



KFACC Membership Meeting

Thursday October 3, 2019, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Kingston Police Headquarters, 705 Division St, Kingston, Ontario

MINUTES

Attendees:

Kim Irvine-Albano, Carolyn Rice, Jean Quinn, Lisa Fox, Kim Graham, Jane Lewis, Paula Laughlin, Lousanne Rode, Jackie Smith, Mabel Delaney, Julie Parent, Tracey Taylor, Anya Brooker, Sam Galati, Jillian Auger, Rebecca McLaughlin, Amanda Lane (EFry), Deb Wood, Theresa Metcalfe,

Regrets:

Brea Hutchinson, Michele Arsenault, Nilani Loganathan, Pam Havery, Kevin Raison, Karen Gordon (MCCSS), Terri Kennedy, Tammy Wright, Angela Watson, Alicia Audet, Sarah Hynes, Sharon Ash, Kathy Reid, Kathy Brunelle, Barbara Hough, Michelle Zigman, Elizabeth Stevenson, Susan Potvin, Ellen Heinke (ISKA), Kate Melendy (CFB Kingston), Laurie Rabbie, Kelly Rathwell, Colleen Fairholme, Gaitree Oogarah, Kathy Cabral, Elizabeth Peterson, Tara Reid, Sue Smith, Martha Dougherty, Kathy Thompson, Tamara White, Alicia Dornan, Nancy (ONWA), Noni Cumming, Debbie Klassen, Sara Legace, Terri Borschet

1. Welcome and Introductions: *Kim Irvine-Albano, Resolve, Co-Chair KFACC*

2. Acknowledgement

"To begin, let us acknowledge that Kingston is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory. We are grateful to be able to live, learn and play on these lands."

To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. It is also to acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it – people whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Approved with changes – Add 9.b "Meeting with Karen Gordon RE: KFACC Funding" and 9.c "Update on CICB"

4. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2019

- Approved with no changes

5. Call for Conflicts of Interest / Respectful Communication

- No conflicts announced

6. Anti-Racist/Anti-Oppression (AR/AO) Ground Rules Discussion – Point #7

7. KFACC Strategic Plan Review Step #2 – Use an inclusive (intersectional, AR/AO) approach and lens for all our work.

Comments:

- Challenges to this include insufficient funds for Protocol translations (estimate is \$13,000) and similar obstacles to AR/AO updates
- Accessibility standards on the website
 - Map update
 - New standards for accessibility as of 2020
 - Independent resource centre
- KAVAC should be offered more resources and support from KFACC and the agencies so they can be involved at all levels
 - Act as a resource for the agencies i.e. perspectives on policy, therapy, etc.
 - Should have representation on all committees and workgroups
 - Is there a way to give survivors an honorarium to increase participation?
 - Jean – KAVAC does its own recruitment
 - Some members of KAVAC do not have email/computer access so are difficult to contact
- Put KAVAC honorariums on the Administrative Groups Agenda – Anna
 - Fund from all agencies to give \$ to active members of KAVAC in KFACC

8. Action Items from September 5, 2018 Meeting (Highlighted)

8. A. Next KFACC Full Day Training Initiative – On Hold Until Funding is Confirmed

- I. Emotionally focussed family therapy through the lens of VAW; the Trainor is from northern Ontario. Lousanne and Kim will put together a proposal for KFACC
- II. ARAO Training Phase 2. Brea will put together a proposal for KFACC

9. New Business

9. A. National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Planning

- This is the 30th anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre
- The committee has not yet set a date for meeting
- Let Kim Graham (SACK) or Leigh Martins (KIH) know if you are interested in taking part and Kim or Leigh will send info to Anna to send out
- Will be held in the same location at Sydenham Street United Church, 82 Sydenham St, Kingston, ON., K7L 3H4 and there will be speakers, a choir and tables for reference materials

9. B. Meeting with Karen Gordon RE: KFACC Funding

- Kim (Resolve) has a meeting with Karen tomorrow and will ask about KFACC's funding

9. C. Update on CICB

From Paula Laughlin, Executive Director, Victim Services of Kingston and Frontenac:

- CICB is now shut down and the enhanced quick response program (VQRP+) is now in place
- Paula will send Anna the VQRP+ fact sheet to send out to the Members

Fact Sheet for Non-VQRP+ Service Delivery Organizations

Victim Quick Response Program+ (VQRP+)

What is the Victim Quick Response Program+ (VQRP+)?

The Victim Quick Response Program+ (VQRP+) is an administrative program designed to support direct victims, their immediate family members, and witnesses in the immediate aftermath of violent crimes by providing support with essential expenses in order to lessen the impact of the crime, enhance safety, and meet immediate practical needs arising from the commission of the crime.

VQRP+ is a program of last resort. Support is available to help cover the cost of:

- Safety expenses;
- Practical assistance expenses;
- Travel and associated expenses;
- Crime scene clean-up;
- Counselling services, traditional Indigenous health services, and associated transportation expenses; and
- Supports for victims with serious injuries and for families of homicide victims.

What eligibility criteria must a victim meet to receive benefits from VQRP+?

To be eligible for VQRP+ benefits specific criteria must be met including such things as type of crime, and timeline between crime and application.

The victim/recipient is either a direct victim, immediate family member of the direct victim, or witness of one of the following eligible crime types:

- Attempt to commit murder
- Child abuse
- Criminal harassment
- Elder abuse
- Hate crimes
- Historical child sexual abuse (eligible for counselling-related services only)
- Homicide
- Human trafficking
- Intimate partner violence
- Non-consensual distribution of intimate images
- Sexual assault
- Serious assault; or
- Voyeurism

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Other criteria apply. Please contact the local VQRP+ service provider to determine eligibility. For a list of VQRP+ service providers, please see the attached Appendix A.

How much time, from the date of the incident, do victims have to submit their application to VQRP+?

The below chart outlines the submission deadline for the various types of available benefits. Victims with specific questions about VQRP+ timelines and extensions should be referred to their local service delivery organization.

Support	Timeline
Supports for Immediate Needs	<p>Applications for supports for immediate needs must be submitted within 45 calendars days from the date of the crime.</p> <p>In the case of an accused who has been released on bail, applications will be accepted within 45 calendar days from the date of release for safety-related expenses, provided the victim has not already accessed the same supports</p>
Counselling and Traditional Indigenous Health Services	<p>Applications for counselling, traditional Indigenous health services and associated transportation must be submitted within 6 months from the date of the crime except in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where the adult victim/recipient is under 18 years, the application must be submitted within 6 months from the date of disclosure of the crime to police, an SDO or other social service provider (for counselling services, traditional Indigenous health services and associated transportation only).• Where the adult victim/recipient was victimized as a child (under 18 years), the application must be submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of disclosure of the crime to police, an SDO or other social services provider (for counselling services, traditional Indigenous health services and associated transportation only).
Serious Injury Supports	<p>Applications for serious injury supports must be submitted within one year from the date of the crime.</p>

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Homicide Survivor Supports	Applications for the homicide survivor support must be submitted within one year from the date a death has been deemed to be a homicide.
Supports for HT Victims/Recipients	<p>Applications for HT victims/recipients must be submitted within one year from the date of the crime (i.e., the last HT incident).</p> <p>Where the victim/recipient is a direct victim of HT who is under 18 years, applications may be submitted either one year from the date of the crime or within 6 months from the date of disclosure, whichever time period is greater.</p>

Will the Victim Quick Response Program+ have awards for pain and suffering?

The Victim Quick Response Program+ does not include awards for pain and suffering.

VQRP+ service providers are able to provide information on the range of supports offered by the VQRP+. For a list of VQRP+ service providers, please see the attached Appendix A.

Where can I direct clients when they have questions about the changes to the CICB and their existing applications?

Clients can contact the CICB directly for more information on the CICB process and their application.

The CICB can be reached at:
Toll-Free Telephone: 1-800-372-7463
Website address: <http://www.sjto.gov.on.ca/cicb/>
Email: info.cicb@ontario.ca

The CICB will process all existing applications before ceasing its operations.

Where can I direct a client who would like to apply for CICB after September 30, 2019?

The client should be notified that the CICB is no longer accepting new applications after September 30, 2019. Questions about the CICB and their operations should be directed to the CICB at 1-800-372-7463 or info.cicb@ontario.ca.

Clients wishing to access VQRP+ can contact a VQRP+ service provider in their community to determine eligibility for VQRP+ services. Please see attached Appendix A for a list of VQRP+ service providers.

Fact Sheet for Non-VQRP+ Service Delivery Organizations

Clients may also contact the Victim Support Line at 1-888-579-2888 or use the Ministry's online Victim Services Directory at <http://services.findhelp.ca/ovss> to find a local VQRP+ service providers.

Where can I direct clients when they have general questions about VQRP+?

As of October 1, 2019, VQRP+ provides victims needing help with essential expenses as the result of a crime with a single point of entry to available supports and enable victims to receive services that meet their immediate needs faster and easier. Victims can contact a local VQRP+ service provider to access the program. For a list of VQRP+ service providers, please see the attached Appendix A.

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How do victims submit their application for VQRP+?

Victims can contact a local VQRP+ service provider in their community to obtain information about the program and to determine eligibility. For a list of VQRP+ service providers, please see the attached Appendix A.

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Where can I direct clients who have questions about the Financial Assistance for Families of Homicide Victims (FAFHV) program?

Clients who currently have an application with Financial Assistance for Families of Homicide Victims will be contacted regarding next steps. For more information, clients can contact the Financial Assistance for Families of Homicide Victims program at 1-855-467-4344, or 416-212-9164 if in the Greater Toronto Area.

Where can I direct clients who have concerns or other feedback about the government's announcement regarding changes to the victim compensation system (i.e. CICB and VQRP+)?

Clients can contact the Ministry of the Attorney General with their concerns by email at: attorneygeneral@ontario.ca.

- \$20,000 for Human Trafficking (up from \$10,000) and funds no longer have to be spent in Ontario.
- No longer any pain or suffering claims
- Direct survivors to Victim Services to access the program
 - Have to give info and verify eligibility then are processed quickly and payout is in about 10 days
 - Have to outline that they cannot afford themselves and that there is no publically funded relief available
 - Need receipts/bills itemized and then submit for payments i.e. lock changes, cleanup, food etc.

Questions/Comments:

- If disclosed to another agency in advance of disclosing to Victim Services, will they lose funding? **Not sure will check.**
- If issues arise down the road can they reapply?
- Is there the necessity of filing a police report? **No, except for homicide cases etc.**
- 6 Months is insufficient time – **KAVAC**

Will Hebert-Vendramini from the Queens Legal Aid Clinic will be joining us with a presentation on the new process, VQRP+ that will be replacing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB).

Workgroup Updates

- ***Diversity Workgroup***
 - ⇒ Training session next week sold out:
 - ⇒ 2SLGBTQQIA+: An Inclusion Workshop for Service Providers in the Anti-Violence Sector
 - ⇒ Date: October 8th 2019 Time: 8:30am - 5pm 60 Attendees
 - ⇒ Location: Kingston Frontenac Public Library Main Branch, Meeting Room #1
 - ⇒ Individualized training from the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity - tailored through input from the community. This presentation will also include a section on Intimate Partner Violence within Queer Relationships.
- ***Education Advocacy & Communication (EAC) Workgroup***
 - ⇒ Meeting October 11 at SACK from 1:00 – 2:30
 - ⇒ Finalizing the social media handouts - Smart Tech Tips And Tricks
 - ⇒ Have booked the 3 back rooms at FACSFLA in March 2020 for a training session on “Vicarious Trauma of the Front Line Worker” for 80 to 100 attendees and are looking at possible speakers now.
- ***Protocol Workgroup***
 - ⇒ Meeting today

- ⇒ Website links and Google Drive now up
- ⇒ Online Training being looked at
- **KAVAC**
 - ⇒ Recruitment day is on October 26 from 10 to 2 in the Community Room. Lunch is provided and Necca from Women at the Center is speaking
 - ⇒ November 19th at free training – Social Media for the Community
- **Administrative Workgroup**
 - ⇒ Looking at funding and budget
 - ⇒ Reviewing Strategic Plan

10. Community Updates

11. Next Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2019 @ 9:00AM - 10:30AM

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705 Division St, Kingston, ON