

# Highlights of 2021's NYSCADV Annual Membership Meeting

## **NYSCADV Certificate of Incorporation**

The NYSCADV Board of Directors has been undertaking a process to review and update NYSCADV's Certificate of Incorporation, which was originally filed in 1980. The proposed changes are being brought before NYSCADV Program Members for adoption. The restated certificate will update contact information for the organization as well as include other changes necessary for consistency with the organization's bylaws and state laws.

Members of NYSCADV who may vote on the certificate of incorporation are identified as follows:

*Program Members shall consist of private, nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations and programs that have a primary purpose of providing immediate shelter and supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents, including but not limited to programs that are licensed by the NYS Office for Children and Family Services or have local NY Department of Social Services under current contracts to provide domestic violence services, either residential or nonresidential, and which adhere to the mission, philosophy and purposes of the Corporation.*

Program Members who wish to vote must be members in good standing during the period of 1/1/20-3/1/21.

## **NYSCADV Strategic Planning Initiative**

Beginning in the fall of 2020, NYSCADV's Board of Directors and staff embarked upon a strategic planning process that would guide the organization forward over the next three years. Unlike any other time in recent history, our state and country were being impacted by the unprecedented nature of three significant, simultaneous crises: a global pandemic, economic turmoil resulting in significant job loss, and the murder of George Floyd which set off a series of protests across the country calling for racial and social justice.

The importance of acknowledging our current environment is that all of these crises have a significant impact on the people in communities across our state. It is from this perspective that NYSCADV has shaped goals that will guide our advocacy work over the coming years.

## **Domestic Violence Policy and Budget Updates**

On both the state and federal levels, policies and funding decisions play a significant role in how domestic violence advocacy organizations are able to respond to the needs of survivors of domestic violence. During this section of the meeting, updates will be provided on policy and funding issues that are important to advocacy services on both the state and national perspectives.

## **Open Forum**

NYSCADV encourages all meeting attendees to participate in an open forum to discuss priorities for domestic violence advocacy services and strategies for ways we can move forward to better address the needs of survivors across our state.