

**Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team-Coordinated Community Response
2017-2020 Priority Task Team Updates
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Electronic Filing to Benefit Victims Seeking Domestic Violence Protective Order

In effort to reduce the burden on victims, the Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team is committed to developing a more streamlined approach for victims of domestic violence seeking a domestic violence protective order (DVPO).

Project Deliverables:

Three deliverables relate to this priority initiative:

1. We will work with the NC Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to implement electronic filing of the DVPO paperwork and initial court appearances for victims. This deliverable directly involves Safe Alliance, Mecklenburg County's non-profit domestic violence agency, the Mecklenburg County Clerk's Office and the District Court Judges.
2. We will work with the AOC to automate the many forms that must be prepared for filing a DVPO.
3. We will determine whether DVPO paperwork could be completed with the assistance of a victim advocate and electronically filed with the Magistrate and Civil Clerk's Office from remote locations.


Current state:

Much work has been done the last six months to move the e-filing process ahead. Areas of focus have included improving data tracking, strengthening referrals and work on an expansion plan for Safe Alliance's Victim Assistance office. Because the last two deliverables will be built upon the foundation of the e-filing implementation, they will become the committee's focus in late 2018 and 2019.

Community Partnerships:

Currently, the team includes, Assistant Clerk Kent Matzinger, Chief Rob Hunter, District Court Judge Paige McThenia, and Jamie Sellers and Laura Lawrence from Safe Alliance. We are also working with the Sheriff's Office, Self-Serve Office, Mecklenburg County Government Asset and Facility Management Department, District Attorney's Office and local police departments.

If you have questions about this initiative or our request, please feel free to contact Laura Lawrence Laura.Lawrence@safealliance.org or Kent Matzinger at Kent.D.Matzinger@nccourts.org. Thank you for your support and your participation.





Rapid Rehousing to Serve Domestic Violence Victims

Current state:

By HUD mandate, Mecklenburg County's Coordinated Entry process prioritizes the most vulnerable populations when determining who will receive available support with housing/homelessness. **The current tool (VI-SPIDAT) is not trauma informed and is not sensitive to the unique circumstances facing domestic violence victims.**

Rapid Re-housing Pilot Tailored to DV Survivors:

- We have researched and identified an alternative tool, currently in use in Harris County, Texas, that prioritizes the most vulnerable, is trauma informed, and accounts for vulnerabilities linked to domestic violence.
- We are piloting the tool's use as part of the OVW and county funded rapid rehousing project (currently operating independently of Coordinated Entry).

Research Components:

We have begun research into the use of rapid rehousing to serve domestic violence victims. We have relied heavily on the research presented by safehousingpartnerships.org, a website launched by the Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium with funding from DHHS, DOJ, and HUD.


- We have identified two model projects, one located in Washington State and one in Washington DC.
- We have identified three emerging best practices for DV providers seeking to provide rapid rehousing: mobile advocacy, housing advocacy, and flexible funding.
- We have commissioned additional best practice research, to be completed by Spring, 2018. Quarterly progress updates from researcher will be provided to the DV/RRH task team.


Funding:

Safe Alliance and The Salvation Army submitted a joint request to the City of Charlotte for one-time rapid rehousing funding to be used to serve those not otherwise prioritized by the Coordinated Entry process. This grant will provide Safe Alliance additional opportunity to learn about rapid rehousing, and will serve approximately 10 homeless individuals/families with a history of domestic violence.

Community Partnerships:

We have participated more actively in the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Housing and Homelessness, with a goal of learning more about the CoC and the HUD NOFA process. DV CLT Task Team members have served on CoC Scorecard Committee and will serve on the application review committee. The Task Team has also participated in drafting the Community HUD application to ensure that our current work on behalf of domestic violence victims is accurately represented.





If you have questions about this initiative or our request, please feel free to contact Kathryn Firmin-Sellers at Kathryn.Sellers@safealliance.org or Marie White at Marie.White@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov. Thank you for your support and your participation.

Integrating LAP Data into Domestic Violence Data Warehouse

The DVCLT CCR task team working on integrating the LAP data from law enforcement (LE) agency and domestic violence service agencies (DVSA) continues to move forward.

Current State:

As of July 2016, all law enforcement agencies have been trained on the utilization and implementation of the LAP. In addition, DV service agencies have been working to better understand the extent to which services are being utilized by DV victims after a law enforcement response.

The co-chairs to the LAP Data Integration task team met with several law enforcement agency chiefs over the past few months. During these meetings, the group discussed how to restructure and integrate LAP training effectively within the LE agencies. Suggestions included:

- Annual LAP retraining
- Integrating LAP training into FTO training
- DV Service Agencies providing roll call trainings


Additionally, integrating the LAP data into the existing DV Data Warehouse was discussed. Each LE agency has an existing person who reports data to Community Support Services annually to be included in the Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team's DV Data Warehouse. There was discussion about being able to utilize this same person to report out the LE agency LAP data.


Streamlining Data:

Steps are currently being taken within the DVSA's to streamline data reporting and tracking of LAP disposition – whether or not DV victim successfully connected to services. Agencies are researching whether currently technology can be utilized in this process. There is discussion around creating a report out document with aggregate data to be provided to LE Chiefs in possibly a monthly form. Additionally, CMPD is currently working internally to be able to track LAP data in KBCOPS.

Moving Forward:

To address incidences of domestic violence in a data-driven way, and to successfully integrate the LAP data into the DV Data warehouse, we need your assistance. Please join us or send an agency representative to our next meeting on December 13, 2017 at the Hal Marshall Services Center, 700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 in the Hal Kitchen-Conference Room.





If you have questions about this initiative or our request, please feel free to contact Marie White at 980-314-8940 or email marie.white@mecklenburgcountync.gov or Chief Rob Hunter, Retired, at 704-618-5880 or email robhunter05@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and your participation.

