

Meeting Minutes

Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance

450 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702

9th Floor, Conference Room 9A

August 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. MDT

Members Present: Jessica Uhrig-Chair, Jennifer Beazer-Vice Chair, Wes Somerton, Amber Moe, Francine Bailey, Susan Nalley

Members Absent: Clint Lemieux

ICDVVA Employees Present: Dana Wiemiller, Chelsea Hiatt, Erin Summers, Erin Vlamis

Other Guests: Faye White/Building Hope Today

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. MDT

1. Action Item: Minutes from June 27, 2025, Meeting
Motion to approve: Wes Somerton
Second: Susan Nalley
Motion passed.
2. Discussion Item: Funding Overview and FY26 Funding Availability
Dana Wiemiller, Executive Director, reviewed available funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 grant awards and the forecast for future award years.
3. Discussion Item: Review and Discussion of FY26 Grant Applications
Grant Managers Erin Vlamis and Chelsea Hiatt presented the funding recommendations for FY26 awards. Prior to discussing individual recommendations, they explained that agencies were once again asked to make a 5.5% reduction from their current award. Requests that did not include the 5.5% cut were reduced. Staff shared a final scoring report and explained that all scores were reviewed for accuracy and alignment with the scoring rubric.

Council and staff discussed the scores for applicants who did not meet the minimum scoring threshold for awards. Council and staff also discussed the application for Elmore County Domestic Violence Council and determined that funding should not be awarded for FY26 due to issues identified in the Council's decision to terminate their FY25 award.

Staff also provided a summary of the regional funding distribution based on the award recommendations to ensure compliance with IDAPA administrative rules governing victim assistance grants.

4. Action Item: FY26 Grant Awards

Approval of Federal Fiscal Year 2026 grant award recommendations.

Motion: Wes Somerton to approve staff recommendations as discussed, to deny funding for Elmore County Domestic Violence Council, and to defer a funding decision for Twin Falls County until the September 19 Council meeting pending staff clarification with Twin Falls County on their proposed grant-funded activities.

Second: Amber Moe

Motion passed.

Break – Noon – 1:00 p.m. MDT

5. Discussion Item: Recommendations for FY27 Grant Application & Scoring

Council and staff examined Federal Fiscal Year 2026 grant process and discussed potential changes for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. Recommendations included having staff score all non-subjective responses with Council members scoring only narrative responses. Council members agreed that the new process to apply a multiplier to grant scores should be continued for FY27 applications.

6. Action Item: Region 7 Council Seat

Jessi Uhrig, Council Chair, reviewed the vacancies policies as stated in the Council Governance and Administrative Policies. Council member, Clint Lemieux, has exhibited poor attendance and participation, therefore the Council discussed the disposition of the Region 7 council seat.

Motion: Jessi Uhrig moves to recommend removal of Clint Lemieux from the Region 7 seat

Second: Wes Somerton

Motion passed.

7. Discussion Item: Offender Intervention Program Proposal

Amber Moe, Council Member, led discussion of the Offender Intervention Program (OIP) curriculum proposal submitted by Trivium Life Services. Council discussed the possibility of a pilot program to initiate the new curriculum and evaluate the results before making a final determination final approval of the curriculum. The council supported the idea of a pilot program and recommended the proposal go back to the OIP Committee to establish the pilot period, data reporting requirements, and evaluation metrics.

8. Discussion Item: Executive Director Report

Dana Wiemiller presented the following:

- Program Complaint Follow-Up –The Elmore County Domestic Violence Council board chair asked how they can become a trustworthy program again and the Council

discussed how they could submit a letter alongside future applications to the Council stating improvements.

- 2026 Conference Plan – With funding in decline, Dana discussed options and cost comparisons for the 2026 conference. The council agreed that they wanted to continue hosting a conference but to find ways to cut back on costs.
- Regional Roundtables – ICDVVA will host a one-day virtual event on September 24. The morning session will be a training on program sustainability and funding development led by Tamara Fife. The afternoon session agenda is still in development, but will include the FY26 grant administration presentation, along with other program announcements, updates, and regional breakout sessions.
- 2025 VOCA Application – The Notice of Funding Opportunity was received. The application is due August 20.
- Pet Grant Application – The OVC pet grant is available again this year. ICDVVA will be applying again. This application is also due on August 20.
- FVPSA Award – The FVPSA award letter was received. The allocation is an increase of more than \$46,000 from the 2025 award.
- Update on Idaho Coalition – Micaela Rios Anguiano has left the Coalition. Tai Simpson is still serving as a co-director with two other Coalition staff sharing the responsibilities formerly held by Mica. As a result of the turnover and associated upheaval, the Coalition missed the deadline to apply for the OVW Rural grant which may have an impact on ICDVVA's subrecipients.

9. Councilmember Reports - none

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. MDT