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## TASK FORCE ON CAMPUS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CLIMATE SURVEYS

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### Minutes-October 5, 2022

The second meeting of the Task Force on Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys was called to order at 1:30 p.m. via video conference as permitted by Public Act 101-0640 enacted June 12, 2020. The Chairperson and other IBHE staff members were present at the IBHE office.

The following Task Force members were present: Sophia Gehlhausen (Chair), Brenda Angulo, Madeleine Behr, Allison Decker, Megan Greeson, Alison Hill, Patricia Hinds, Julia Howland, Jaya Kolisetty, Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas, Jasmine Routon, Mindy Schneiderman, Radhika Sharma, Kathryn Stutz, Nabilah Talib, Samir Tanna, and Senator Jil Tracy

The following Task Force members were absent: Natalie Bennett, Elizabeth Cook, Representative Norine Hammond, Jaleel Harris, Jessica Magliocco, and Representative Katie Stuart

Others present: Melissa Van (IBHE), Ashley Lewis (IBHE), Nora Gallo (Presenter), Leah Gjertson (Presenter), Kevin Michael Swartout (Presenter), Meredith Smith (Presenter), and Kelly Grab

The meeting was recorded, and the recording has been posted on the IBHE website.

#### **A. Call to Order, Approval of Meeting Minutes, Review of Guiding Principles**

- **Call Meeting to Order by Chairperson Sophia Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen called the meeting order, explained the Open Meetings Act (OMA) protocol, and stated that the meeting would be recorded. She then reviewed the meeting agenda with Task Force members.

- **Review and Approval of September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Gehlhausen confirmed that we had a quorum of members. The minutes from the September 7 Task Force meeting were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Review of Guiding Principles**

Chairperson Gehlhausen thanked Task Force members for their participation in the creation of the Task Force's Guiding Principles. IBHE staff took members' feedback and created the final Task Force Guiding Principles. Task Force members were given time to review and no questions or comments were raised.





## **B. National and Illinois Context**

- **Presentation by Nora Gallo of The Every Voice Coalition**

Nora Gallo of The Every Voice Coalition (EVC) described EVC as a student and survivor-led nonprofit organization that began in Massachusetts in 2016. EVC has been responsible for 6 laws in 6 states including Illinois' P.A. 102-0325. Other states include NH, NV, MA, CT, and ME. Gallo discussed the need for base surveys due to the lack of comparable data and explained the survey mandate in the 2022 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Gallo also described the process New Hampshire went through to create their base survey. Full presentation is available on IBHE's website.

## **C. Survey Construction and Design**

- **Presentation by Leah Gjertson of Chapin Hall at University of Chicago**

Leah Gjertson has worked on designing surveys for over a decade and is currently working with Chicago Public Schools to develop a sexual misconduct climate survey. Her presentation gives a 20,000 foot view of survey design focusing on the following five topics: (1) Survey Content, (2) Appropriate Language, (3) Selecting the Survey Tool, (4) Site Coordination, and (5) Institutional Buy-In. Full presentation is available on IBHE's website.

Member Sharma asked about resources for neurodiversity and whether there are any protocols to have surveys translated into other languages. Gjertson responded that her experience is to do a translation and back translation process where you have the survey translated into a new language and then re-translated into English. This gives a quality control check to make sure the translated version is accurately representing the English-language version.

## **D. ARC3 Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey**

- **Presentation by Kevin Swartout from Georgia State University and Meredith Smith from University of Virginia**

Kevin Swartout explained that ARC3 is focused on an approach that was guided by Title IX and with a civil rights lens. A lot of ARC3's work was motivated by results from White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault in April 2014 and student activism. ARC3 creation took place in 2015 with pilot and testing of questions with the full launch happening in Fall 2015/Spring 2016. About 350 campuses (including some in IL) have used the survey to date and it has been adapted in several different languages. ARC3's survey is module based so campuses can select what modules make sense for their purposes.





Meredith Smith gave a presentation on how to react to data once the survey is completed. Institutions should have a plan of action and may benefit from having a statewide plan. She explained that the data could be presented globally or by institution type (technical and community colleges, Carnegie classifications, system members), common features (urban, suburban, rural, religious), or dominant social/cultural forces (Greek life, athletics, high-risk alcohol use). Smith went on to explain how to create a prevention action plan. Her full presentation is available on IBHE's website.

#### **E. Public Comment**

- **Call for Public Comment by Chairperson Sophia Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen announced at the beginning of the meeting how to sign up to give public comment. The meeting was running behind schedule, so the chairperson did not call for public comment, but no one had signed up.

#### **F. Next Steps**

- **Presentation of Next Steps by Chairperson Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen thanked those who had completed the required trainings and reminded those who have not to send in their certificates as soon as possible. She explained that working groups will be meeting soon and that staff would be sending reading materials for the next meeting on November 2, 2022. The next meeting will have more presentations from campus climate survey representatives.

