

Present: Rosalynn Bliss, Shandra Steininger, Amy Piddington, Carmen Kucinich, Randy Flood, Jessica Richard, Irene Roberts, Joe Berlin, Ashley Nickels and Kylene Dalton-Koons

Updates/Announcements:

- a) GRPD, Weed and Seed and MPRI are hosting a DV awareness event in September 2009. Representation from SAPAT and CCRT will assist in planning this event to ensure an appropriate and safe approach to education and awareness building around this topic.
- b) Candle Light Vigil, October 1, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm, YWCA West Central Michigan, 25 Sheldon Blvd., SE, Downtown Grand Rapids
- c) Safe Haven completed their capitol campaign and is at full capacity! Stay tuned for information about upcoming fundraisers and events hosted by Safe Haven.
- d) Teen Dating Violence legislation is in the House and Senate. If passed, the bill would make the following actions mandatory for middle and high schools (7-12 grade):
 - adopt a model curriculum for dating violence prevention
 - curriculum adopted must include (but not limited to) school policy on dating abuse, defining dating abuse, warning signs of abuse, & characteristics of healthy relationships
 - adopt, publish, & implement reporting and disciplinary procedures for dating violence incidents at school
 - Inform pupil's parent/guardians of dating violence policy and upon written request allow examination of curriculum and educational materials
 - provide dating violence training to administrators, teachers, counselors, nursesIt was suggested that CCRT and SAPAT members contact their local legislators in support of this bill and that we offer to assist local schools in meeting these requirements if it does pass.
- e) Court watch- GVSU has discussed hosting a local DV Court Watch program, possibly in connection with CCRT. Other universities have been successful in the past. If you are interested in being involved contact Ashley.
- f) Judge Pestka has been replaced by Judge Paul Denefeld. Rosalynn will reach out to him in regards to the CCRT and invite him to attend an upcoming meeting.
- g) Rosalynn, and other members, have had some positive response to the DV awareness letter sent to county officials.

Healing Path Subcommittee:

- a) Updates: DART, YWCA, and SH still have small amounts.
 - a. DART- 600 (willing to share), YWCA- SH- 300, MRC- 50
- b) Spanish HP: Hispanic Center has translated and is proofing. Target publishing date is mid-August. Color will compliment Hispanic Center's logo (Red or Yellow)
- c) Group decided to move forward with printing 1000 Spanish HP's and to hold off on English while continuing to search for funding.

CCRT Website:

- a) Website/statistics are outdated – please provide current information that you would like to see on the website so that it can be updated.

Brownbag Lunch Series:

- a) Planning meeting to discuss future topics and coordinate speakers for coming year, 11:15am, August 27, Kent County Courthouse, 5th floor conference room.
- b) Next Brown Bag Lunch: August 27, Liz Balck of Justice for Our Neighbors, JFON, will present: "Options for Undocumented Victims of Domestic Violence."
- c) December 3 (proposed), 2009: DVCCRT & SAPAT will collaborate to plan the December 2009 Brown Bag Professional Development Series at the Courthouse.
 - a. The topic: Current trends with technology and domestic/sexual violence, sexting, community response to prevention, Law Enforcement response.
- d) Rosalynn has recently spoken with Herb Tanner about presenting at a BBL. Has new/updated topics and is more than willing to provide free education.
- e) Ashley offered to look into providing Continuing Education credits for BBL's. May be able to provide credits if participants choose for a nominal fee. MCOLES may be more difficult to obtain.
- f) The Ottawa and Allegan County DV Coalitions are beginning to provide similar trainings/education in their communities.

Funding

- a. Update- \$2000 currently in bank.
- b. Rosalynn will submit \$5000 funding requests to Nokomis. Focus on printing Healing Paths and Website Maintenance/Development (\$215 yr to maintain). Group supported Rosalynn in taking the lead on this effort. Backup plan would be to approach Dyer-Ives. Third choice would be for a public fundraising event- more work & no guarantee.
- c. There are initial discussions about reallocating funds raised through the Vagina Monologues to support the CCRT and LAADSV (Lakeshore Alliance against Domestic and Sexual Violence).

2009 Meeting schedule:

August 27, 2009: August Brownbag Lunch, Liz Balck of Justice for Our Neighbors, JFON, will present: "Options for Undocumented Victims of Domestic Violence."

September 24, 2009

October 22, 2009

December 3, 2009: November/ December Brownbag Lunch