

## Gender Based Violence Task Force Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2024 | 10:30am to 12:00 pm

City Hall, Conference Room 1103

Members Present: Karla Altmayer, Teresa Sullivan, Olivia Farrell, Aster Gilbert, Joel Mitchell, Sarah Layden, Shykira Richards, Scheherazade Tillet, Linda Tortolero, Brenda Myers-Powell, Rachel Ostergaard, Amanda Pyron (remote)

City Staff: Madeleine Pattis, Andrea Chatman, Latoya Hester, Yesenia Galvan, Deidre Harrington, Erica Davis, Laura Ng (remote)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Review
2. Review and approve Meeting Minutes
  - a. August 2024
  - b. Notes approved
3. GBV Portfolio Department Presentation
  - a. Still learning what exactly is in the budget, do not have capacity to give pointed responses currently but will work through questions
  - b. Big buckets of investment
    - i. Housing and homelessness supports
      1. One system for new arrivals
      2. Broadband access
      3. Housing affordability
    - ii. Community Safety
    - iii. Mental Health and Wellness
      1. Expand alternative response models
      2. Continuing to address the root causes of health issues
    - iv. Youth & Economy
      1. Workforce Development
    - v. Human Rights, Arts, & Culture
  - c. Questions:
    - i. Any callouts of GBV?
      1. Not sure if DFSS budget expectations match the 2025 numbers?
        - a. 19 million for incoming year
          - i. Too many unknowns currently to send out specifics for how the 19 million will be split, but once they get confirmations, they will release information
        - b. DV coordinated response, GBV hotel program, and training program RFP that are closed but currently being evaluated
        - c. There will come with the new RFP with prison education

- d. Built in flexibility for the city to respond to potential decreases that could come from the federal government?
      - i. Internal groups working to see what that will look like
      - ii. Developing communication with city, county, state and folks that filled these positions previously
        - e. ARPA + DV home share funds
          - i. Some programs were only one time funding
          - ii. Will be putting out all of the ARPA programs up to RFP this coming year
        - f. Is Human trafficking is counting exclusively as DV because they use DV services, but it is human trafficking?
          - i. Need numbers to get counted for human trafficking because they are all going to DV
          - ii. DFSS is asking programs to parse out who they are serving
    - ii. When do you project you will have more information?
      - 1. Very tough time OBN is only just getting these numbers, so the timeframe is not exact right now
  - d. Make sure budgeting is a top discussion in next year's meetings
    - i. Standing agenda item for future meetings
    - ii. Especially for folks who receive county funding so that we can do collective advocacy
- 4. City Updates
- 5. Taskforce updates
  - a. Chair and Vice Chair updates
  - b. Advisory Council on Women updates
    - i. Met a couple of weeks ago
    - ii. One of the subcommittees they are forming is on safety and economic empowerment
      - 1. Linda sits as a representative for GBV and will join the safety subcommittee
        - a. Looking to meet soon to cover which topics are necessary to cover for this subcommittee as it relates to GBV b. What goals do you have for this subcommittee?
      - i. Establish first meeting
      - ii. Make a more concrete connection with GBV task force and safety
    - 2. Is one objective just for education or preventative education for GBV?
      - a. Unsure if that is concretely written, but they have not met as a subcommittee yet so that has to be developed
- c. LGBTQ+ Advisory Council updates
- d. Subcommittee updates

**i. Shifting cultural norms committee (Aster & Shykira):**

1. Objective: preventing GBV and enhancing CPS to decrease generational divide around GBV discussion. Aims to transform societal perceptions and attitudes surrounding GBV and human trafficking.
2. Seeking volunteers to join
  - a. Attend and actively participate
  - b. Collaborate with other sub-committee members to develop strategies
  - c. Qualifications
    - i. Experience working with CPS and/or community organizations
    - ii. Commitment to trauma informed engagement with communities and families
  - d. No more than 5 members seated task force members
- i. Folks from organizations can be a part of it, they just will not count towards the five seated
- ii. Chicago Prevention Alliance, Children's Advocacy Center, Resilience, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation – have members that leverage the collective bargaining with CPS, and they might be useful for representation, a good contact to connect with
  1. Steve would be a good member
- e. Will send email by end of week to

**ii. Alternative Responses (Amanda):**

1. Four people on the committee including some delegates
    - a. Olivia
    - b. Jennifer
    - c. Sarah
    - d. An individual from Mujeres Latinas en Acción
  2. Their goal is that whatever emerges from this will be able to be supported by the City of Chicago
    - a. Do we know who from the city is staffed for this committee?
      - i. Yes, Allie Lichterman, still needs to be connected
    - b. When do you expect to have your next meeting?
      - i. The second week of Jan, still finalizing the date, but will email to larger group for awareness
  3. Working plan for what the next few months will look like?
    - a. Amanda will send that out
- iii. What does racial equity look like?
- a. Important for both subcommittees to look at how they are engaging survivors

## Pre-decisional

- i. Feedback is not the same as centering
- ii. Processes for involving community, what does it look like as a collaborative approach?
- iv. What happened to the surveys from DFSS?
  - 1. Issues with how reliable the data was, so no official release will be made.  
Will reevaluate this the next year to try to release some data

## Suggestions:

- Create a PowerPoint moving forward to make it easier to follow along
  - o Consider all types of accessibility issues
- Opening up application to be a part of the task force, and wondering if there are specific people that should be a part of our group that are not here
  - o Including task force members that are focused on health care only
  - o People with different identities
  - o Youth involvement is a top priority
    - o Don't see a lot of other immigrant communities represented
      - CASL is a good collaborating organization
    - o What would it take for certain communities to be involved?

## Additional questions:

- Going to receive report from consultants in February so want to know who would be good to suggest since appointments are up in May