and the 17<sup>th</sup> circuit provided some materials from the Alliance for Hope International website. The 17<sup>th</sup> circuit think are helpful and would like to see recreated on better paper and in color.
    - Mary mentioned perhaps a strangulation toolkit might be very valuable to create in the future. As well as putting some of these on the IFVCC website when Mary gets more control of the content.
  - Mary put it to the group if they thought these materials would be helpful? Also, to pass along to her items they think are valuable.
    - Kankakee (21<sup>st</sup> Circuit) staff identified that these would be very helpful for law enforcement and others.
  - The Alliance for Hope has so many materials and resources to use and they can be used by anyone as long as credit is due. Mary encouraged everyone to check out the options.
    - The strangulation assessment card might be a good resource Mary added. She also mentioned there are some good materials that could be valuable to victims.
- Mary asked the group if there are any statewide materials that would be good to have and to provide to councils and communities. She asked that they send her anything they think of.

## IFVCC Full Council Meeting/Training

- Mary mentioned the Russell Strand training on May 18<sup>th</sup>. She thought this would be a good time to do the last coordinator meeting along with the full council meeting.
  - There has been a lot of interest even before the registration was released.
    - Currently there are only 12 spots remaining of the 165 available she also discussed the different audiences that have registered.
  - Judge Elliott asked the start and end times which are 8:00AM until 4:00PM
- Mary talked about Russel Strand and his approach and expertise as well as the details including lunch on their own and how the welcome and schedule will work.
  - There was a question about whether he allows you to record the session. Not for the public but for those who were not able to attend.
- Julie Bowen asked about CEUs. Mary added that this is in process with ICADV and will be available along with other options.
- Mary talked about how she has been unable to get MCLEs.
- Law enforcement certification is in the works with Pat Hahn so that will be valuable.
- Bill Smock was discussed by the 21<sup>st</sup> circuit as they want to try to get him in 2019. Mary mentioned that he may be a good option for next year's full council training.

## IFVCC Steering Committee Membership

- Mary provided a little information about how this discussion came up and has evolved. The ICJIA budget committee has been pushing for more representation or required member disciplines. Since we do not want and do not think that requiring specific members is a good idea we are trying to meet them in the middle.
  - There is a listing of recommended disciplines that has been created that we have sent to the councils. We have asked the councils to provide us the listing and disciplines so that we can see the current representation. We also want to make sure that the state level committee does mirror the local councils.
- Mary added that she wants to add:
  - Pat Hahn from Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.
  - Marge Parker a person with lived experience and self-advocate.
  - Jessena Williams, Mental Health professional with Department of Mental Health – this has not yet been confirmed.
  - Mary added that she wants there to be a discussion about these people and that Mary doesn't want to just add people without the committee input. She wants to bring them on a meeting and speak a little about themselves and see how to proceed. Teresa Tudor added a question – are we adding these people or their agency? Speaking what happens if a person leaves or changes organizations. She added that this should be teased out a little as this process continues and to be clear with the new members from the start.
    - Judge Elliott added that she believes that the agency is what we are after and getting an interest employee of that agency.
    - Judge Elliot mentioned maybe having more people in Springfield. Mary agreed but added that statewide representation is key for this program.
- Mary mentioned that she is working with Teresa to get a PAIP provider for the group. Perhaps that person could be from a substance abuse agency as well. So that would be double duty.

- Probation was mentioned and the group thinks that instead of the Administration Office of the Illinois Courts oversight person it would be good to get a “boots on the ground” person. Mary is going to reach out to some contacts she has.
- Public Defenders were discussed. Amy Campanelli from Cook County was mentioned by Mary. They are working together to find someone who is willing and able.
  - Judge Anderson added that the state appellate defenders might be a great resource to find someone who has the ability to join.
- Education is another gap that we have. Mary is thinking the research and analysis area would be good.
  - Judge Elliott asked what we want to get from this person so that we get the right person.
    - Mary added that since we have done school programs someone in that realm.
    - Sean Black added that Reshma with ICJIA could have a good lead on researchers. Paul Schewe could be valuable to reach out. Rhonda Clancy with Illinois Department of Public Health might be a good option. He also mentioned that ICASA has good higher education contacts.
    - Dorothy Espelage from University of Illinois at Chicago was recommended by Shai Hoffman.
- Other missing disciplines Mary mentioned include:
  - Court Security –
    - Brad Winters is who Mary would like to reach out to.
  - Faith Based Community –
    - John is going to reach out to the faith based coalition to get some names.
  - Private Attorney –
    - Mary is hesitant on this.
    - Bob Anderson added legal services might be a good resource. They would also have a good perspective.
    - Virtual Legal Clinic through ICADV has private attorneys as well.
  - 911 Dispatch
  - It was mentioned that these people having a basis in domestic violence.
- Judge Elliott asked if perhaps having the meeting in Bloomington might be a good compromise.
  - Mary mentioned perhaps video conferencing.
  - John mentioned CMS locations as good for having two in-person video locations.
  - Sean Black added that video conferences are just a phone call with faces.

## Announcements from Members

- John offered reports related to orders or protections to anyone who needs them.

## Next Meeting

- Mary talked about how she would really like to have the next meeting as in-person. Teresa added that the next meeting should be after we get the vacancies filled so that the new members can meet the group and get a good feeling for the group.

- Mary is going to send out a Doodle Poll to get availability for the next meeting. She indicated she wanted to meet again for after summer most likely in early September 2018.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Ratliff.