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NAESV President Named to Federal Anti-Violence Committee

Raleigh, NC – Monika Johnson-Hostler is named to the newly re-chartered National Advisory Committee on the Violence Against Women (NAC). NAC is “a discretionary federal advisory committee to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services on how to improve the nation’s response to violence against women, with a specific focus on successful interventions with children and teens who witness and/or are victimized by domestic violence or sexual assault. The committee includes highly regarded advocates, justice system and child welfare professionals, and researchers.”

Ms. Johnson-Hostler joined Sexual Assault Advocates around the nation for the first ever national roundtable, held by the White House Council on Women and Girls and the Department of Justice, on sexual violence at the White House. According to a White House Fact Sheet, the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is launching a new national campaign to reduce sexual violence in the United States by improving the criminal justice system response, increasing services for victims, and changing attitudes. Over the next six months, OVW will be hosting regional forums around the country to engage the public in OVW’s sexual assault reduction campaign.

Ms. Johnson-Hostler is a veteran of the anti-sexual assault movement, chair of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) and Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA).

Incorporated as a North Carolina non-profit corporation in 1988, NCCASA is an inclusive, statewide alliance working to end sexual violence through education, advocacy, and legislation. NCCASA works on behalf of its members on both a local, state, and national level. NCCASA provides support, information, advocacy, and education for North Carolina’s rape crisis programs, college campuses, organizations, and individual members.

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for state coalitions and local programs advocating and organizing against sexual violence and for survivors. Learn more at: www.endsexualviolence.org.