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**State of Georgia**

**2014-2016 S.T.O.P. VAWA Implementation Plan**

**Underserved Populations Subcommittee**

*Purpose Statement*

The Underserved Populations Subcommittee works to enhance victim safety and access to services for underserved communities. Its members accomplish this goal by identifying underserved victim populations and their needs; identifying barriers to service provision; identifying resources and technical assistance; and building service providers’ capacity to provide culturally sensitive and population specific services through tools and training.

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*Meeting Notes*

 **Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Populations Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

2:30-4pm

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

104 Marietta St. NW Suite 440, Atlanta GA, 30303

Conference Room

**Conference call line:** 1-888-453-4221

Passcode 433071

**Agenda**

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| 2:30-2:40 | *Welcome and introductions*Betty Barnard and Liz Carignan, CJCCWendy LipshutzAllison Smith-BurkAnne Ealick HenryLaDonna VarnerKimberly Monast (phone)Aparna Bhattacharyya (phone)Divayna Esquivel (phone)Mary Winfrey (phone)Jamie Bormann (phone)Mosi Bayo (phone)Jennifer Bivins (phone)Shenna Morris (phone)Stacey Seldon (phone)Jessica Nunan (phone) |
| 2:40-2:50 | *Revisit previous goals and mission*Betty will send last version of resource directoryLaw enforcement pocket cards were developed through a separate grant; can post on CJCC’s websiteBetty to revise mission based on restated goals; send draft to subcommittee for approval (see end of notes) |
| 2:50-3:15 | *Discuss summary of priorities and issues from committee meeting*Tabled for discussion of challenges, barriers to services, and other issues faced by underserved populationsDiscussed GCFV and GOCF definitions of underserved |
| 3:15-3:45 | *Develop goals and objectives** Goals
	+ Enhance victim safety and access to services for underserved communities
	+ Understand the needs, distribution and characteristics of underserved victim populations throughout the state.
	+ Building service providers’ capacity to provide culturally sensitive and population specific services
* Objectives
	+ 2014 - Compile best practices and protocols
	+ Conduct a needs assessment in partnership with statewide agencies
	+ Create a directory of resources and services, including clear direction on how to use the guide to best serve victims
	+ Create a section on CJCC’s website to serve as a clearinghouse for resources, model programs, and upcoming trainings
	+ 2015 - Develop template protocols
	+ 2016 - Require subgrantees to submit a plan for serving underserved populations with their application and provide training with VAWA funds
	+ Ongoing - Collaborate with training subcommittee to ensure coordination of content addresses underserved communities needs and resources.
	+ Include population and culturally specific services in the victim assistance subgrantee directory
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| 3:45-4:00 | *Next steps*Implementation plan draft will be sent March 7 for revision; need feedback by March 11Next meeting TBD in June; send Betty unavailable dates |
| 4:00 | *Conclusion*Additional ideas were submitted by member Aparna Bhattachryya to Betty via email:* Identify topics of training or key points to be prioritized as a part of training grants or for new training grants
* Identify priorities in services and training for regions of the state
* Develop a standard policy for survivors get access to interpreters in every county for the first tpo hearing (it is not consistent) most counties only provide for 2nd hearing not initial hearing.
* Include resources that address technical assistance for challenges in serving undeserved communities in the directory; while there might not be a project that addresses LGBTQ survivors, there might be a list of private therapists who can be reimbursed by victim's compensation or can consult with a project.
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**2011-2013 Plan Subcommittee Mission**

The STOP VAWA underserved communities subcommittee will serve as a hub for subgrantees and state agencies to share resources for serving men and women in underserved communities who are victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking.

**2011-2013 Plan Goals**

* Develop a directory of agencies and services
* Law enforcement pocket cards

**FVPSA Plan – application p. 3**

**2014-2016 Underserved Populations Subcommittee Mission Statement Draft**

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 **Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Populations Subcommittee

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

11am-12:30pm

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

104 Marietta St. NW Suite 440, Atlanta GA, 30303

Conference Room

**Conference call line:** 1-888-453-4221

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**Attendees**

Betty Barnard, CJCC

Michelle Anderson, CJCC

Joan Starks, Safe Haven Transitional

Kimberly Monast, Henry Co PD

Shenna Morris, GCADV

Nancy Bryan, Ruth’s Cottage/Patticake House

Anne Ealick-Henry, University Health Services

Langston Walker, GNESA

Wendy Lipshutz, JFCS

Aparna Bhattacharyya, Raksha

**Agenda**

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| 11:00-11:10am | Welcome and introductions |
| 11:10-12:15pm | Discuss goals and objectives* Goals
	+ Enhance victim safety and access to services for underserved communities
	+ Understand the needs, distribution and characteristics of underserved victim populations throughout the state.
	+ Building service providers’ capacity to provide culturally sensitive and population specific services
* Objectives
	+ 2014 - Compile best practices and protocols
		- BB to research national office resources and solicit samples from subgrantees
		- GNESA and GCADV to research national partners’ resources
	+ 2015-2016: Conduct a needs assessment in partnership with statewide agencies
		- BB to discuss with CJCC staff
	+ Create a directory of resources and services, including clear direction on how to use the guide to best serve victims
* 2014: Develop a standard policy for survivors get access to interpreters in every county for the first TPO hearing (it is not consistent) most counties only provide for 2nd hearing not initial hearing.
* 2014: Include resources that address technical assistance for challenges in serving undeserved communities in the directory; while there might not be a project that addresses LGBTQ survivors, there might be a list of private therapists who can be reimbursed by victim's compensation or can consult with a project.
	+ - See notes below from Aparna and Allison
		- Start with subgrantees’ existing resource and referral guides
		- Aparna and Letitia to assist BB
	+ Create a section on CJCC’s website to serve as a clearinghouse for resources, model programs, and upcoming trainings
		- BB to discuss with CJCC staff
		- CJCC will review submissions then send to Underserved Members for review, targeting experts – will have one week turnaround before it is posted online
		- Define model programs; include disclaimer
	+ 2016 - Develop template protocols and require subgrantees to submit a plan for serving underserved populations with their application and provide training with VAWA funds
		- 2014-15 work will be used to develop template for protocols. Subgrantees will be encouraged to include TTA costs in their budgets. Training subgrantees will be encouraged to include underserved issues as both subtopics and main course content.
	+ Ongoing - Collaborate with training subcommittee to ensure coordination of content addresses underserved communities needs and resources.
* Identify topics of training or key points to be prioritized as a part of training grants or for new training grants
* Identify priorities in services and training for regions of the state
	+ - Overlapping subcommittee members will be encouraged to represent these issues at both meetings
		- CJCC will include breakout groups for subcommittee collaboration t next full committee meeting
	+ 2014: Include population and culturally specific services in the victim assistance subgrantee directory
		- BB to add to directory and send to subcommittee for review by July 3
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| 12:15-12:30pm | Next steps/schedule next meeting for SeptemberBad dates: 10, 12, 15-19, 24-30. Thursdays tricky for Aparna.BB to send next meeting date by July 1.Will keep 11-12:30 schedule. |
| 12:30 | Conclusion |

**Notes on TPOs and access to interpreters**

**Allison:** Technically, TPOs are done by Superior Courts in each circuit.  However, many circuits have designated their Magistrate Courts to handle TPOs due to the volume of TPO petitions or due to the large geographic size of the circuit.  I am not sure which person within the court is responsible for arranging for the interpreter.

**Aparna:**

<http://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2010/title-15/chapter-6/article-2/15-6-77>

(4) No fee or cost shall be assessed for any service rendered by the clerk of superior court through entry of judgment in family violence cases under Chapter 13 of Title 19 or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order or a petition for a prosecution order to protect a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault. A petitioner seeking a temporary protective order or a respondent involved in a temporary protective order hearing under the provisions of Code Section 19-13-3 or 19-13-4 shall be provided with a foreign language or sign language interpreter when necessary for the hearing on the petition. The reasonable cost of the interpreter shall be paid by the local victim assistance funds as provided by Article 8 of Chapter 21 of this title. The provisions of this paragraph shall control over any other conflicting provisions of law and shall specifically control over the provisions of Code Sections 15-6-77.1, 15-6-77.2, and 15-6-77.3.

**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution\*(STOP) Violence Against Women Act**

**(VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Communities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2014

11 am- 12:30 pm

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

104 Marietta St. NW Suite 440, Atlanta, GA 30303

Conference Room

**Attendance:** Michelle Toledo (GLADV), Wendy Lipshutz (Jewish Family and Career Services), Betty Barnard (CJCC), Natalie Williams (CJCC), Meg Rogers (Cherokee Family Violence Center), Anne Ealick Henry (Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services), Jessica Nunan (Caminar Latino), Mary Winfrey (Safe Haven Transitional Home), Aparna Bhattacharyya (Raksha), Nancy Bryan (Ruth’s Cottage), Langston Walker (GNESA), Kimberly Monast (Henry County BOC), and Letitia Lowe (GCADV)

Agenda:

Goals: Emerging trends in the underserved populations that they serve

* Meg Rogers has implemented the Statewide Spanish Hotline. Her agency has been able to train all the state-certified domestic violence shelters about the hotline. They have received about 50-70 calls/month since implementation.

**There was a request to share the hotline information with Sexual Assault programs as well, which Meg was happy to oblige.**

* Jessica Nunan has been receiving ongoing support from Translatino. They are focusing on how they can better serve the LGBT community.
* Aparna Bhattacharyya has seen an increased trend of forced marriages among young girls. These trends have been seen in the Asian communities, specifically Korean and Bhutanese communities. The barrier that she has been seeing is that religious leaders will perform the marriages, even though it is illegal, it is acceptable in their religion. She would like to do more research on the topic. She would also like to provide more outreach and education to the community, schools, and faith leaders.
* Anne Ealick Henry has seen an increase in the need for bed space for people with mental health illnesses and homelessness. It has been very difficult for her to get clients placed with they are 18 years and older. Those that have been hospitalized are often discharged without a case plan.

Objectives:

* Betty has added an “Underserved Population” section to the CJCC Victim Assistance e-newsletter. So far, they have highlighted the LGBT community, Raksha, and Caminar Latino. In November Jewish Family and Career Services will be highlighted and GLADV will be highlighted in December.
* The VAWA webpage is up and running. Resources, Technical Assistance, and best practices are some of the things that will be featured on the page. **Betty will send information regarding the webpage to everyone to approve before posting. She will give a one week deadline before posting.**
* Update on SAC: A needs assessment on underserved populations will possibly be done. SAC has stated that the 2014-2016 year could serve as the VAWA implementation planning for the needs assessment. They feel that the actual needs assessment could be completed over a couple years, and be ready for the 2017-2019 Implementation Plan.
* Betty is currently working on the underserved victim assistance subgrant directory. **Question was raised as to whether or not the directory should be VAWA specific or include other grant programs, communities served and languages spoken?** If done, the directory will be a little bigger than anticipated.

**The consensus is to include the underserved population agencies and include underserved definition broader than the VAWA definition.**

* If anyone has information regarding policies and procedures for access to interpreters that Betty can use as a template, please send them. **Aparna sent Wendy some articles that may be helpful so she will pass those along to Betty as well.** Access to sign language interpreters has also been an issue.
* Betty is working on contacting ICE to understand how they help with victims. Aparna mentioned that they do have a victim advocate who used to work at Tapestry, Aaliyah lastname??, who she can get her in contact with. It was also mentioned that Randall Duncan, former ED of PAC, who now works at immigration could also be a good resource.

Other:

* The WOW workshop, an initiative of the policy subcommittee, will take place on January 7-8, 2015 at GPSTC in Forsyth. January 7th will be a full day workshop finishing with a half-day on January 8th. If anyone has any topics that they would like to see discussed, please send those topics to Betty.
* There are three Native American tribes that are recognized by the state. Betty has been trying to reach out to several contacts but has not been successful. If anyone has contacts for any or all of the tribes, please let Betty know.

Next Steps

The next full committee

 **Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Populations Subcommittee

Thursday, December 4, 2014

11:30am-12:30pm

Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth GA 31029

**Agenda**

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| 11:30-11:35 | **Welcome and introductions** |
| 11:35-11:4511:45-12:15 | Emerging trends Tonya Jenkins – CJCC Natalie Williams – CJCCMary Winfrey – Safe Haven TransitionalKimberly Monast – Henry County Police DepartmentWendy Lipshutz – Shalom BayitAnna Blau – International Women’s HouseJennifer Thomas – GCFVBrenda Mohammad – Atlanta Victims AssistanceMs. Stubbs – Safe HouseBen Griggs – Athens-Clarke PDKenya Hordge – Grady Hospital Rape Crisis CenterNancy Bryan – Ruth’s Cottage/Patticake HouseSafa Alaji – Hospitality House for Women**Topics Discussed*** Discussed logic model draft
* Should we set time aside each meeting to discuss emerging issues w/r/t underserved populations?
* Discussed variability of underserved populations by service area
* 2015 Objectives
	+ Complete and distribute Underserved Directory – include services for each organization listed; give organizations an opportunity to review & suggest edits
		- Review information now included (which seems to be from grant applications)
		- Give reasonable deadline for agencies to review & change description (within particular parameters)
		- Make directory available on line when completed
	+ Develop a standard policy and procedure to ensure an interpreter is provided for first hearing of TPOs in every county in the state, as victims need
	+ Provide training for CJCC grantees, particularly around addressing particular special conditions around underserved communities (in particular, placing a special condition related to serving transgender victims)

**Other*** Suggested goal for CJCC to provide (or facilitate provision of) training to assist compliance with new special conditions—and broader training related to underserved groups.

**Joint Meetings***Training and Underserved* communities’ subcommittees, we discussed and agreed on importance of cultural sensitivity in general and including issues of underserved communities in all trainings on all topics. Discussed importance of trainings for staff, agencies, clergy, and others, and trainings being part of systems’ change work. Issues of trainings on faith-based work was also discussed, as was training for mental health providers and addressing issues of elder abuse. Issues of providing/expanding list of trainers was discussed. *MDT and Underserved* subcommittees included importance of identifying what data would be helpful, and what underserved communities and issues and systems need to be on a MDT team.Issues of sharing any available data previously collected by task forces through the GCFV was discussed—related to underserved communities.There was discussion in joint subcommittee meetings of combining directories of underserved communities’ subcommittee and MDT subcommittees. |
| 12:15-12:30pm | **Next steps:** **Choose spokesperson and a subcommittee chair** Chair: Wendy Lipshutz, Shalom BayitSpokesperson: Kimberly Monast, Henry Co. PD |
| 12:30 | **Conclusion** |

* will take place on December 4, 2014 at GPSTC from 10am – 4pm. The afternoon session will allow time for subcommittee cross-pollination. **Please start thinking about what committee you feel would be important for your agency to have representation on.**

 **Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved/MDT/Evaluation Subcommittee Coordination Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014

2:15-3pm

Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth GA 31029

**Agenda**

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| 2:15-2:20 | **Welcome and introductions**Monique, Jonathan, Ayanna, Quincie, Tiffany (CJCC) |
| 2:20-2:50 | **Discuss respective subcommittee goals and objectives**Underserved:Training around different areas some specified in Special Conditions of grantsComplete a service directory for the underservedInterpreter for TPO’s in all countiesMDT:Form database of MDTs across the stateStandardization of MDTs, SARTsEvaluation:Enhance reporting efficiencyImplementation of CJSSR to be annually submittedMigration from ALICE to APRICOTAnnual submission of VSSR**Suggested topics for coordination:*** **Representation of underserved communities on MDTs**
* **MDT members sharing resources for underserved communities**

Kimberly M. Henry County: Henry County senior service Elder Abuse project. LEP, Community on Aging, Elder Abuse information brought on underserved elder population. Stakeholders joined on the MDT for the purpose of serving elderly populationJennifer Thomas connecting with MDT’s in southern GA where there is a big gap, can a directory be created to be used as a tool to be utilized for providing services for underserved populations? Utilizing members on multiple committees to merge on MDT’s for smaller communities may be occurring.Identifying the underserved population in the communities is key to making a difference in that spectrum.Wendy Lipshutz training for underserved population can be a part of MDT’s. Kimberly M. utilizing resources of partnerships to help victims have access without having to travel far, seek help from abuser, go without resources. Could an offset in grant funding say they can used funds to serve their population as well as neighboring populations of underserved connected via MDT’s. Outreach component.Mary Lily Pad SAC/CAC in Albany or Bainbridge not enough victims for full time in Bainbridge but the victim can be served in either community. District Attorney’s office may be an outlet for obtaining victims services.Dekalb County Advocates and Case Managers come together and present where underserved population needs assistance and they will connect and correspond to help victims reach the closest resources available. Make sure the separate agencies work cohesively to obtain services for clients.* **Data and evaluation needs**

What kind so of data would the agencies need to work together collaboratively? How can the committees move towards achieving that?* Directory idea is great. What systems or programs set on SARTs? What systems and programs sit on MDT’s? What is the goal of MDT and task forces? Identify groups being served that are underserved currently? What organizations need representation?
* GACDV finding what underserved are only represented or have resources based on race, religion, demographic to provide cross-training for service providers of different agencies in the community.

Can CJCC or coalitions provide better data for the agencies?* When outcome measures were originally produced, the changes and development of outcome measures and personnel need training on data measures and interpretation.
* MDT subcommittee reviewed CJCC’s 2014 continuation app data, and data from VSSRs created and analyzed by CJCC but was possibly skewed and not a good tool this year due to the way questions are phrased to reflect grant funds only. Possibly change or add additional questions on the VSSR next year. Share data on apps for underserved populations with agencies, committees, MDTs, Task Force, etc.

Any possible collaborations between these subcommittees for 2015 implementation? * Collaboration of subcommittees on resources directories.
* Member forum that can be used to exchange ideas and resources.
* Notable resources: IACP Net is a possible example of forum tool. GPAC manageable and free software.
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| 2:50-3:00 | **Next steps*** **Choose liaison from each subcommittee (or an overlapping member)**

Jennifer Thomas, GCFV |
| 3:00 | **Conclusion** |

 **Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved/Training/Evaluation Subcommittee Coordination Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014

1:30pm-2:15pm

Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth GA 31029

**Agenda**

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| 1:30-1:35 | **Welcome and introductions** |
| 1:35-2:05 | **Discuss respective subcommittee goals and objectives**Sharla Jackson, Chair of Training Committee- share training topics and dates, created a listing of experts for other VAWA recipients to provide specific trainings, offering training in rural areas of the state, webinars/recorded trainings.Wendy Lipshutz, Chair of Underserved Communities Committee- Goals: 1) Complete directory of services specifically to the issues of the underserved. This is in process currently. We would like to have completed by this year. 2) Trainings covering compliance with new special conditions that address underserved communities and other underserved communities that are not specified under the grants. 3) Establishing a protocol for ensuring interpreters hear TPOs.Evaluation committee- Our goal is to optimize reporting currency of overall reporting. How to make data more useful and needs of each agency that is reporting, VSSR from a quarterly report to a semi-annual report, will now be on the table. CJSSR will be now reported annually.**Topics Discussed:*** How training content addresses underserved communities needs and resources- Wendy states that the underserved committee has identified some gaps w/r/t transgender communities, LGBTQ communities, protocols surrounding interpreters.
* Concerns – all training should address underserved communities. The opportunity to address the topic should not be passed up when someone is attending a training because that may be the only training that they are able to attend, i.e. law enforcement. Christy noted that GCADV, GCFV and PAC incorporate the issue of underserved populations or ensure that it is woven into the entire training. We try to incorporate it to address barriers and cultural competency issues. Wendy states that we should talk about cultural sensitivity of all groups.
* Trying to overcome barriers of sexism, racism, etc. but there will be pockets of resistance that trainers cannot just overcome. Personal biases impact victim’s treatment and services and CJ system response. This is going to take time to chip away, but this is a systems change that takes a long time.
* Faith issue in training needs to be addressed. Things that are typically done in a shelter setting are Christian-based and that is not being culturally competent.
* Topics or key points to cover in future trainings:
* Training to special conditions providing ta, cultural competency training to ensure that people are being served in the manner that is
	+ Trainings for mental health providers who do not work for a domestic violence program/versed in domestic violence issues. (i.e.- couples counseling when inappropriate, trauma that centers around abuse, etc.)
	+ Training counselors on why perpetrators should be in FVIP classes, not counseling, etc.
	+ Law enforcement standpoint- need more training on mental health, elder abuse, and strangulation. Commission and other partners are creating a video that will be posted on GPSTC that officers can watch for a 1 hour post credit. It should be released in early March. Jennifer Thomas requested that feedback be given by officers after released.
	+ Need updates on new legislation that has passed. Takes four months for them to hear about it, and that’s too long.
* Evaluation discussion
	+ Request for CJCC to change the question wording on the sensitivity question/cultural competent question on OPM. Look at OPM surveys and reword those at a fifth grade reading level. Also take into consideration disabilities, such as the hearing impaired.
	+ Do you better understand your rights as a victim of crime---clients don’t understand this question and it often gets skipped. Is there a way that we can reword this? The questions that are on the current survey are leading questions…Based on the federal questions, so CJCC will look into the ability that we have to work with the phrasing of the questions.
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| 2:05-2:15 | **Next steps*** **Choose liaison from each subcommittee (or an overlapping member)**
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| 2:15 | **Conclusion** |

**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Committee Meeting Notes**

Thursday, December 4, 2014

10am-4pm

Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

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**Feedback on 2014 Continuation Application to CJCC**

* Data shared with VAWA only reflects use of funds – how, if at all, can we share more comprehensive data and the state-specific context to make a case for funding and other support?
* Deadlines were manageable
* Subgrantees appreciated email updates for each application and award timeline change
* One subgrantee noted that it was difficult to write the continuation application in accordance with the new separate RFAs for CJSI and Victim Services, since the Competitive application in 2013 was structured differently (one RFA for all VAWA program types).
* Asked for better communication regarding special condition updates and compliance
	+ Victim’s Compensation Training condition was removed in 2014 awards, but trainings were recently re-launched and attendance during this training cycle will count towards satisfying 2015 special conditions
* Please see if it is possible to create an online application that subgrantees can save work and login again later (this feature is now available on Adobe FormsCentral)
* Please see if it is possible to have an autofill option using prior submissions
* Please see if it is possible to fill out PDF forms online and submit with award packet
* Please remember to include a “statewide” option on list of counties served

**2015 S.T.O.P. Application Ideas**

* Incorporate GCFV State Plan and Fatality Review Report goals to ensure synchronicity
* Sexual Assault section was satisfactory in 2014
* Suggestion to request assistance and leadership on judicial education from CJCC’s governing Council

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| **Subcommittee Chairs** | **Name and Agency** |
| *Training Chair* | Sharla Jackson, PAC |
| *Underserved Chair* | Wendy Lipshutz, Shalom Bayit |
| *Evaluation Chair* | Shenna Morris, GCADV |
| *MDT Chair* | Wendy Chitwood, Harmony House |
| *Policy Chair* | Allison Smith-Burke, GCADV |
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| **Liaisons** | **Name and Agency** |
| *Training/Policy* | Jennifer Bivins, GNESA |
| *Training/Underserved* | Jennifer Thomas, GCFV and Langston Walker, GNESA |
| *MDT/Policy* | Jennifer Bivins, GNESA (maybe) |
| *MDT/Underserved* | Jennifer Thomas, GCFV |



**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Populations Subcommittee

Monday, March 30, 2015

11:00am-1:00pm

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

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Conference Room

**Conference call line:** 1-888-453-4221

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**Agenda**

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| 10:00-10:05 | **Welcome and introductions**Betty Barnard - CJCCTonya Jenkins - CJCCWendy Lipshutz – Shalom BayitLangston Walker - GNESA**Attendees by phone**Anne Ealick-Henry, University Health ServicesJessica Nunan - Caminar LatinoMary Winfrey - Safe Haven TransitionalMeg Rogers - CFVCLetitia Lowe - GCADVAnna Blau - International Women’s HouseAparna Bhattacharyya – RakshaElaine Cannon – NOABelisa Urbina, Ser Familia |
| 10:05-11:45 | Discuss goals and objectives* **Review 2014 RFA and application regarding policy goals and offer suggestions for 2015. What data would you want to collect?**
* Betty asked for suggestions for improving the VAWA and SASP RFS’s and would like to have all feedback by April 17
	+ Change language on some items requested
	+ More information on cultural specific application
	+ Any additional data that you would like to collect
* Religion is consider as underserved in Georgia by definition. OVC has a different definition for religion.
* Meg identified the African American community as an underserved population especially in the rural areas. Programs are needed such as support groups and faith based.
* VOCA funds have doubled and the Community Conversations will be coming soon near you.
* Suggestion for deobligated funds to be used to help the African American population with mini grants.
* Agencies should show the impact of services that has helped their agencies with research. Finding an evidence based model can be difficult sometimes.
* Agencies wants to know what kind of evidence based models are there.
* 2015 drafts sent April 13 – please review and provide feedback by April 22
* **Feedback for FY’15 SASP application**
* The draft was sent out April 9 – please review and send feedback to Betty by Friday April 17
* **Review and finalize directory**
	+ **Add section on culturally competent and culture-specific mental health service providers**
	+ Directory still needs more work on it. Each agency needs to review their description and resubmit. Wendy suggested that an agency should have a checklist of the services that they provide to victims.
* **Review and select model resources to post on website**
* **Review TA2TA website and select providers to request training:** [**www.ta2ta.org**](http://www.ta2ta.org)
* Casa de Esperanza – culture and specific projects
* NIWAP – Immigrant women issues
* IDVAAC – to receive information on African American women data. Meeting their needs to make them more comfortable
* Youth on college campuses
* Trainers for the agency’s workers
* **Interpreter policy – launch workgroup on a model policy and how to ensure proper resource allocation for implementation statewide**
* An interpreter policy was discussed. This is to ensure that the proper assistant is in the court room with the victims. It was discussed that there is a need for the interpreter to be bilingual and certified. Aparna believes that agencies need to train the interpreter to know the policies and procedures to know what the needs are for the victims. Betty wants a work group that would help develop a work plan for this project to bring together the key partners to identify the data, problems and solutions.
* **Alignment with Fatality Review Project and GCFV State Plan Goals**
* Betty to follow up with both agencies since no rep was at the meeting
* **NIWAP free one-day training on U and T Visas: which Sheriff’s Offices should we target?** Gwinnett, Hall, Cobb, Dekalb, Whitfield, Gordon. Ask South Georgia providers. Request to include community outreach and trust-building. NB: they came to GA in 2013 or 2014, fairly recently
* **Other:**
* Aparna asked if DFCS can help assist immigrants to apply for U Visas. Jessica, Meg, Aparna, and Mary would help set up a group to assist with this project.
* Betty discussed that she would be attending a Pow-wow in Charlton, Georgia. She has met with two Indian tribes. They are Muskogee Creek Tribe and Cherokee Tribal Council of Georgia. She is welcoming anyone to help her work with this project.

To discuss in future meetings* MDT representation
* Reviewing training content for underserved populations issues
* Needs assessment
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| 11:45-12:00 | * Action items
* Betty will resend draft directory for updates with the approval from subgrantees
* Feedback is needed for VAWA, and SASP RFAs by **April 17, 2015**
* Follow up with Aparna for Interpreter assistance
* Follow up with agencies for U-Visas statewide goals
* Follow up agencies for any Technical Assistance providers that you would like to host. Please keep CJCC in the loop.
* Anne Ealick- Henry stated that she has a location for any meetings in Augusta, GA.
* Schedule next meeting in June 2015

Next meeting is June 8, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Location is TBDMeeting adjourned 12:50 pm.  |
| 12:00 | Conclusion |



**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Implementation Plan Subcommittee Meeting**

Underserved Populations Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

10:00am-12:00pm

State Bar Building

104 Marietta St. NW Atlanta GA, 30303

President’s Board Room

**Conference call line:** 1-800-250-2600

Passcode 35398717#

**Agenda**

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| 10:00-10:05 | **Welcome and introductions**Betty Barnard - CJCCTonya Jenkins – CJCCNatalie Williams – CJCC Wendy Lipshutz – Shalom BayitLaura Mora – International Women’s HouseLetitia Lowe – GCADVAnna Blau – International Women’s HouseManisha Lance - RakshaAnne Ealick-Henry, University Health ServicesMeg Rogers - CFVCPatrice Kilpatrick – SAFEMichelle Toledo Cainas, GL@DVElaine Cannon – NOAKrista Ellington – GNESAKenya Hordge – Grady Stacy Seldon – AOCBrenda Muhammad – Atlanta Victim AssistanceRosa DeKelley – Catholic Charities of the ArchdioceseJenny Aszman – GCFVNancy Bryan - Ruth’s Cottage Mary Winfrey – Safe Haven TransitionalMichelle Maigard – Day League |
| 10:05-11:45 | **Discuss goals and objectives*** *Review and finalize directory*
	+ *Betty will update with 2015 application data and circulate to agencies for review and approval*
	+ *Add section on culturally competent and culture-specific mental health service providers*

Betty stated that the final draft of the dictionary will come after the 2015 application process is completed. She asked for any suggestions on culturally competent and culture-specific mental health services providers. Some of the suggestions were as followed:* Pathways
* Families First
* Cepta
* Transitional Family Services
* Community Advanced Practitioner’s Clinic
* Karen Council Center
* Great Day – Deaf and Hearing Impaired
* Dekalb Rape Crisis Center (Day League) provides SA services for survivors ages 13 and above, and all genders.
* Raksha has 2 therapists – south Asian population
* Vita Patel Garcia – specializes in children
* Jewish Council has therapy for DV, SA, and child abuse which in Jewish family.
* Neighbors Hand is a new faith-based program and transitional house, 120 day program and one year program, for single childless women in Union Co.

Wendy suggested entries are cross-referenced in each section for easy search functionality.* *TTA Update*

Betty will contact non-discrimination TA providers about attending the full committee meeting in December or January. Will contact IACP, Casa de Esperanza and BWJP about scheduling for 2016. Aparna, Betty, Divayna, Vivian Keller and Norma Mendoza are attending NIWAP conference in New Orleans on immigrant victims.* *Interpreter policy – launch workgroup on a model policy and how to ensure proper resource allocation for implementation statewide*

Betty will follow up on the interpretation policy by July 1, 2015. DFCS Workgroup will be follow up by Betty or Aparna. Would like to have a DFCS to sign off on U-Visa applications. Goal = statewide policy and training. The following agreed to help with this process:Meg Rogers - CFVCMary Winfrey - Safe Haven TransitionalRosa DeKelly - Catholic Charities of the ArchdioceseLaura Mora – International Women’s HouseLaura, Anna and Meg shared how they built their relationship with the Regional Director to get their support and to create a policy.* *Alignment with Fatality Review Project and GCFV State Plan Goals*

Did not discuss* *Subcommittee liaison updates:* Training/Underserved (Rosa volunteered) and MDT/Underserved (Jenny Aszman volunteered)

*Other:** *MDT representation*: committee is working on a directory and should have updates after the current application closes
* *Reviewing training content for underserved populations issues:* requested on 2015 continuation app; should have updates when it closes
* *Needs assessment:* CJCC applied for a grant from OVC and hopes to know if we will have it funded by September 2015. Will launch a steering committee to develop a comprehensive statewide needs assessment and conduct strategic planning.
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| 11:45-12:00 | * **Action items**
* Please send Betty additional suggestions for mental health providers
* Betty will add a field to the website for people to submit directory entries
* Betty will contact Women of Color Network and Chicago TA provider for TA on working with African-American victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
* Betty will follow up with Aparna with UVisa and child witness interpretation. Add Rosa, Meg, Mary Winfrey and Laura Mora to email lists
* Betty will send an intro email with our new subcommittee’s liaisons
* **Schedule next meeting in September 2015**
* \*\*Will need to be rescheduled from September 17 due to conflict\*\*
* Avoid September 24, September 28-30, Labor Day (sept 7), September 14 and 22 and September 10
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| 12:00 | **Conclusion** |