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## Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting #8

April 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Georgetown Campus – South Seattle Community College

#### Attendees:

Natalie Dolci, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Amanda Paye, University of Washington; Chris Thompson, House Democratic Caucus; Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, Western Washington University; Paul Francis & Darshan Robertson, Council of Presidents; Tricia Boerger, Washington State Office of the Attorney General; Kelly Schrader, The Evergreen State College; Richard DeShields, Central Washington University; Joe Holliday, Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges; Ana Blackstad, Bellevue College; Kim Anderson, Washington State University; Laurie Connelly, Eastern Washington University; Ruby Hayden, Lake Washington Institute of Technology; Adam Hall, Senate Democratic Caucus; Evan Klein, Senate Higher Education Committee; Kat Monusky & Kelley Amburgey-Richardson, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP); and Chair John Vinson, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

#### Guest Speaker Marta Palmquist Cady

Marta Palmquist Cady is the assistant dean of students and director of student activities at the University of Puget Sound (UPS); she also serves as an instructor for the [National Center for Campus Public Safety](#). As the primary Green Dot bystander trainer and presenter at UPS, she has worked with students to create a peer support network for survivors which partners with Rebuilding Hope, the Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County. Marta also chairs the university's Sexual and Gender Violence Committee; she also coordinated the creation of a faculty and staff advocate group for survivors.

The National Center for Campus Public Safety, formed by Congress in 2013, is a resource for college and university campus safety, including the prevention of gender and sexual violence on campus. In her role as instructor, Marta teaches the [Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigation and Adjudication Educational Program](#), a collaborative program which uses a team approach to presenting. The three-day workshop is meant to both support victims as they work through trauma, as well as to respect the rights of respondents. Attendees include community collaborators, such as sexual assault centers, attorneys, Title IX officers, conduct officers, campus security and police, community agencies, and campus advocates. The program is appropriate for anyone who is involved in supporting victims or respondents as they go through a conduct process.

- A pilot three-day program was held at UW in the fall of 2015, and was attended by several members of the Task Force
- UPS is planning on hosting the program in March 2017; it is currently the only venue scheduled on the West Coast
- Colleges or universities that may be interested in hosting a program should contact the National Center (each program includes approximately 60 participants )
- Program registration fees are \$1,695 per participant, with discounts for teams
- The workshop uses the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI), which focuses on experience of trauma and interviewing victims in ways that empower and calm them, so they are able to provide more accurate, coherent, consistent and persuasive narratives
- Assessment of the program is still in progress

Marta made the following recommendations regarding prevention strategies:

- Offer continual programming to keep campus sexual assault in the forefront of people's minds; engage as many people as possible
- Teach consent and bystander intervention
- Take a comprehensive approach; campus sexual assault isn't just a Title IX problem
- Start sexual education in K-12

The importance of having a comprehensive committee on sexual violence at each campus was discussed and may be considered as a recommendation in the final Task Force report. Some existing committees include students, faculty members, substance abuse prevention coordinators, residence life staff, and police. The committee at UPS, for example, meets at least four times per year (twice per semester), and has two subcommittees which have more frequent meetings. A similar committee at WWU meets six times per year (twice per quarter).

## MOU Report

The group discussed the content of the MOU report due to the legislature by July 1. Chief Vinson's staff will provide an overview, and each sector (COP, ICW and SBCTC) will provide summaries on their existing MOUs or MOU development. The report will also include future recommendations from the Task Force. COP will compile the report sections and format the final report. Paul will communicate deadlines for the report sections and will share the draft with the Task Force so members can provide timely feedback prior to submission of the final report.

## Subcommittee Updates

- **Campus Climate Assessment** – Joe Holliday stated that the SBCTC is currently considering excluding certain student populations from completing the assessment. Students under the age of 18, and students over the age of 18 who have a legal guardian are being excluded because they can't give their consent. English as a Second Language (ESL) students are being excluded because of issues surrounding translation of the assessment. The number of students impacted varies by college, but is significant. For instance, at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology approximately 1,200 students would be excluded. At least one college has requested the decision to exclude students be revisited. The main reason for not translating the assessment was related to limited time and resources. It was also noted that translation can affect the validity of the questions, some of which use very specific language. If terms like "gender" or

“sex” are changed, questions can become invalid. Kat from WCSAP stated that the rate of sexual assault among the Spanish-speaking population is astronomically higher than in the general population, and by excluding this group an accurate climate assessment could not be obtained. Joe noted that the community and technical college system is creating a uniform survey to be used at all of their campuses as required by state statute; however, this doesn’t preclude campuses from conducting their own surveys at a later date. The survey will be identical for all colleges except for links to local campus resources. The Task Force may consider including a funding request for survey translation in the final report to the Legislature given limited campus resources.

- **Prevention** – At the group’s meeting last week, Kat from WCSAP discussed a saturation model of prevention programming where programs “saturate” the communities they serve with community-created prevention information. It was noted that the subcommittee would like to offer recommendations on what prevention education could look like for students as they navigate through both K-12 and postsecondary education in Washington State. Mona Johnson from OSPI will be joining future subcommittee meetings to represent the K-12 sector; Kelly has already reached out to her. At the same time, there’s an understanding of not wanting to advance recommendations that place mandates on the K-12 that may not come with the necessary resources for them to carry out what they are asked to do. Kelly will begin drafting a set of recommendations around prevention for review by the subcommittee and the larger Task Force.
- **Criminal Justice System Workgroup** –The group is working on a recommendation to prosecutors to increase the use of expert witnesses in sexual violence cases. It appears that defense attorneys and public defenders generally make more use of expert witnesses than do prosecuting attorneys. The group is looking at areas where expert witnesses could be of value, including the neurobiology of trauma, general trauma responses, the role of alcohol, offender behavior, and other opportunities to educate juries and dispel rape myths. The group is considering compiling a list of individuals at our institutions who can act as expert witnesses on victimization, perpetration, and alcohol-induced sexual assault. The group is also working to identify more avenues for law enforcement to get training on adult victim non-stranger sexual assault, including free and online training. Suggested training curriculum includes FETI interview techniques and report writing language. The [You Have Options](#) program, discussed at last Task Force meeting, provides a variety of survivor-centered reporting options for victims of sexual violence, including confidential “information only” reporting, and reporting with a request for a partial or full investigation. Jurisdictions which have used the program have seen a significant increase in reporting. The Garfield County Sherriff’s office currently uses the program; Natalie has contacted them to see if they have evaluated it, and if it may be something the group can recommend to other jurisdictions. Natalie noted that a You Have Options [webinar](#) is scheduled for April 27 at 1:00 PM and registration is free. The subcommittee is currently modifying their recommendations and will have a rough draft available for the Task Force’s May meeting. A second draft will be available at the June meeting. Paul reminded the group to get drafts out early, and to remain conscious about unfunded mandates to law enforcement, with the goal of garnering as much support as possible for our recommendations.
- **Advocate Confidentiality** – At the group’s last meeting they discussed the idea of recommending a confidentiality provision within the higher education statute ([RCW 28B](#)) to discuss confidentiality of communications between advocates and victims of sexual violence, ensuring the provision is consistent with language of VAWA and the Cleary Act. They also discussed building an exemption to ensure the provision is protected from disclosure under the Washington Public Records Act. Draft recommendations are currently being circulated among

subcommittee members; Tricia will send the draft to Paul after review by subcommittee members, who will forward it to Task Force for feedback.

- **Student Conduct** –Leslie Gomez of the law firm Pepper Hamilton will speak at the subcommittee’s next meeting on April 29. Ms. Gomez helps colleges and universities create Title IX compliant policies and her work has received approval from the Office of Civil Rights. Her recommendations will be incorporated into the subcommittee’s recommendations and a draft will be available for the May 19 Task Force meeting.

### **Proposed New Subcommittee – Sexual Violence against Men**

The group discussed forming a new subcommittee to address sexual violence against men given some of the recent stories and articles in the media. Historically, male survivors have not been well-represented in the literature nor research. Task Force members suggested that this subcommittee also include other special populations, such as individuals with disabilities, the LGBT community, and international students. The subcommittee will work to identify special populations that merit special attention, and will liaise with other subcommittees to ensure issues are being addressed. Ana will chair the group which will focus on prevention and response, including opportunities for specialized training. Those interested in participating in the subcommittee should contact Ana.

### **Public Comment**

An individual who chose not to share their name provided comments regarding their experience as a victim of sexual assault as well as other recommendations to the Task Force.

The next meeting will be held in the Seattle area May 19.