

## Commission on Victims in the Courts

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action Required:</b>	<b>Subject:</b> APAAC Lethality Assessment Working Group Report
October 21, 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Formal Action Request</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Only</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	

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**DISCUSSION & TIME ESTIMATES:**

Report on progress of the APAAC Lethality Assessment Working Group – 15 minutes

Progress to date: (1) consensus on the need for a uniform Lethality Assessment instrument (to be called an "intimate partner risk assessment"); (2) consensus on the questions that should be included in the assessment instrument; (3) consensus on the need for a uniform protocol to be employed by law enforcement officers in administering the assessment instrument questionnaire; (4) the protocol will include victim advocates where they are available; and (5) either victim advocates or law enforcement officers will immediately connect victims who screen as being at risk with services or information about services (via telephone call directly to a service provider agency where one is available, or call to the state or national hotline). A new form including the instrument with the agreed-upon questions, and a new protocol are in the process of being drafted.

Timeline for completion:

November 2016: Working Group final review and approval of instrument and protocol;

December 2016: instrument and protocol to APAAC Council for approval;

December 2016/January 2017 final report and recommendations from APAAC to CIDVIC, COVIC and the Governor's Office;

January to April, 2017: distribution to law enforcement agencies;  
January to April, 2017: train the trainers (law enforcement to train law enforcement; prosecutors to train prosecutors; advocates and service providers to train advocates and service providers; judges to train judges; pretrial services to train pretrial services),;  
February to May 2017: trainings throughout the state for law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates and service providers, judges, and pretrial services officers;  
June to August 2017: training at the Judicial Conference, APAAC Prosecutor Conference; and Law Enforcement Pow-Wow  
Long-term: track outcomes of implementation, evaluate need for additional funding; fine-tune the instrument if necessary

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (IF ANY):** None at this time.