

## **Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes**

**Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance**

**450 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702**

**Conference Room 5A**

**February 20, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. MST**

**Members present:** Jessica Uhrig-Chair, Jennifer Beazer-Vice Chair, Wes Somerton (via Teams), Amber Moe, Francine Bailey, Susan Nalley

**ICDVVA Employees:** Dana Wiemiller, Amy Duque, Chelsea Hiatt, Erin Summers, Erin Vlamis

**Guests:** Mindy Pepper and Faye White (Building Hope Today)

### **Call to Order – 9:12 a.m. MST**

1. Action Item: Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2025  
Motion: Wes Somerton  
Second: Amber Moe  
Motion passed

2. Discussion Item: ICDVVA Funding Status

Dana Wiemiller, Executive Director, presented an update on the status of state and federal funding. The Millenium Fund Committee approved the recommendation of the \$3 million one-time CAC award for SFY27. The award is pending approval for the Joint Finance and Administration Committee. ICDVVA submitted a letter to the Millenium Fund co-chairs attesting to the agency's willingness and ability to administer the funds. It is unclear if this funding source would be subject to the same holdbacks required of state general funds.

Additional general fund holdbacks required for SFY26 and SFY27 are based on the original SFY26 appropriation with includes the \$3 million in CAC funding resulting in deeper cuts. The agency's general fund appropriation is being reduced from \$344,900 to \$257,900.

A one year, no-cost extension of the VOCA 2023 award has been approved. This was critical as the VOCA 2023 funds are needed for the FFY27 awards but would have expired on September 30, 2026 without the extension. Early estimates for the VOCA 2026 award is \$7.9 million.

The VOCA Stabilization Act passed the House with bipartisan support last month. The bill is still being held in the Senate with no vote scheduled yet.

The annual FVPSA application was released but then pulled back. No word yet on when it will be re-released.

3. Discussion Item: Safety & Resilience Conference

Dana Wiemiller, Executive Director, reviewed 2026 conference planning and raised concerns about declining funding, stating current conference costs are unsustainable given the decline in VOCA funding. Ms. Wiemiller noted that additional funding resources have been necessary to support the rising costs. Council chairperson, Jessica Uhrig, noted rising conference costs since 2022 and reviewed a funding breakdown of prior years. Council members Amber Moe and Jennifer Beazer emphasized the importance of DV and victim service education and suggested exploring alternative funding sources. Ms. Wiemiller proposed cutting costs by hosting the conference without a coordinator until funding improves. Building Hope Today's, Faye White, offered to help identify funding options. The council and staff discussed whether to plan a 2027 conference and to seek additional funding resources before making an official decision.

4. Discussion Item: FY27 Grant Application & Scoring Rubric

Amy Duque, Program Administration Manager, provided an overview of the proposed updates to the FFY27 combined grant application and scoring rubric. The proposed revisions to the application are minimal, requiring modest adjustments to the scoring rubric such as changes to maximum points, criteria for bonus points, and points awarded for trauma-informed descriptions. Additionally, a new scoring section was proposed for budget worksheet completion. Both the Council and staff agreed that the funding multiplier proved highly effective last year and will continue to be utilized in the upcoming application cycle. Other updates to the FFY27 application include reflecting increases or decreases in the applicant's total project budget, along with several minor refinements.

5. Discussion Item: Strategic Plan Updates

Council and staff reviewed updates to the 2026–28 Strategic Plan, removing outdated sections and streamlining content. To further reduce word count, a suggestion was made to reference federal statutes for definitions rather than including full definitions in the document. Goals, objectives, and tasks remained relatively the same with minor adjustments made to reflect completed tasks or obsolete objectives.

6. Discussion Item: State of Idaho Lawful Presence Requirements

Dana Wiemiller presented information about House Bill 135 and the implications for ICDVVA grant funds. HB135 went into effect in July of 2025. The bill states that any agency providing public assistance must be able to verify the lawful presence in the US of all applicants before providing assistance. ICDVVA's federal funding sources have regulations that specifically state that victim services must be provided regardless of a victim's immigration status. ICDVVA staff

attended a recent CAPS Townhall about this issue, in which the DAG presenting recommended that ICDVVA speak with its assigned DAG about the agency's specific circumstances. Lisa Stewart, ICDVVA's current DAG, is still researching this issue. Ms. Wiemiller has also been in contact with the grants staff at ISP, to ensure that HB135 is consistently applied for federally-funded victim services in the state.

#### 7. Executive Director's Report

- a. Open and Expiring Council Seats: There is an interested candidate for the open Region 7 seat. Ms. Wiemiller met with the candidate and received his application. Susan Nalley and Jennifer Beazer's seats are expiring this year and both confirmed they are seeking reappointment. Wes Somerton will be retiring at the end of his term in June and staff are seeking recommendations for his replacement.
- b. Office Relocation: The ICDVVA staff has been relocated to a different floor of their building. This move has helped save on the cost of office space.
- c. Statewide Needs Assessment: The effort is still in progress. The Idaho Coalition, ICDVVA, and the project consultant are finalizing a survey which will be sent to victim services programs and other stakeholders. The consultant is also interested in obtaining data from the Idaho Crime Victim Services Dashboard.
- d. Idaho Coalition Update: Staff met with the tai simpson, Coalition Director, in January. They are still looking for a new Director as tai will be leaving the agency by the end of the year. The Coalition will likely operate with one director, rather than continuing a co-stewardship model, until funding is stabilized.
- e. VOCA Monitoring: ICDVVA will be monitored by VOCA this year – likely May or June. The monitoring will include both programmatic and financial review.

**Adjourn** – 1:03 p.m. MST