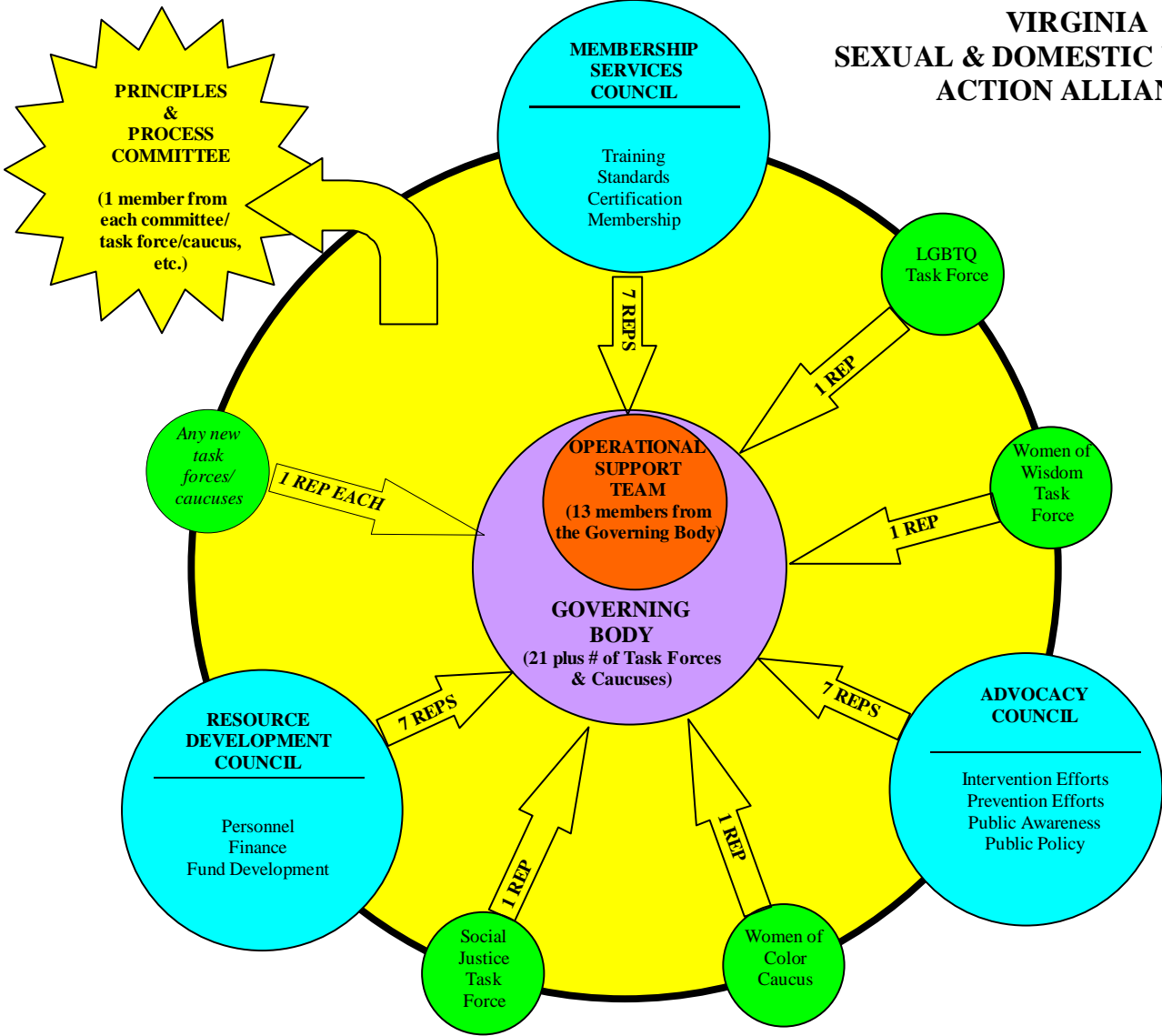


# VIRGINIA SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE



# Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance

## Understanding The Membership Structure

### COUNCILS

The work of The Alliance membership shall be organized by the Membership Services Council, the Advocacy Council, and the Resource Development Council. Each Council may work through smaller standing and/or ad-hoc committees to achieve goals and objectives congruent with the Council's goals and objectives.

The Membership Services Council shall address Alliance issues including but not limited to:

- a membership
- b training
- c standards and certification for SACCs, DVPs, and Dual Programs

The Resource Development Council shall address Alliance issues including but not limited to:

- a financial management
- b fund development
- c personnel
- d statewide interagency collaboration

The Advocacy Council shall address Alliance issues including but not limited to:

- a public awareness
- b public policy
- c prevention efforts
- d direct service/intervention efforts

**Each Council has 7 designated seats on the Governing Body.**

### Task Forces & Caucuses

Task Forces – collectives of individuals sharing a particular area of concern who gather within The Alliance to accomplish identified tasks relevant to addressing that area of concern and reflective of the mission and goals of the Alliance.

Caucuses – collectives of individuals who share a traditionally oppressed and/or marginalized status in The Alliance and/or in society.

**Each Task Force and Caucus has 1 designated seat on the Governing Body.**

### GOVERNING BODY

In order to have diverse experiences, leadership, and voices within the Alliance, the three Alliance Councils (Membership Services, Resource Development, and Advocacy) will each have seven designated seats in The Governing Body and will include AT LEAST:

- a. One person from a stand-alone SACC (not a Dual Program).
- b. One person from a stand-alone DVP (not a Dual Program).
- c. One person from a Dual Program.
- d. One person who is NOT from a SACC, DVP, or Dual Program.
- e. Two people who self-identify with a group who are at risk of being marginalized within The Alliance.
- f. One person from a historically oppressed racial and/or ethnic group.

The Councils are encouraged to send designees to the Governing Body who are representative of the different geographical regions of the Commonwealth of Virginia. When there is a rotation of members, each Alliance Council is tasked with ensuring the seat composition design remains intact.

Each Task Force and Caucus that is formally recognized by The Alliance will have one seat on The Governing Body.

The number of Task Forces and Caucuses, in addition to the 21 designated Council seats, will determine the total number within The Governing Body.

### OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

There is an Operational Support Team consisting of nine members who are from The Governing Body, in addition to four Alliance Officers.

The Principles and Process Committee will facilitate the construction of the Operational Support Team with guidance from the Policies and Procedures Supplement.

In order to have diverse experiences, leadership, and voices within the Alliance, the Operational Support Team will consist of nine seats (plus the 4 Officers) which represent the same number and designations as listed for the Governing Body (a-f above). The ninth seat is undefined.

### PRINCIPLES & PROCESS COMMITTEE

The Principles and Process Committee will be made up of one representative from each council, committee, task force, caucus, The Governing Body, the "Operational Support Team," and Alliance staff. Each representative will be chosen by that respective group.