

**1VOCA/DVSS Web-Ex
May 30th, 2024, 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 as well.

Grant Update-

- Funding for Missouri for Grant YR 2024 has gone down to \$14,267,757.00. Grant for GY 2023 was \$24,764,263.00. on the governor's desk to be signed.

Invoices & DATA sheets

- Please have Invoices in for May by June 5th for processing. If you still have GR- Patti will be reaching out to you on what to do.
- Data sheets are still required even if you are not using FFY money. We still track all victims. Send your data sheets to: fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov

System does shut down in Mid to late June will reopen in July.

Trainings Updates (Reminder)

- In Person Collaborative Roundtables in 5 locations around the state.
- Completed: First one in Jefferson City on May 7th
- Completed: Kansas City May 16th
- Upcoming: St Louis June 4th
- Upcoming: Southeast will be June 26th
- Upcoming: Southwest July 2nd
 - Purpose: Bring agencies together to discuss resources, services, working together, long-term planning, and vision.

Many things have been learned from the first two roundtables. We are looking forward to the next roundtable meetings. St. Louis is next week. Please get your RSVPs in for STL Meeting by close of business today.

Angela from RACS shares that she really enjoyed the Central Roundtable Meeting and encourages others to attend.

Travanna Alexander Toney shares she attended the KC meeting and found the collaboration very helpful. She learned a lot about other agencies and about VOCA in general.

Staff Update:

Ryan is transitioning to the training team at OWCI starting July 1st. Taylor Dunn will be coming in as a PS for VOCA. She comes from other OWCI programs such as Liheap, Liwhop, and CSBG. She also has a background in working for the Division of Youth Services.

Jessica Seitz – MONACA: There are several trainings coming up this summer. There is a combination of virtual and a couple in person. Advocate Lunch and Learn will be June 20th. They have a training coming up on Monday about being an advocate against Child Abuse on June 3rd. They are convening for the first time a group on building a Tool Kit for preventing childhood sexual abuse. The attached link has the information for training registrations: <https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager> There is a lot of advocacy happening at the Federal Level from MONACA to help stabilize the fund for Missouri.

Zak Wilson- MOCADSV: Their biggest training this summer is a continuation from their sexual assault summits, July 11th and 12th. It will be open to all providers and community members. The topic will be enhancing sexual assault response teams. It's a great time to bring in partners. June 12th (DVSS) they will have a webinar for reporting your numbers in their system. All of their training opportunities are available on their website.

VOCA Agency Highlights –

- ***Genesis- Elaine Maestas:*** New Program Manager for Genesis in Waynesville. They are an emergency shelter for domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. They mainly serve Pulaski County, but will also serve surrounding counties. They have a hotline and a text line 24 hours. They do safety planning, resources and services referrals for victims, legal and court advocacy, and walk in services. They currently do not have any upcoming events, but are working on some projects for DV awareness month.
- ***KVC SE & SW – Micheal Turner:*** Director of community-based services. They have a family resource center and community centers. They average about 700 individuals and their families each month, with about 80 being new each month. They conduct forensic interviews, advocacy, exams for the children. They also provide SANE exams for adults. They have several programs who also do education. In Springfield, they also provide services for youth up to the age of 18th who are needing placement from the Foster Care System. They try to have wrap around services for all victims. They just celebrated their

one-year anniversary as KVC. They were previously named Great Circle. They are now located in 5 states. They have a couple upcoming events in the Fall. They will have Handbags for Hope, as well as Shine A Light on Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Conference in October.

- ***Child Advocacy Center NE & StL- Laura Cook:*** CAC of Northeast Missouri. Wentzville up to the Northeast corner of the state. Their main office is in Wentzville, with satellite offices in Hannibal and another in the very. They served 60,000 individuals last year. 56000 throughout reach out prevention education. They provide the typical CAC services. They are building up their mental health therapy program. They also have a CSEC (Commerical sexual exploitation of children) coalition to provide services. They have an event coming up on June 7th. They also have Rock and Roll Bingo coming up in STL. All of their event information is on their website: CACNemo.
- ***Regional Family Crisis- Jackie Pemberton*** New ED. They served 301 individuals last year. Over 75% of their individuals served were new individuals. They have a home in Perry county for shelter for women and children. They have several emergency needs programs and referral services. They have about 10-12 employees. They have a chili cook off in October as their largest fundraiser. They also partner with a resale shop for donations of clothes and other needs for their victims.
- ***Child Protection Center – Lisa Mizell:*** They are currently starting the journey into prevention. They are also a site for the CSEC training. 991 victims served last year. 101 of the victims witnessed violence and 20 had witnessed homicides. They are seeing an uptick in physical violence in children and children witnessing violence. They were able to help quite a bit of individuals after the KC Chiefs shooting. Their Cook for Courage event happened last month.
- ***Life Consultants: Not on call***
- ***Webster County Victim Assistance:*** DeAnne Rader. They go by Safe Harbor and are located in Marshfield. They served around 700 people last year. They have 2 ½ staff. They serve domestic violence and sexual assault victims. They have two small houses as shelter. They are in undisclosed locations. It is easy for them to accept men since they are separate locations. They have a thrift store that helps get information out to the community. They send out coloring packets to the schools for the children. They are coming up on their 25th anniversary.
- ***Rosebrooks: Not on call***
- ***Avenues: Not on call***

Questions:

Wendy Logan: To clarify, Jeriane, are you saying that all ARPA funds need to be spent by tomorrow?

Jeriane: ARPA funding is in the budget.

Frankie: I still need clarification on the June 5th deadline & if I need do anything fo rit. It's next week. I have \$0 in the budget line called GR.

Patti: For everyone, if you want your June invoiced paid in June, you need to have your June invoice in otherwise you may not get paid until July.

Jeriane shares more about OWCI and specifically Bridges out of Poverty. We have several out-based staff who would be happy to visit agencies to provide more information about OWCI Programs. If you have any interest, please send your request to the VOCA email box.

DVSS

Contracts- Will start July 1^s

- Governor signs on or by June 30th.
- After Governor signs, our Procurement team will send contracts out with Budget and budget narrative. This will most likely come out the very beginning of July as we cannot send them out until the Governor signs.
- Please return those to the DSS.FSD.DVSSInvoices@dss.mo.gov
- Due date July 19th
- Staff will approve.
- Finalized contract will be sent out by Procurement.
- You cannot invoice for July until Contract has been approved and finalized.
- FVSPA will not release their money until October. Once it is released, we will do a contract amendment.

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Questions:

Megan Garrett – Harmony House: Can you clarify on the June 5 deadline for DVSS... do we need to have all contract money spent by that date? Or will we be able to do a final invoice in July for the end of the performance period?

Michael Turner- KVC: We have never seen a date this early before, and our contracts say June 15th. Is the 15th too late to get everything turned in?

Jeriane: If it says June 15th and doesn't have language stating or as otherwise determined by the department, it needs to be changed. If we wait until the very last day,

Angela RACS – Clarify, we don't have to have the contract to have expended in May, we just won't invoice June until July and still get paid in July. The problem is getting paid for May.

Jeriane: Correct. May is the problem every year because of the system shutting down mid-June.

Dan (Rosebrooks) – I missed the last meeting, but for VOCA. Are we spending down June for GR? I have more GR allocated than I can spend through June.

Jeriane: We are focused on getting May paid out, that is the priority. So that way the system isn't slammed. Our original guidance from the legislation was don't spend GR, but then they came back later in the contract year and said, you need to spend GR. It seems to be constantly changing from legislation. It gets confusing on our end too.

Michael Turner – KVC: Where do I need to send the budget adjustments?

Jeriane: We need to look at the contracts and see why it says 10% and not 15%.

Patti- If it is under 10% you only need to do a budget adjustment and not a contract amendment.

Michael- is it 10% each category or total?

Patti- it is 10% of the total award.

Attendees:

Laura Cook, The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri

Wendy Logan, DeafLEAD

Gina Clement, Capital City

Loretta Schouten, Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition

Angela Hirsch, Rape & Abuse Crisis Service (RACS)

Becky Vermeire. Women's Crisis Center

Sheree Keely, CADV

Connie Pendergrass, 37th CASA (she/her)

Stephanie Logan – DeafLEAD

Gail Dickson, ARCHS

Karrie Flowers Safe Connections

Michael Turner-KVC Missouri

Jennifer Phillips 11th Circuit Juvenile Office-St. Charles

Katie Croker, Russell House

Kathy Yohe, ACCIS

Marissa Morey - Reynolds County CVA

Emily Burgess, Weinman Shelter

Dr. Cynthia R. Bennett- JADASA

Wende Ochoa-Turning Point Advocacy Services

Angie Blumel, Jackson County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

McKenna Sandberg- AWARE at Barnes Jewish Hospital

Dana Banta, McDonald Co. Victim Advocate

Susan Hickam, Lafayette House

Zak Wilson - MOCADSV

Alisha Acosta, FamilyForward

Erin Jackson - Audrain County Crisis Intervention

Jamie Padgett MAPA/MOPS

Travanna Alexander-Toney, Kansas City Public Schools

Shannon Carney- Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Ursula Rowan and Malika Poindexter-St. Louis Circuit Attorneys Office-Victim service Unit

Ashley Freivogel - Hope House

Kelsey Conner - The Victim Center

Laura Farmer, CASA of Southwest Missouri

JoAnna Watts, CASA of the Parkland

Megan Garrett-Harmony House

Trevathan Douglass Community Services

Vickie Roberts, St. Charles Prosecutor's Office Victims Assistance

Leanne Reese, Missouri CASA Association

Rebecca Griffith- Russell House

Heather Lynn, Child Safe of Central MO

Jenny Shaver, Child Safe of Central Missouri Inc

Amanda Jackson, Child Abuse Prevention Assoc.

Frankie Babaian, CASA of St Louis
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge
Matt Stewart--Children's Center of Southwest Missouri
Tammy Flippen CoxHealth
Kelly Broeker, Preferred Family Healthcare
Shannon Unnerstall - Legal Services of Eastern MO
Mary Jones, Bridgeway Domestic Violence Program
Jacquelyn Pemberton RFCC
DeAnne Rader, Safe Harbor
Jessica Hill, Safe House of Southeast Missouri
Kathleen Tofall, MAPA/MOPS
Jennifer Hickam, True North of Columbia
Jennifer Gadsby, ALIVE
Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse
Melissa Birdsell, Voices of Courage
Amber Tinker Haven House
Tim Meeker - Hope Hope House, Inc.
Deb Cotten, ALIVE
Wendy Harris Compass Health ASP & CAC
Kirsten Dunham, Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Alicia Knickman-CASA of Jefferson County
Taryn Waters, Synergy
Jennifer Howard, CASA of STL
Ann Gonsnell House of Hope
Erica Nanney, CARDV
Tina Wise, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office