

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Domestic Violence Council
Committee Interview Responses**

Purpose of Regional Domestic Violence Council

- Providing research and presentations about best practices.
- Coordinate efforts, unify/give direction to municipalities and share ideas.
- Implementation of the protocol model.
- Determine preventative measures for domestic violence and decrease incidences of domestic violence.
- Think tank.
- Networking.
- Decision making body of experts.
- Provide guidance and assistance to municipalities.

Committee Member's Role

- Liaison to the community.
- Provide perspective and input.
- Represent my city/town.
- Give regional view.

Relevance of Regional Domestic Violence Council

- Most people indicated that Domestic Violence Council was relevant.

Positives:

- Able to see the larger picture of domestic violence
- Opportunities to expand knowledge through presentations.

Criticisms:

- Micromanaging of projects (i.e., re-writing of the victim survey is not appropriate for Domestic Violence Council).
- Redundant, feels like we are going in circles.
- Focus has narrowed since being funded through STOP grant.
- The focus should be on the protocol.
- This is not a resume builder; need more participation from committee members.

More Relevance/Evolve

- More orientation for new members.
- Roll-call instead of introductions.
- Agenda contains too much, more aware of timelines.
- MAG is too political, diversify funding.
- More participation from members.
- More opportunities to influence legislature.
- Larger role for service providers/shelters.
- Improve website.

Profile

- Overall, good representation was reported.
- Difficult to reach quorum, maybe need to re-size.
- Possibly add representatives from schools, medical field, housing, first responders.
- Unsure of how elected officials interact with their cities to convey messages.
- Include Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Other

- What role do elected officials serve?
- Love the annual conference.
- Add legislative update as an item for all meetings.
- Affinity groups are great.