

**DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
January 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Introduction and Welcome

Updates/Announcements

- a. Midwest Conference on the Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse Best Practices training – May 3 & 4, 2006 – contact 336-5160 or go to www.cac-kent.org
- b. Domestic Violence Orientation hosted by Safe Haven Ministries on March 21 from 6-9 pm at 3501 Lake Eastbrook SE Suite 335. Call 452-6664 to RSVP.
- c. St. Joseph (the worker) Church/Convent, 331 Rumsey St SW. Support groups for Latino Women are held every Monday from 7-8:30. There is a once a month breakfast where different issues are discussed from 9 AM – 1 PM (Our team will get a schedule of these once it becomes available). One on one counseling with Annita List from Diversity Counseling is available. Referrals should be made through the Hispanic Center, Tx. 742-0223. There will be notice of an open house once a date is scheduled, and brochures should hopefully be available soon.
- d. Upcoming RAVE training – RAVE will be hosting a facilitator training on February 9th and 10th for the In Touch With Teens Program – anyone who is interested can call Annie Funke at 454-4673.
- e. December 19th KCSD Training – Jim Benison reported that the training went very well! There were officers from various departments in Kent County who attended and the feedback was very positive. The KCSD hopes to plan a similar training in the future due to the overwhelming encouraging response. Thank you again Jim Benison and staff at KCSD.
- f. Update on Safe Haven Grant – The YWCA will write this grant that is due by January 29th and is the agency who will house the project. Please contact them directly for further information. We hope to hear good news this spring.
- g. Website Update – Cavan Berry indicated the Spanish version of the HP is now available on the site (pdf file). Also there is now a translation link (worldlingo.com) that translates the site. Please continue to email Cavan with upcoming events regarding your agencies so that he can add the information to the calendar. Thank you Cavan!
- h. Safe Haven Ministries – A Refuge from the Storms of Life – Breakfast, Hawaiian Vacation Raffle & Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11, 2006. This event will take place at Celebration Cinema's Wave Room, 2121 Celebration Drive (Knapp & East Beltline NE) \$25 for Grand Gourmet breakfast & one raffle ticket. Raffle tickets only \$10 each or three for \$25. You need not be present to win. Please contact Safe Haven Ministries for further information at 452-6664.
- i. Vagina Monologues – February 10, 11 (Fountain Street Church) & 14 (GVSU – Allendale). Members from our team, Randy Flood and Jennifer Marcum will be recognized as warriors. We are grateful to you both and congratulations!
- j. Congratulations again to Randy Flood, M.A. as he has a new book coming out in April 2006 – Stop Hurting the Woman you Love, Breaking the Cycle of Abusive Behavior (along with Charlie Donaldson, M.A. with Elaine Eldridge, Ph. D.). To order call 1-800-328-9000 or go to www.hazelden.org/bookstore.
- k. DV CCRT Flyers/Handouts are now available! This professional brochure describes who we are as a team, our membership, mission, accomplishments and upcoming projects. It also provides contact information for community

members to get involved. If you would like copies, please contact Rosalynn Bliss at 454-4673 or by email at rbliss@childresource.cc. Thank you Rosalynn!!!

- I. PPO Office – Circuit Court Administrator, Mr. Jack Roedema, has arranged to have Ms. Charlotte Sypniewski, Office Supervisor of the PPO Office, present at our February 23 meeting. She will discuss the present policy and procedure and answer questions we have. Please email Meghan Kirby if there are direct issues you would like to see addressed. We would like to establish how we can be more helpful and supportive as a team. We are very thankful for this opportunity! Thank you Mr. Roedema & Ms. Sypniewski!

Healing Path

- a. We need to order more copies of the HP. Nokomis Foundation grant funding for this year is available to print 3,000 copies. We will print more copies as soon as all members have reviewed the current edition.
- b. Members – please review the HP and let Jennifer Marcum know about any revisions, updates, or any issues you feel should be addressed. The target population is domestic violence victims in crisis situations.
- c. A PDF of the Healing Path will be sent out electronically to members. Please provide all feedback on changes to Jen Marcum by February 17th. Changes will be discussed at the February 23rd CCRT meeting and ordered after that.

CCRT Feedback

- a. Review feedback from CCRT survey. Rosalynn distributed the survey results at the meeting and Meghan sent a copy by email on 1/27/06. If you still need a copy, or would like further detail and insight regarding this survey & its purpose, please contact Rosalynn Bliss.
- b. Carla Blinkhorn of the YWCA has offered to help schedule her contact from the Coalition to come speak to our team. Rosalynn has attempted several times to speak directly with someone from MCADSV with little success but will continue to work on developing this relationship between the CCRT and MCADSV.
- c. As members of the CCRT, if there are ever additions or changes that should be made to the monthly meeting minutes distributed please let us know. We want to be sure that the information disseminated is correct and beneficial to every member involved. We welcome information exchange specific to each agency that serve our community on issues of domestic & sexual violence. Please feel free to utilize the CCRT and send us information regarding upcoming events to be sent out to the larger group (and to be added to our website calendar).

2006 CCRT Goals and Objectives

- a. Review what we described in the grant. Discussion around priorities, roles, responsibilities, sub-committees for upcoming projects. Dialogue about CCRT in 2006.
- b. Budget for 2006 – roughly over \$20,000.
- c. Breakdown and budget for activities:

Media Campaign	\$14,000
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Printing of Healing Path	\$ 3,000
Media Luncheon/Packs	\$ 400
Speaker (look for co-sponsor)	\$ 2,300

- d. **Awareness Campaign** – (Community Media Center to help) Public Awareness campaign that targets men. The following is taken from the Nokomis Grant (our funding source): “Historically, the majority of domestic violence public awareness campaigns have targeted victims – which is important and necessary. However, the DV CCRT is interested in pursuing a public awareness campaign that targets men & boys. Some materials have already been created by the Ad Council and the African Americans & Allies Against Domestic Violence (AADV) including radio and television PSA’s as well as newspaper ads. The message of the Ad Council ad is “What they learn as boys, they do as men.” That’s why we need to teach our sons and other boys in our lives that violence against women is wrong. Now, when they need to hear it the most. CCRT would like to purchase and provide materials to all local media outlets throughout the year. In addition, the CCRT proposes a partnership with the Community Media Center to create an ad that targets men’s bathrooms in local restaurants, bars and other establishments that men often visit. This method reportedly reaches thousands of men. In addition to a printed ad, the CCRT would like to create a 30-60 second ad that targets men which will be shown at movie theaters before films that are heavily viewed by men, such as action and thriller movies. CCRT will work closely with CMC to create an ad, which is emotionally powerful, informative, sends a clear message and provides a resource for men to obtain if needed. An overall goal of CCRT is to involve males as partners in preventing violence against women. This will be a consistent message as we plan future events and activities.”
- e. **Please bring any material** – website, PSA’s, research, trends, etc. to the next CCRT to share with the group regarding this project. Also, ***please think about becoming part of this subcommittee*** to continue this work outside of our regular CCRT monthly meetings. The subcommittee would report monthly to the greater group and make recommendations. Contact Rosalynn for further information. We will establish this subcommittee at our next meeting.
- f. The basis for this campaign comes from the lack of information in our community. We need more awareness now and should send consistent PSA’s to the media as much as possible. Rosalynn recently purchased PSA’s and sent them out to local radio and television stations to be aired (at no cost). We must examine the research and look at trends. What message is being sent to men? The community should not be silent observers on this issue.
- g. **Media Luncheon** – We need to start working on the media packets and form a subcommittee. Once the packs are complete we can set a date for the luncheon. Ideas on time to have this were September (right before DV Awareness month). The point of the media pack is to educate the media. Jen Marcum volunteered to lead this sub-committee and sent around a sign up sheet. This sub-committee will work on a timeline. Who from the CCRT will be on the panel? Facilitate? Where? When?
- h. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October)** – Form subcommittee to focus on this each year. What can we do in the community for awareness month? What events? Possibly something similar to our kickoff event

(December 2004). Ideas: 1 - Celebration Event – tie similar issues/events together and target specific areas. 2 - Theme – For example: focus on education arena, focus on the public awareness campaign, etc. 3 – Schedule an event for each week throughout the month of October (Breakfast for Judges & Prosecutors, breakfast for businesses) send the message – no more zebras. 4 – Use children from schools to get involved by way of play/drama/mock trial/presentation of some sort. Our team should get more involved in DV Awareness month. Rosalynn Bliss offered to lead this sub-committee and sent around a sign up sheet.

**Next Meeting – February 23, 2006 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse
5th Floor Conference Room**