



# DV Subcommittee Minutes

## Wednesday, February 17 at 9:30AM ET

Present: Robin Greiner (Shelterhouse Midland), Beth Casady (Women's Center, UP), James Perlaki (Youth Services, MYFN Board), Alyse Bleisner (Safe Center), Charlotte Moureau (Sylvia's Place), Cynthia Arneson (Youth Services NW), Hailee Richards (Women's Center UP), Jane Currie (WISE), Erin Viau (Tri County Safe Harbor UP), Valerie Hoffman (SoM), Wendy Johnson (RISE), Tina Robbins (Hope Shores NE)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overlap with Youth Committee: Both groups are less interested in maintaining the SPDAT as the tool for CE. OrgCode has stopped providing support to the VI-SPDAT (trainings, updates), likely as a result of the findings that it is not an equitable tool. Youth providers have been required by funders to use the VI-SPDAT or TAY-SPDAT. Looking for a better way to assess people's needs and give prioritization assistance. Discussion is happening at the MI Homeless Policy Council (MHPC) and DV has recently joined that group. Sarah Prout-Remy is working on the issue and serving on the MHPC committee. HUD requires that an assessment tool is used consistently across the COC. National Safe Housing Partnership Alliance supports the Decision Tree work, funded by HUD.

Next steps: These subcommittees can in feedback on CE Policy voice concern with VI-SPDAT and say that they don't want to complete feedback without deeper research into switching assessment tool.

What if OrgCode comes out with a "fix" and youth, DV, and equity experts have not vetted it? How can we be sure it doesn't become a quick fix? Before any tool is taken on, it needs to be thoroughly tested and vetted.

3. CE Policy: Jesica will draft up updated language on VAWA protections and prioritization steps and circulate for feedback.
4. PIT Follow Up (If Beth Hurkman can attend): Table until March
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 9:30-10:30 AM ET