

**DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence (DCCESV)  
Meeting Minutes  
12/14/2022**

**Organizations Present:**

- Children's National Medical Center
- DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence (DCCESV)
- DC Forensic Nurse Examiners (DCFNE)
- DC Department of Health (DC DOH)
- DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC)
- MCSR
- My Sister's Place (MSP)
- Safe Shores
- Washington Area Women's Fund
- Wendt Center for Loss and Healing
- Kevin Whitfield, Policy Advisor, Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
- Elisabeth Olds, SAVRAA Independent Consultant

**I. Expanding Supports for Crime Victims Amendment Act of 2022**

- Crime victim's compensation compensates victims of crime through the dc superior court – list of crimes has been expanded, financial exploitation, destruction of property (partner or discharge of firearm), veterinary expenses for animals injured
- Promote cooperation with law enforcement, report crimes to law enforcement; promotes reporting requirements; allows for more reliable evidence to help establish victim of crime status
- Seek compensation within a year from the incident
- Discovery exception – “statutory rape example” where it’s not identified until years after in therapy or until someone else points out that what happened was a crime
- Within 1 year after learning of the program and can be proven then past traumatizing experiences can be filed
- Will bill cover intimate partner violence; yes, need to apply within the 1-year time limit; temporary or civil protection order will suffice as well as forensic medical exams
- Will should become effective late April; must go through congress
- CVC is not funded by local dollars at all, funded by fines and fees given in court
- Every year half of the balance is swept and added into the crime-making assistance fund
- Documentation: victims can apply and retain confidentiality
- Authorized figure must validate the crime
- No age restriction, child can be covered under parents’ claim as secondary party
- MPD is to notify all victims and OVSJG grantees are required to tell their clients
- 3 victim support roles are to be merged under the new bill to increase capacity and efficiency

## **II. Coalition Updates**

- Environmental Scan interviews are complete; next step will be a separate meeting completely devoted to discussing results and next steps; seeking an outside facilitator
- City has launched its search for a new Director of OVSJG
- FY24 Budget Planning
  - o Will provide survey to further assess needs
  - o Identify budget priorities
  - o DCCESV will provide talking points
- Working to better understand the housing needs of sexual assault survivors and where this is similarity and difference to domestic violence
- Will be developing a survivor council
- Hoping to make next meeting in-person