



Durham Crisis Response Center
206 N. Dillard Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Collaborative Partners

Collaborative partners for the Improving Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program include: Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC), Durham County Government, the Durham County Sheriff's Office, the Durham Police Department, the District 14 District Attorney's Office, the District 14 Court System, Legal Aid of NC—Durham Office, El Centro, the LGBTQ Center of Durham, North Carolina Central University Police Department, Durham Technical Community College Police Department, and District 14 Office of Community Corrections.

History of Collaboration

The collaborative partners have a long history of working together to address domestic and sexual violence. The **Sexual Assault Response Team**, founded in the late 1990's, involves representatives from DCRC, Transforming Hope Ministries, Duke University, Legal Aid, NC Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services, Duke University Hospital System, District Attorney's Office, Durham Police Department, TrueCare of the Carolinas, NC Central University, JusticeMatters, Project BUILD, Project FIGHT, Durham Public Schools, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Becoming Project, and Durham County Department of Social Services. Projects have included significant training for community partners, case review and evaluation of system processes in responding to sexual violence. In

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2012, they supported the efforts of the Durham Police Department to establish a Special Victims Unit and an investigator in the DA's Office to focus on cases of sexual assault in the community. They were also instrumental in starting a **Teen Dating Violence Task Force** to respond to identified patterns of teen dating violence in the community. The task force's initial focus has included issues related to human trafficking, improving response to teen victims of sexual and physical violence in dating relationships, understanding the impact of gangs on youth in the community, and engaging the schools in providing educational and intervention services.

The **Domestic Violence Response Team**, also founded in the late 1990's focuses on the community's response to domestic violence. Participating agencies include: Durham Crisis Response Center, Durham Police Department, Durham County Courts, District Attorney's Office, Legal Aid-Durham Office, Catholic Charities/CHANGE Program, Durham County Sheriff's Office, NC Central University Law Domestic Violence Clinic, NC Central University Women's Center and True Care of the Carolinas (batterer intervention program). Projects have included extensive training of community partners, the development of interagency response protocols and procedures, and initial planning for a Family Justice Center.

In 2016, a number of the above partners first came together to develop this project and begin implementation of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) as a collaborative. The partners have met regularly, adding the remainder of the members in 2018. They have worked together to develop protocols, identify resources, obtain training and provide training to their organizations for the implementation of the LAP project, scheduled for March 1, 2019. They are committed to continued collaboration during the implementation phase of the project.

Roles and Responsibilities

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DCRC is the lead agency for this project. They will coordinate the project and provide the Project Director. Additionally, DCRC will hire, supervise and train all project staff. They will also coordinate the collection of data and submission of statistical reports as required by OVW. They will provide financial oversight and management. DCRC will provide training to project partners and awareness activities for the community. They will recruit and coordinate project partners in attending training and technical assistance. They will send staff to training as identified by this project.

Durham County Government is the governmental partner for this project. They will provide countywide leadership and support the participation of governmental agencies in this project.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office will participate in the multidisciplinary high risk team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send officers to training as identified by this project, as appropriate.

The Durham Police Department will participate in the multidisciplinary high risk team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send officers to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

The District 14 District Attorney's Office will participate in the multidisciplinary high risk team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They refer will victims to DCRC for legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send staff to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

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The District 14 Court System will participate in the multidisciplinary high risk team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will also participate in local training projects and send judges and other court personnel to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

The District 14 Office of Community Corrections will participate in the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) multidisciplinary team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send officers to training identified by this project, as appropriate, for education only.

The Durham Technical Community College Police Department will participate in the LAP multidisciplinary team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send officers to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

El Centro Hispano will provide information and support to the LAP initiative by sharing information on community resources for the Latinx Community and will provide feedback on the impact of the LAP on the Latinx Community. They will participate in LAP implementation meetings as time and resources permit.

Legal Aid of NC—Durham Office will participate in the multidisciplinary high risk team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send staff to training as identified by this project, as appropriate.

The LGBTQ Center of Durham will participate in the LAP multidisciplinary team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will provide feedback on the impact of the

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LAP on the LGBTQ+ community. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send staff/volunteers to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

The NC Central University Police Department will participate in the LAP multidisciplinary team to develop the homicide prevention initiative. They will refer victims to DCRC for crisis response, legal advocacy and support services. They will also participate in local training projects and send officers to training identified by this project, as appropriate.

Committed Resources

Durham Crisis Response Center will provide supervision and management of the project. They will provide fiscal management of the project. They will facilitate the LAP Implementation Team and coordinate training for project partners. They will make staff available to participate in meetings and training as needed for this project.

Durham County Government will provide office space in the court house for court advocates. They will support the attendance of appropriate staff in training related to the project.

The Durham County Sheriff's Office will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation Team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The Durham Police Department will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation Team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

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The District 14 District Attorney's Office will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation Team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The District 14 Court System will allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The District 14 Office of Community Corrections will provide staff to participate in the LAP multidisciplinary implementation team and allow staff to attend training for education only.

The Durham Technical Community College Police Department will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

El Centro Hispano will serve as a resource, providing information and support to the LAP initiative by sharing information on community resources for the Latinx community. They will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The Legal Aid of NC—Durham Office will provide staff to participate in the LAP implementation team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The LGBTQ Center of Durham will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation Team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

The NC Central University Police Department will provide staff to participate in the LAP Implementation Team and allow staff to attend training and participate in technical assistance offered through this project.

Participation in Development of Application

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Durham Crisis Response Center met individually with the leaders of each partner agency to discuss the plans for this application and receive feedback. Additionally, the Domestic Violence Response Team reviewed the application at their meeting on February 15, 2019 meeting and gave feedback to be incorporated into the proposal.

Project Development and Implementation Team

The LAP implementation team, functioning as a sub-committee of the Domestic Violence Response team will serve as the development and implementation team. Members will include:

- DCRC: Jeff Whitson, Liz Herron, Ned Babbott, Kathy Hodges, and Kent Wallace-Meggs
- Durham County Sheriff's Office: Dep. Scott Tanner, Det. Lindsey Hamlett, and Dep. Wes Thompson
- Durham Police Dept.: Sgt. Ronald Wiggins, Lt. Stephen Vaughn, Det. Willie Barfield, Det. Anthony Jackson, Sgt. Jamal Walker, Tim Shultz, and Jennifer Hinchey
- Durham Technical and Community College: Chief Dawn Tevepaugh and Officer Burnice Parker
- District 14 DA's Office: Ericka Johnson and Marcie Holloway
- District 14 Office of Community Corrections: Celeste Kelly
- Legal Aid of NC—Durham Office: Becca Edens
- LGBTQ Center of Durham: Jessica Perkins-Thompson

Commitment to Project Goals and Approval of Budget

All project partners support the goals of the project:

Goal 1: Reduce domestic violence and dating violence homicides through the implementation of the Lethality Assessment Program.

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Goal 2: Enhance safety for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking through increased support of legal advocacy.

Additionally, they support and approve the budget submitted for this grant and recognized that support is available for partners participating in this project.

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Commitment to the Project

We, the undersigned agencies are committed to work together to prevent domestic violence homicides and provide effective advocacy to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Durham County Commission

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Kent Wallace-Meggs, Executive Director, Durham Crisis Response Center

Date _____

Chief Cerelyn J. Davis, Durham Police Department

Date _____

Clarence F. Birkhead, Sheriff, Durham County

Date _____

Patricia Evans, Chief District Court Judge, District 14

Date _____

Satana Deberrry, District Attorney, District 14

Date _____

Celeste L Kelly, District 14 Office for Community Corrections

Date _____

Chief Dawn Tevepaugh, Durham Technical Community College Police Department

Date _____

Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, Executive Director, El Centro Hispano

Date _____

Gina Reyman, Legal Aid NC—Durham Office Managing Attorney

Date _____

Helena Cragg, Executive Director LGBTQ Center of Durham

Date _____

Chief Fred Hammett, NC Central University Police Department

Date _____