

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-250, 2-251, 2-253 AND 2-256 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION BOARD, TO: INCLUDE A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE BOARD; UPDATE THE TYPES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO BE THE FOCUS OF THE BOARD; INCLUDE A DEFINITION FOR "VIOLENCE" AND "ABUSE"; INCLUDE A LIST OF PRIMARY OBJECTIVES; UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL ELECT OFFICERS, THAT ELECTED OFFICERS SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AND MAY NOT SERVE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, AND THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL SERVE AS THE TREASURER; AND TO UPDATE THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Section 2-250 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A board is hereby created which shall be known as the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Domestic Violence Prevention Board, hereinafter referred to as "board."
- (2) The board is established for the purpose of coordinating individuals and public and private groups and agencies to develop and facilitate a broad-based collaborative community program, the primary goal being prevention of domestic violence. The mission of the board is to promote safe and healthy individuals and families through the prevention of interpersonal and family violence. The focus of the board shall encompass the following types of domestic violence:
 - (a) Childabuse, neglect, exploitation and/or abduction;
 - (b) Dating and intimate partner violence;
 - (c) Abuse of vulnerable adults;
 - (d) Sexual abuse and exploitation;
 - (e) Human trafficking; and
 - (f) Any other area of human abuse and/or exploitation that may be identified as a problem by the board.

For purposes of this ordinance, the terms "violence" and "abuse" include, in addition to physical and sexual violence, the use of threats, financial exploitation, psychological abuse and coercion by one person to dominate, control and/or exploit another person.

The primary objectives of the board shall be:

- (a) To develop and facilitate an effective community-wide system of prevention and intervention that is responsive to the needs of victims of family and interpersonal violence;

- (b) To identify and coordinate the roles and services of local agencies or offices which provide services to family/interpersonal violence victims and perpetrators;
- (c) To monitor, evaluate, and promote the quality and effectiveness of services and protections in the community;
- (d) To promote a clear understanding of family and interpersonal violence, current laws, and resources available in the community; and
- (e) To serve as a clearinghouse for information on family/interpersonal violence issues.

In order to achieve these objectives, the board shall perform a number of functions, including working with other local groups to provide educational and public information programs and seminars to enhance public awareness regarding the issues outlined above and community resources and interventions to prevent victimization; encouraging the development of community programs; providing prevention and intervention program models and consultation to organizations and agencies; accepting grant funds and donations from public and private sources to fund programs aimed at prevention of domestic violence; entering into contracts with public or private agencies to fulfill requirements of various state or federal laws regarding domestic violence; conducting a biennial internal evaluation of the function, responsibilities and performance of the board in order to improve the services provided by the board, and in other ways providing direction and coordination to public and private efforts to achieve a cohesive community response to the issue of domestic violence. The board shall utilize trained volunteers and existing community resources whenever practicable in carrying out its purpose.

Section 2 – That Section 2-251 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall consist of seven (7) appointed members and twenty-four (24) ex officio members. The appointed members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the urban county council members. The appointed members of the board shall be selected because of their demonstrated knowledge of the prevention, education, crisis intervention and treatment services related to domestic violence. Those members shall be representative to the extent practicable of all the following categories: parents, legal community, medical community, professional providers of domestic violence services faith community, and volunteers in domestic violence services, especially preventive services. Appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years from the date of appointment, provided that the terms of those originally

appointed shall be staggered in the manner required by [section 7.02](#) of the Urban County Charter. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the manner prescribed for the original appointment.

- (2) The ex officio members shall consist of the Commissioner of Social Services; the Commissioner of Public Safety; the Fayette County Service Region Administrator, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; the Superintendent of Fayette County Schools; the Fayette County Commonwealth's Attorney; the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Chief of Police; the University of Kentucky Chief of Police; an Urban County Council member designated by the Mayor; the Fayette County Attorney; the Fayette County Sheriff; the Chief District Judge; the Chief Family Court Judge; the Fayette Circuit [~~and District~~] Court Clerk; the Director of the Nest; the Director of Greenhouse¹⁷; the Director of Sunflower Kids supervised visitation center; the Director of the U.K. Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center; the Director of the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center; the Director of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program; the Director of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Adult Services; the Director of the Family Care Center; the Director of the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass; the Director of the Chrysalis House; and the Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass. The ex officio members may select a designee authorized to represent them on the board, which need not be the same person for every meeting. Both the appointed members and the ex officio members or their designees shall be voting members of the board. The Division of Police, Department of Social Services and the Department of Law shall provide staff and assistance to the board as needed. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 3 – That Section 2-253 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

The mayor may appoint a paid director and other staff as necessary to assist the board in carrying out its duties. The board shall elect officers to include a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a secretary and chairpersons of committees. Elected officers shall serve a four-year term. Elected officers may not serve consecutive terms. The LFUCG Commissioner of Social Services shall serve as the Treasurer of the board. The board shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a record of its proceedings. The board shall meet at least quarterly at a date, place and time to be selected by the chairperson.

Section 4 – That Section 2-256 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

/s/ Meredith Nelson
CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
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