

**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advisory Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General

313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**a. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

- i. The meeting was called to order by Myel Solorzano Sutton, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act at 1:12 P.M. Members present included Kristie Chandler, Kelsey Samuels, Ann Lowrance, Jayra Camarena, Whitney Anderson, Rose Turner, and Shelley Miller. Judge Leah Edwards arrived at 1:18 p.m. Non-members present included Miguel Mojica, Stephanie Lowery, Sara Wray, Laura Russell, Mary Wickstrom, Matt Levey, Myel Solorzano Sutton, Tressie Chapman, Anthony Hernandez-Rivera, LaBrisa Williams, Starla Smith, Betty Camacho, Susan Russell Stewart, Nicholas Massey, and Laura Russell.

**b. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING ACT**

- i. Myel Solorzano Sutton announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. An agenda was posted at the principal office of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:37 A.M. and on the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office website on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:41 A.M.

**2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

- a. Council members reviewed meeting minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rose Turner motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Kelsey Samuels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DVSA, BIP, AND AVHST PROGRAMS MAP DEMONSTRATION BY ANTHONY HERNANDEZ-RIVERA**

- a. Anthony Hernandez-Rivera prepared and presented a map demonstration highlighting which Oklahoma counties currently have Attorney General certified batterers intervention, domestic violence and sexual assault, and adult victims of human sex trafficking programs, as well as Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) survivor programs operating. Additionally, Anthony reported that this will be an ongoing project as some locations will need to be updated; however, he is working to create an interactive map that will be available to the public on the Attorney General's website by early 2026.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2025 MEETING DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS**

- a. Myel Solorzano Sutton reported that all 2025 VASU Advisory Council meeting dates, times, and locations have been filed with the Secretary of State. All meeting dates for 2025 have been scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month at the Oklahoma City Attorney General's Office for 1:00 p.m. Council members discussed potential schedule conflicts and agreed that the start time for meetings would need to be pushed back to 1:30 p.m.
- b. Judge Leah Edwards motioned to accept the scheduled 2025 VASU Advisory Council meeting dates and locations, but to start all meetings at 1:30 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. Whitney Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADVOCATING FOR THE VASU ADVISORY COUNCIL TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC BODY**

- a. Council members discussed the pros and cons of the VASU Advisory Council becoming an official, statutorily recognized public body.
- b. Whitney Anderson motioned to proceed with the request to the Attorney General to consider making the VASU Advisory Council a statutory body. Kelsey Samuels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BILLING CODES AND DEFINITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK**

- a. Kelsey Samuels reported that the billing codes and definitions subcommittee reported no updates. No action taken.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OAC 75:15-2-5 EMERGENCY HOUSING DEFINITION**

- a. Council members discussed whether the language utilized in OAC 75:15-2-5 emergency housing definition should be changed to only allow hotels or motels as emergency housing options when shelter options are unavailable. For the Council's review in next month's meeting, Sara Wray will draft a brief survey that can be sent out to all OAG certified AVHST and DVSA programs to capture a picture of what is currently being utilized by providers across the state. The Council will review the draft then and make changes or additions as deemed necessary before it is sent to programs.
- b. No action taken.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FILLING COUNCIL'S BIP EXPERT POSITION**

- a. Council members reviewed and discussed BIP Expert applicants. Judge Leah motioned to nominate Matt Levey as the Council's new BIP Expert. Jayra Camarena seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No new business was reported.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Myel Solorzano Sutton reported that the OAG's Permanent Rulemaking Liaison, Thomas Schneider, officially published the Council's Chapter recommendations in the Oklahoma register and the public comment period is open now through January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The public hearing is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Kelsey Samuels motioned to adjourn. Whitney Anderson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.