

# CHARTER FOR THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## 1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

This Charter relates to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women, herein referred to as the "Committee."

## 2. AUTHORITY

Authority for the Committee is found in the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and Executive Order No. 12838, pursuant to which the Attorney General established the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the purpose of providing the Attorney General and Secretary of Health and Human Services practical and general policy advice concerning the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act.

## 3. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The Committee will have the following objectives and scope of activities:

(A) To provide the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services practical and general policy advice concerning improvements to the Nation's response to violence against women, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, with a specific focus on successful interventions with children and teens who witness and/or are victimized by intimate partner and sexual violence.

(B) To provide the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services practical and general policy advice concerning the cooperation of judicial agencies, law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, physical and mental health service providers, social service providers, victim service providers, child welfare agencies, schools, businesses, community based organizations and federal, state, local and tribal governments on responding to issues of violence against women including the identification and development of:

- (1) successful interventions with children and teens who witness and/or are victimized by intimate partner and sexual violence;
- (2) an understanding that the safety and well-being of these children and teens is inextricably linked to the safety and well-being of their mothers; and
- (3) the relationship between children and teens who witness and/or are

victimized by intimate partner and sexual violence and the overall public safety of communities across the country.

4. DURATION

The duration for the Committee is continuing.

5. REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Committee shall report to the Attorney General of the United States and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

6. AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING COMMITTEE

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, will provide all necessary support services for the Committee.

7. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The Committee shall have duties that are advisory only. In addition, the Committee will carry out the objectives listed in Section 3 above, Committee Objective and Scope of Activities, and shall report to the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services the results of all deliberations, together with any recommendations.

8. SUBCOMMITTEES

The Department of Justice shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or working groups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or working groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee nor can they report directly to the Department of Justice or the Department of Health and Human Services.

9. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF

The estimated annual operating cost for the Committee is \$200,000. It is further estimated that this committee will be supported by one Federal staff support year.

10. MEETINGS

The Committee will meet at the call of the Committee's Designated Federal Officer approximately twice a year to carry out the duties identified in this Charter and otherwise as required.

11. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER

The Designated Federal Officer shall be the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, a full-time employee appointed in accordance with agency procedures. The Designated Federal Officer and/or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Committee meetings. The Designated Federal Officer will call all of the Committee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the Designated Federal Officer determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Committee reports.

12. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Justice will collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services in submitting member nominations for the Attorney General's approval.

The Committee shall be composed of not more than fifteen distinguished members, whose diverse experience and background enable them to provide fairly balanced points of view with regard to advising on the issues outlined in Section 3 above. Those members, who are not full-time Federal officers and employees, shall serve as representative members who express the views and interests of the organizations or constituency which they represent and/or special government employees.

Committee members, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation.

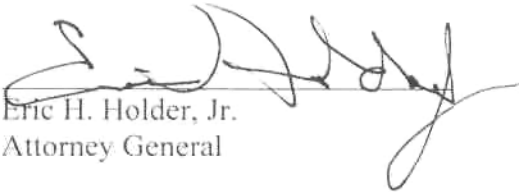
13. RECORDKEEPING

The records of the Committee and its subcommittees shall be handled according to General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, and appropriate Department of Justice policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended.

14. TERMINATION DATE

This Charter expires two (2) years after its effective date, but is subject to renewal.

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