



**Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory  
Council  
Arrest Warrants and Orders of Protection Subcommittee**

MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Gail Hardy, Shauna Harrington, Phyllis DiCara, Nancy Tyler, Merit Lajoie, Ryan Maynard, Brianna Maurice, Darren Mitchell, Andrea Deyo, Marc Pelka, Rep. Nuccio

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairwoman Hardy called the meeting to order at 11:14 AM.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Chairwoman Hardy offered welcoming remarks and the members introduced themselves.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Merit Lajoie and seconded by Phyllis DiCara.

IV. Q&A WITH DARREN MITCHELL OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES (NCJFCJ) IN PREPARATION OF APRIL WORKSHOP

- Brianna Maurice provided an explanation of the firearm seizure procedure for respondents of protective and restraining orders in the state of Connecticut.
- Darren Mitchell explained what to expect from his visit in April where we will “map out” the criminal justice process surrounding current firearm seizure and compliance practices in Connecticut
- The subcommittee members asked several questions of him including what the workshop days will look like and how we will spend our time, who he would recommend be present, how large a group it should be, what we should work on between now and the workshop, and clarification around his recommendation of including “public health and medical staff.”
- The group began to discuss next steps, including identifying a jurisdiction and engaging community members and stakeholders. The co-chairs asked that each

subcommittee member email them with names of members from the identified stakeholder and community partner groups that Mr. Mitchell recommended.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Shauna Harrington notified the group that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4/16 from 11a-12:30p in a hybrid format.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Merit Lajoie moved to adjourn the meeting and Phyllis DiCara seconded at 12:12 PM.