

April 23,
2009

**KENT COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY COORDINATED RESPONSE TEAM (DV-CCRT)
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Ashley Nickels, Rosalynn Bliss, Janet Strahan, Carmen Kucinich, Irene Roberts, Shandra Steininger, Katie Velasco, Sarah Maguire, Emily Johnson, Lisa Hartline, Amy Piddington, Laura Bast, Christi Meredith, Kylene Dalton-Koons, Jill Harkema, Martha Gonzalez-Cortes, Deisy Madrigal

Updates/Announcements:

A. Amy Piddington of SAPAT inquired about CCRT support for the development of resource and media talking points to disperse to county and city leaders/commissioners.

- Informational packet could include: Joint letter between CCRT and SAPAT with talking points – DV is not an “unfortunate incident” and is not tolerable; Re-use Media Kits – Kylene will provide information from Safe Haven to Amy. Amy will contact the YWCA. Decision to provide info directly during Public Comment or through Commissioner Talen will be decided later.

B. Dede Esque no longer with Nokomis- Mary Alice Williams is replacement. Nokomis will be reevaluating their funding priorities and possibly shifting to focus on state policy change. At a minimum we have asked for continued support for printing Healing Paths.

C. Possibility of a Law Enforcement training through federal funding with DV/SA advocacy as a component. CCRT to further investigate option of bringing Bailiff to speak.

D. NCVRW- Monday, April 27th is the Crime Victims’ Rights event on the 5th floor of the Kent County Court House, beginning at 8AM. Allegan County is also hosting an event on Thursday, April 30th at 1PM at the Griswold Auditorium 1pm.

Healing Path Subcommittee:

Spanish translator is no longer available, need to find someone else. Hispanic Center waiting to hear back on Fed grant (mid summer) that may cover some printing costs for Spanish HP. Hispanic Center CEO, Martha, offered to handle the translation for no cost to CCRT. Kylene will email electronic version of English and old Spanish HP to her.

HP History: YWCA used to print and manage- CCRT took over when YWCA could no longer financially support it. Subcommittee updates in detail, dissemination through CCRT (all partnering agencies). Safe Haven took some lead after becoming fiduciary. From the 5000 printed in Sep 2008 there are about 2 boxes (500) left. If Nokomis can no longer fund HP, Rosalynn will look at other funding sources. Currently the balance in our account is \$2000, which will be used for printing.

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Brownbag Lunch Series:

May: Court Issues Panel (Julie Haveman, Sue Keener, David Bosworth, Judge Hillary, Tom Cottrell)- Amy suggested Randy Flood for moderator. Rosalynn will provide refreshments.

August: Immigration Issues/Visa's for Victims- Martha, CEO of Hispanic Center will provide coordination and present. She also suggested an attorney as co-presenter. What is the scope, critical issues-law enforcement issues, a lot has just gone underground? Crime stats down for GRPD... immigration standards increasing. House parties/teen issues on the rise, gang issues, crimes in foreclosed homes. Bottom line- we need a better relationship with law enforcement.

Other topics:

- Amy suggested "sexting" and how teens are being prosecuted. Cyber harassment and stalking. Issues with children/minors being charged with felonies. Sex offender registry issues. Possible presenters: Herb Tanner, Dan Adams (local), GVSU. Thenationalcampain.org as an informational resource. SAPAT funding starts October 1st and could co-sponsor a training on this topic.
- Child/parent violence- especially in homes where DV exists. How is DHS training their staff to handle kids who grow up to perpetrate on parent?
- Medical issues- Metro Hospital looking to take a fresh look at DV screening tools in hospitals. Hospital staff not handling DV injuries appropriately. Linda (Nurse Examiner Program) good presenter for SA, victim support, language of consent. Nursing CE credits would increase attendance in medical sector.
- Workplace violence and agency policy creation.
- Mental Health Issues: CMH contracts are ending through Catholic Charities which reduces therapy provisions to many agencies. Access to MH services is challenging enough let alone coupled with victimization. FOC workers are mandated to complete 3200 in DV family situations.
- PPO Issues: PPO's being denied, slow turn around. Rosalynn will contact PPO office and invite to June mtg.

CCRT leadership will work on scheduling speakers, creating flyers and check into providing CEU's.

Next Meeting (Brownbag Lunch): May 28th, 12:00pm.