

**DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence (DCCESV)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**01/25/2022**

Participants:

- Safe Shores
- NVRDC (Network for Victim Recovery of DC)
- My Sister's Place
- DCFNE (DC Forensic Nurse Examiners)
- JCADA (Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse)
- MCSR (MEN CAN STOP RAPE)
- Children's Hospital
- Washington Area Women's Foundation

I. Introducing Chandra Dawson, Senior Training and Technical Assistance Consultant

- Building on DCCESV commitment to expanding capacity
- Licensed social worker
- Came to victim services side from homeless services side
- Background in training and technical assistance
- Will further enhance and build out T/TA
- Work with members to develop the vision of what we collectively need from T/TA

II. Environmental scan: gathering and evaluation of information for a purpose; needs assessment

- What: Will be done collaboratively and should serve coalition at-large and be of service to individual organizations as well
- How: Will be light lift and will not include a deep dive of organizational structures, board compositions, organizing documents, etc.
- Why: this is what we will figure out in meeting today; discussing the value
  - Centralized body that could take on SAVRAA training to meet the needs of the community
  - Providers coming from diverse backgrounds with training in related topics but not the same training and TTA through DCCESV would offer more continuity (e.g., trauma-informed care 201/part B); would promote growing understanding of topics that will support cohesion
  - Space to discuss the issues that we as a community are facing, how have other places addressed those, what are the best practices
  - Environmental scan can highlight not just needs but also what other orgs are doing well and how can that be shared; identification of resources; can lead to collaborative funding ideas
  - Decentralized leadership structure connects to this process; may not be traditional but it is historic to the origins of coalition work as grassroots organizing; MCSR stewards DCCESV but it is led by our members and stakeholders
  - Coalition is a team and community; working collaboratively but one person or org could ever speak on behalf of all victims and survivors

- What do we do with environmental scan; this shapes the “when” and the how of the process; let us center survivors in this, not just as a large general group but also in terms of specific populations; let us be innovative
- Individual reflection on:
  - 1. What do we as DCCESV want to do with the results of the environmental scan?
  - 2. What do I, as an individual organization or member of a department within my organization, want to do with the results of the environmental scan?
- Report out:
  - How findings can educate philanthropy and how funders can support this work; especially as it relates to survivor priorities; intersections of philanthropy and advocacy
  - Desire to know what our member organizations need so that we can incorporate into our priorities; if one of us needs we all need; wish list, gaps, and how can we all take responsibility and look out for my colleagues; generate revenue through coalition to be shared with members
  - Regular schedule of T/TA; consistency; equity; diverse perspectives creating and informing best practices in DC as a leader
  - Considering individual coalition needs (intra needs) and a lot of inter-needs regarding trust and safety; long history of challenges to relationships that are rooted in racism and inequity that need to be addressed
  - Make sure that scan includes orgs that aren’t always able to make it to the meetings; we’re in direct competition with each other
  - Naming these things will make it possible to work strategically and honestly address these issues; we can all agree on and build upon this is a need even if we don’t all agree on the “who’s” and the “what’s”
  - History of having these conversations can be foundation to build off; and we have had successes with healing; hard conversations can happen in a safe way
  - We should be seeking billions not millions
  - Use environmental scan to talk about collective issues