

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
October 22, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Rosalynn Bliss, Kylene Dalton-Koons, Jason O'Brien, Carmen Kucinich, Amy Piddington, Annette Aranda, Elvira Hernandez, Heather French, Sara Wright, Eileen McKeever, Susan Miller, Karen Wiersma, Jill Harkema.

Updates/Announcements:

- a) Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence – LAADSV and GVSU Women's Center hosting a free speaker series. CEUs available for social work. Presentations are from 12pm-1:30pm at the GVSU Meijer Campus (515 S. Waverly Road/Holland) with the following dates and topics:
 - a. Thursday, October 8th, *Preventing Dating Violence*
 - b. Tuesday, November 17th, *Mean Girls & Real Boys Exploring Bullying Through the Lens of Gender & Other Difference*
- b) Benefit concert at One Trick Pony on October 26th at 7:30pm. All proceeds will benefit the Hispanic Center.
- c) Many thanks to Weed and Seed for coordinating various DVAM activities, especially with the GRPD (see below). For more information on these activities, check out their website at www.gvsu.edu/grweedandseed.
- d) GRPD paved the way for dating violence prevention education activities in all 19 Grand Rapids Public Schools. In addition, purple ribbons were displayed on all patrol cars during the month of October. The CCRT will send a thank-you to Lt. Mason for these efforts.
- e) The YWCA recently renovated a space for its Nurse Examiner Program.
- f) BISC-MI Conference- www.biscmi.com - November 4-6. Focus is on community coordinated response to domestic violence.
- g) YWCA Safe Connections program – after the meeting, it was learned that the YWCA received limited funding for the program, beginning in January 2010. Hours of operation have not yet been determined and will be shared when information is available.
- h) Dia de los Muertos – The Hispanic Center will be honoring DV victims on November 2nd at 6pm. There is an altar at the Hispanic Center where one may place a picture in honor/memory of a loved one. There will be music, food, and entertainment.
- i) Seasonal and H1N1 flu information is available at www.stickttotheflu.com.
- j) Sara Wright from the YWCA is looking to start an SA support group with women ages 18-24. More details to follow.
- k) Eileen shared an article regarding the Family Law Council Ethics Committee investigating defendants receiving mail from attorneys soliciting services. Survivors are filing for divorce, and prior to serving the defendant, the defendant is receiving a letter from an attorney stating that the survivor has filed for divorce,

and that s/he would like to offer his/her legal services. This practice has compromised the safety of survivors.

- l) Heather French reported on a conference that she attended recently. The conference focused on empowerment and anonymous reporting of sexual assault. The GRPD and the Sheriff's office are on board with implementing this in Kent County. Heather will provide more details as they become available.
- m) Al Heystek reported on the new Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) program. According to Al, men in jail for DV may now get the help they need. The Men's Resource Center is looking to see how they can be involved.

Financial Report:

\$1,968.97 currently in account, with a pending deposit of \$6,000.

Healing Path Subcommittee:

- a) We will be printing at least 5,000 English versions of the Healing Path in the coming weeks.
- b) Kyleene will talk with Martha about if/when funds might be available from the Hispanic Center to print Spanish Healing Paths. Upon receiving this information, the group gave permission for the officers to decide on appropriate printing quantities of both the Spanish and English versions.
- c) Kyleene will follow up with Deisy about adding a section on immigration in the Healing Path.
- d) Many, many thanks to the Hispanic Center for translating the Spanish Healing Path at no cost to the CCRT. Thanks, also, to Deisy for coordinating this project.

CCRT Website:

- a) Jason O'Brien from Legal Aid has graciously agreed to assist with the website. Shandra will get in touch with Jason to move forward.

Brown Bag Lunch Series (BBL):

- a) Next BBL: December 3, 2009, Technology and Electronic Aggression (see flyer). The flyer will be sent out with the minutes again. Rosalynn will forward the flyer to law enforcement and Al will forward the flyer to probation officers. As a result of this training preparation, Amy is looking at the possibility of holding a day-long conference in the spring on this topic.
- b) 2010 BBL: resources for survivors, others- Sub-committee will provide update at next meeting.

Funding:

- a) Nokomis recently granted the CCRT \$6,000 to print Healing Paths. Based on Nokomis's shift in focus, it is anticipated that the CCRT will not receive future funding.
- b) As the \$6,000 grant should get us through this year, we will begin to look at other foundations next year.

2009 Meeting Schedule :

- a) NO NOVEMBER MEETING
- b) December 3, 2009 (BBL)

2010 Meeting Schedule:

- a) The 2010 meeting schedule is as follows:

January 28	July 22
February 25	August 26
March 25	September 23
April 22	October 28
May 27	November - TBD
June 24	December - TBD

**Next Meeting – December 3rd at Noon in the Courthouse
5th Floor Conference Room
(NOTICE IRREGULAR MEETING DATE)**