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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

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**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE
LEGISLATIVE, POLICY & SYSTEMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE
Workgroup Meeting: *Domestic Abuse Guidebook for Wisconsin GALs***

MEETING MINUTES

**August 14, 2024
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

Meeting was held virtually

Council Members Present: none

Committee Members Present: Kelsey Mullins, Kari LaScala, Bronson Stein, Krystal Chase

Workgroup Members Present: Amber Peterson, Gricel Santiago-Rivera, Tegan Swanson

DCF/Governor's Council Staff Present: none

Topics Discussed

Discussed updates to the Definitions and Foundations section, primarily additions made related to technology use to perpetuate abuse, considerations for immigrant victims, and dynamics in divorces. Reviewed updated section on post-separation abuse, types of conflict, and content in the SAFeR framework to help guardians ad litem understand how dynamics of domestic violence may or may not fit statutory language. Reviewed updated Resources section and added additional resources for judicial audiences and resources related to child welfare.

Reviewed each document in the Appendices section and removed those that are redundant. Discussed moving some content to a "pocket guide" accompaniment to the Guidebook. Determined that at the next meeting we will work on how to format screening questions versus more in-depth questions for guardian ad litem use and appendix with recommendation language.

Other Business

Scheduled next meeting for Wednesday, September 4, 10:30am-12pm via Zoom.

Adjourn