

**403.700 Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault -- Membership -- Executive committee -- Duties and responsibilities of council -- Administrative and staff assistance.**

- (1) The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is created and established for the purpose of planning and direction of legal, protection, and support services related to domestic violence and sexual assault, and to increase the awareness of all Kentuckians regarding the prevalence and impact of these crimes.
- (2) Members of the council shall include:
  - (a) The Attorney General or a designee;
  - (b) The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or a designee;
  - (c) The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or a designee;
  - (d) The public advocate or a designee;
  - (e) The executive director of the Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services;
  - (f) The executive director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet;
  - (g) The executive director of the Commission on Women;
  - (h) At the direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
  - (i) One (1) Circuit Court Judge, one (1) family court judge, and one (1) District Court Judge, who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
  - (j) The executive director of the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association;
  - (k) The president of the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association or a designee;
  - (l) The executive director of the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs;
  - (m) The president of the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs or a designee;
  - (n) Two (2) members of the Senate who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (o) Three (3) members of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
  - (p) The following members, who shall be appointed by the secretary for Health and Family Services. To be eligible for appointment under this paragraph, a person shall have an understanding of, and demonstrated commitment to, addressing crimes involved in domestic or sexual violence:
    1. One (1) county attorney;
    2. One (1) Commonwealth's attorney;
    3. One (1) Circuit Court Clerk;
    4. One (1) sheriff;

5. One (1) peace officer;
  6. Two (2) representatives of local domestic violence coordinating councils or sexual assault response teams;
  7. One (1) advocate for adult victims of domestic or sexual violence;
  8. One (1) advocate for child witnesses of domestic or sexual violence;
  9. One (1) physician;
  10. One (1) sexual assault nurse examiner;
  11. One (1) mental health professional with demonstrated expertise in treating offenders;
  12. One (1) employee of the Department for Community Based Services who provides direct services to victims of domestic violence;
  13. One (1) person employed as a probation or parole officer; and
  14. Two (2) citizen at-large members.
- (3) The secretary of Health and Family Services shall appoint two (2) co-chairs and two (2) vice chairs of the council. One (1) of the vice chairs shall be a council member who is a criminal justice professional. The co-chairs and vice chairs shall serve for a term of one (1) year after which they may be reappointed by the secretary.
  - (4) Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but shall not serve longer than four (4) years without reappointment. Members shall not serve longer than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.
  - (5) The council shall establish an executive committee, the membership of which shall be named by the co-chairs of the council.
  - (6) The duties and responsibilities of the council shall include but not be limited to the following:
    - (a) Promoting coordination among agencies and officials responsible for addressing domestic violence and sexual assault;
    - (b) Determining the availability of services for victims, children who witness domestic violence or sexual assault, and offenders;
    - (c) Facilitating the development of local domestic violence councils and sexual assault response teams that shall include publication of model protocols, training, and technical assistance;
    - (d) Promoting community awareness and the prevention of domestic and sexual violence;
    - (e) Providing assistance to the Attorney General, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in the development of training curricula, treatment programs, and model policies related to domestic violence and sexual assault;
    - (f) Reviewing and analyzing data and information relating to domestic violence and sexual assault from existing sources including but not limited to the Department of Kentucky State Police, the Cabinet for Health and Family

Services, the Department of Corrections, and the Administrative Office of the Courts;

- (g) Recommending to the appropriate entity changes in state programs, legislation, administrative regulations, policies, budgets, and treatment and service standards relating to domestic violence and sexual assault; and
  - (h) Preparing a biennial report to be submitted no later than July 1 of every odd-numbered year to the Governor, the Legislative Research Commission, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- (7) The council shall establish any committees necessary to carry out its duties.
  - (8) The council shall be attached to the Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services for administrative purposes. Members of the council shall be eligible to receive actual and reasonable travel expenses.
  - (9) The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall provide the necessary staff to assist the council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005).** 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.