

**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**2003-5
(Supercedes and replaces Executive Order 2001-2)**

Domestic Violence Elimination Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Wyoming under Wyoming Statute §9-1-201, I, Dave Freudenthal, Governor of the State of Wyoming, hereby order:

Section 1: Purpose: The Governor's Domestic Violence Elimination (DoVE) Council was created by Executive Order 1999 - 1 dated May 12, 1999, and amended on March 28, 2001. Executive Order 2001-2 is hereby superseded by this Executive Order. The Governor's Domestic Violence Elimination (DoVE) Council is to continue in existence as set out below. The impact of domestic violence in Wyoming on families, especially children in the homes where the violence is occurring, and on neighborhoods, communities, and schools in our state is significant. It affects individuals in the state psychologically, emotionally, economically, physically, spiritually, and perpetuates violence in our communities.

Section 2: Mission: The mission of the DoVE Council is to work toward the elimination of domestic violence in Wyoming. The overall objective is to reduce the level and seriousness of domestic violence incidents and to eliminate domestic violence related deaths in the state. The Council will provide guidance throughout the state to proactively address domestic violence issues. The Council will work to increase awareness among public, governmental, faith-based organizations and private agencies of the causes, effects and magnitude of domestic violence in our state.

Section 3: Process: The duties of the Council are as follows:

- a. It may hold community meetings throughout the state as necessary to fulfill its mission;
- b. It may seek input from local communities regarding successful strategies to stop or prevent domestic violence;
- c. It may study and inform communities throughout the state of the effects of family violence on children;
- d. It shall develop and implement a means by which the Council shall:
 - i. evaluate domestic violence laws, programs and protocols used in other states;
 - ii. evaluate existing batterer treatment and education programs;
 - iii. identify and develop "best practices" for addressing domestic violence within the state of Wyoming;
 - iv. make such recommendations to the Governor as may be necessary to address domestic violence;
 - v. explore the feasibility of a state level Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team;

Section 4: Membership: The Council shall consist of 24 members. To preserve the history and continuity of the Council, the Attorney General or his/her designee, the Director of Wyoming

Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault or his/her designee, the Director of Division of Victim Services or his/her designee, and the Court Administrator will be standing committee members. The remaining 20 members shall be appointed by the Governor serving at the Governor's pleasure. Representation of a listed entity shall be made by nominations from the entity of up to 3 individuals. Each individual shall submit an application for the positions. To set the agenda, conduct the meetings, and maintain the focus of the Council, the Council shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Co-Chair, a Secretary and the Attorney General or his designee. Each member of the Executive Committee will serve a one-year term, except for the Attorney General or his designee, who will be a standing member of the Executive Committee. The Council membership shall include one representative from each of the following:

Governor's Office;
Court Administrator;
District Court Judge;
Circuit Court Judge;
Attorney General's Office;
Division of Victim Services;
Department of Family Services;
Department of Health;
Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police;
Wind River Indian Reservation;
Wyoming Prosecutors Association;
Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming;
Wyoming Nurses Association;
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault;
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocate;
The faith community;
Wyoming Medical Society;
Department of Corrections;
Survivor of domestic violence;
Victim Witness Advocate;
Department of Education;
Member of the House of Representatives;
Member of the Senate; and
An Attorney in good standing with the Wyoming Bar Association.

Section 5: Terms: Except for standing members, terms will be for three years, and there is a two-term limit. The time served by any member of the DoVE Council created by Executive Order 1999-1 shall be included in the computation of that member's term. Terms will be staggered. A member who ceases to be employed or affiliated with the organization he/she was appointed to represent shall be replaced. The replacement's term shall expire at the same date as the replaced member's term.

Section 6: Meetings: The Council shall meet as necessary to fulfill its mission.

Section 7: Funding: The Division of Victim Services of the Attorney General's Office shall provide administrative support for the Council. Expenses of the Council, including travel and materials, shall be paid for by a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant from the Division of Victim Services.

Given under my hand the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming on this ____ day of July, 2003.

Dave Freudenthal
Governor