

Present: Sara Wright, Joe Berlin, Susan Miller, Carlene Grassmid, Amy Piddington, Bill Postmus, Deisy Madrigal, Elvira Hernandez, Vickie Hannigan, Carmen Kucinich, Karen Wiersman, Konah Holleh, Kylene Dalton-Koods, Jessica Irwin, Ashley Nickels, Al Heystek, Beatrice Gakurn, Caitlin Vandyk, Jason O'Brien, Shandra Steininger

Updates/Announcements:

- a) The Vagina Monologues runs Feb 12-14, 2010. For locations and times and to purchase tickets (\$25) see <http://starticketsplus.com/event.php?event=1290> (proceeds benefit YWCA, CWIT, GVSU Women's Center, and V-Day)
- b) Agency updates – new staff
- c) EMOU for VOWA– GVSU Women's Center staff will be looking to CCRT as a resource through this grant writing process and program development. Wont find out until late summer if they are awarded.
- d) Bethany received stimulus funds for DV among refugees. Counseling services and education will be provided in several languages. Cultural competency training and education will also be available for no cost to agencies through April, 2010. Goal is to help community agencies work with refugees more efficiently.
- e) NCVRW - Dispute Resolution Center and Victim Witness received a small grant from the OVC to promote victim's rights and honor crime victims and the services that are available to them during the national observance, April 18-24, 2010. Look for more details to come on the events' Facebook page: *2010 Crime Victim's Rights Week- Kent County*.
 - a. The CCRT has agreed to sponsor a BBL on Thursday, April 22nd during that week.
 - b. There will be a community calendar listing all the local events that week. Let Shandra (ssteininger@drcwm.org) know if your agency is doing anything that should be included on the calendar. Free marketing!
 - c. There will also be a program and information fair on Friday, April 23rd. Contact Kristy at Victim Witness (kristine.andrus@kentcountymi.gov) for more information and to reserve a free booth for your organization. Maybe the CCRT can have a table? Shandra offered her intern to re-create our tri-fold board.
- f) Bridge Street open house Feb 10 at 4:00pm. Contact Teresa Zbiciak (tzbiciak@dwellingplacegr.org) to RSVP. Will be open for residency Feb 13. Referrals through YWCA- location confidential until participants are accepted in.
- g) Kent County- Coaching Boys into Men Program. Free coaches, training and materials are ready for dissemination. Contact Amy (amy.piddington@kentcountymi.gov) for info.
- h) SAPAT is also working this year on workplace violence policy development (incl. DV). May be future opportunities for collaboration with the CCRT.
- i) Governor Granholm signed Feb to be Teen Dating Violence month.

- j) Hispanic Center provided an update on immigrants applying for a VISA- victim needs certification that they will help prosecution with DV case. Contact Elvira Hernandez with questions.
- k) YWCA & Hispanic Center are starting a young women's (13-18) group for those who have witnessed DV.
- l) YWCA Safe Connections Program is open again! Call the YWCA for more information on hours and fees.

Healing Path Subcommittee:

- a) Healing Paths are available in both English and Spanish – contact Safe Haven to get copies (452-6664). Please recycle any versions before 2008 as information is incorrect/outdated. If there are errors or comments please send those to Kylene at Safe Haven.

CCRT Website:

- a) Ashley is working with Jason from legal aid to revamp the website. (THANK YOU!!!)
 - Currently updated:
 - English healing path- still working on getting the Spanish version up
 - Meeting agendas and minutes
 - Contact information
 - b) Still need to update
 - Calendar of events
 - Update forms and statistics- Amy will provide new sexual assault info by April.
 - Upcoming projects?
- If you have comments or suggestions, contact Jason (jtobrien@legalaidwestmich.net)

Brownbag Lunch Series:

- a) 2010 Brown Bag Lunch Schedule:
 - a. Dates and topics
 - i. April- Collaborate with NCVRW, hold at GVSU?
 - ii. July-
 - iii. October-
 - b. Topics of high interest: Substance abuse and DV, working with refugees
 - c. Ashley said there may be a GVSU student to help us develop BBL's for 2010 as part of their internship.
 - d. SAPAT still has funds for 1 BBL
 - e. SAPAT ideas: The economic cost of D/SV (Tom Cottrell), the language of consent in the court room, Port and harm (Drs. Baird and VanderBeck)
 - f. Working Sub-committee meet ½ before next scheduled meeting to plan BBL's
- b) Discussed BBL venues- discussed other options that may be more accessible to the community. Suggestions?

Funding

- a) Currently have approximately \$7000 in account but after paying for the HP that were recently printed our balance will be around \$1000.
- b) Nokomis Foundation: Rosalynn will work on the report and a thank you letter to send to them.
- c) Discussion: funding for 2011
 - a. Several local agencies have written CCRT into their funding requests. What else can we do to raise funds for this group?
- d) Court watch grant (Ashley)- we really need to move forward, been talking about this for years. GVSU- Women's Center wrote small grant to pilot. Award notification in July. Anyone interested in working on behalf of the CCRT on this project?
- e) AI asked if there were community batterer intervention services for Spanish speaking men. Diversity Counseling provides one program. Men can be seen at the YWCA as well. Perhaps an area to think about in regards to upcoming funding opportunities.
- f) Fatality review board could be another possible 2010 goal. Anyone interested in being a part of a subcommittee to further explore this option?
- g) Other 2010 goals? Policy change (push at state level- possible collaboration with SAPAT: support with toolkit creation, share ideas/tools).

Next Meeting – February 25 at Noon at the Courthouse

5th Floor Conference Room