

VOCA Web-Ex

February 6th, 2025, 10:00 AM Agenda

Welcome – Patti Custer is leading the meeting.

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/comments in the chat.
- If we do not get all questions answered in the allotted time, we will schedule additional calls.
- The Web-Ex will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>.
- There are interpreters on the line.
- We are migrating to Microsoft Teams Meetings and will no longer be using Webex – updated meetings will be sent to all agencies.

FFY25 VOCA IFB Updates

- Closed on 1/31/25 at 2:00 pm.
 - All current providers submitted bids.
- Review begins on 2/7/25. The VOCA Unit is scheduled to meet with the Stakeholder group and IFB reviewers today 2/6 to discuss next steps.
- All reviewers will meet in-person for the review process, where they are each assigned a category group (DV-SV, Multiple Services, etc.). The goal is to complete the full review of the submitted IFBs at the end of February.
- Stakeholder group updates:
 - Thank you to everyone for getting the IFBs submitted on time!
 - None of the reviewers are agencies, and none of the stakeholders are reviewing their own category groups.

Quarterly Reports (1st Quarter)

- Due January 31, 2025
 - Send to: FSD.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov.
- If you have not submitted your Q1 report (all zeroes, # of victims served with GR Funds in the comment box at the bottom of the report), please do so today.

VOCA FY24 2nd 3-month Extension

- If you have not gotten procurement the signature page, please do so ASAP.
- Once the extension is finalized VOCA unit will send you your budget sheets.
- Agencies CANNOT invoice for January expenditures with out an approved budget. Please get them back to us today.

January Billing

- January billing (invoices, expenditures, data reports) are due 2/15/25.

Training Approval Requests

- We are only approving trainings scheduled before March 31, 2025. Trainings scheduled after April 1, 2025, will not be approved at this time.

New Decision Items (NDIs) for VOCA

- With Governor Kehoe now in office, it is the time for the budget process and the release of NDIs. Keep in mind, the NDIs are subject to the General Assembly process where it must pass through the House and Senate. There is an NDI in currently for VOCA, but we do not know anything more currently.

Available VOCA Trainings

- Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA)
 - April Trainings:
 - DPS Missouri Victim Services Academy, April 7-8 – <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>.
 - Missouri Children's Trauma Network Conference, April 8-9 – <https://www.moctn.com/training-summit>.

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FVPSA Contract Updates

- The FFY26 FVPSA Application was submitted. Next year, feedback will be solicited from the providers prior to submission.

- Last year the application was due by March 31, this year it was due by January 31. We worked to input data and components about underserved communities and who we are serving. We also sent it to our legal dept to review it before submitting to ACF. All states are in the same boat regarding policies, but we will wait to hear their feedback and go from there. Unfortunately, everything is very vague and broad at the federal level right now, so we are working on figuring everything out.
- We always run about the same amount of funding and at this point, we have no new news to the group on DVSS funding – we don't know what is going to happen at the federal level. There is General Revenue (GR) funding in the budget for VOCA, but we will communicate with agencies on this. In the future, we will have the agencies review the FVPSA Application for feedback before DSS submits.
- ARPA Funds end Sept 30, 2025.

DVSS Trainings

- Zak Wilson, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)
 - N/A