

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
February 23, 2006
Meeting Minutes

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). Referrals should be made through the Hispanic Center, Tx. 742-0223.
- d. Annita List, MSW, ACSW of Diversity Counseling & her MSW student Angie Vargas Avendano, speak once a month (Tuesdays) on *La Maquina*, local 1410 AM radio station from 10 – 11 AM. She specifically addresses domestic violence in our community. They have had great success thus far - had several open-mike calls that contained good questions & great comments. Annita is on the Board of BISC-MI and is most recently involved in Standards for DV Programs, as well as other tasks. She welcomes any comments or suggestions. She can be contacted at 451-1965.
- e. April 18th @ 7 PM – “Searching for Angela Shelton” a documentary will be at the Wealthy Street Theatre. Becky Yonker of the Children’s Assessment Center and Tom Cottrell of the YWCA will speak and the CCRT will have a table for resources if your agency wishes to participate. Contact Rosalynn Bliss for further information.
- f. March 30th @ 6 PM – Rosa Parks Circle – Candlelight Vigil to End Child Abuse and Neglect – Kickoff to April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- g. March 23 @ 11 AM – Next meeting for the Media Training subcommittee
- h. Mid-March Subcommittee meeting for planning Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). Rosalynn will announce the date, so please let her know if you are interested in being a part of the process.
- i. Kentwood Police Department recently lost a total of eight positions, including the Victim Services Unit (Sharon Haner & Michelle Lis). Our community will greatly miss them.
- j. April 13th at 11:30am – Child Abuse and Neglect: an overview of its impact on children workshop at St. Mary’s Hospital. Rosalynn Bliss will be presenting a 90 minute workshop on child maltreatment. Call 454-4673 to RSVP – there is no cost to attend.
- k. April 20th at 11:30am – The Importance of Child Abuse Prevention professional workshop at St. Mary’s Hospital. Pat Crum will be presenting a 90 minute workshop on what child abuse prevention means and what makes it effective. Call 454-4673 to RSVP – there is no cost to attend.

PPO Office Presentation:

- a. Ms. Charlotte Sypniewski, Office Supervisor of the PPO Office. She will discuss the present policy and procedure and answer questions we have.
- b. Over 2, 034 Petitions filed last year.
- c. Presently under process of updating the current website: www.accesskent.com.
- d. The Kent County 17th Circuit Court – PPO Office – is one of the few courts in the state that have dedicated staff (3) to work strictly with PPO clientele.
- e. Statements cannot be notarized without valid photo identification. When interpreters accompany the victim to the PPO office, they must also present a valid photo id.

- f. The PPO Office often refers to the Hispanic Center.
- g. Clients are seen on a first come, first serve basis.
- h. Once the PPO is ready the office will contact the client and let them know it is ready for pickup.
- i. Three forms of PPO: (1) Domestic (2) Stalking/Harassing (3) Juvenile.
- j. There does not have to be an act of physical violence for the petitioner to obtain a PPO.
- k. It is helpful for the client to have specific dates documented.
- l. Serving Process – Petitioner's responsibility. Three options: (1) Hire process server (2) Certified Mail (3) Anyone over the age of 18.
- m. The respondent cannot be served with a PPO and arrested (if in current violation) at the same time.
- n. Timeframe entered into LEIN – immediately after being signed by Judge.
- o. Difference in juvenile PPO – must be over the age of 10 and have a parent/guardian signature.
- p. Denial – The Judge will give a thorough explanation and the client can reapply as many times as they wish.

Healing Path

- a. Discuss recommendations for changes (Cycle of Violence), make final decisions, timeline for printing. There will be a meeting very soon for all interested in the final changes. Jennifer Marcum will schedule this meeting.
- b. Recommendations from smaller sub-group will be presented at the March CCRT meeting.
- c. 7,000 disseminated last year!

CCRT Feedback

- a. Update from MCADSV – will be facilitating a presentation at March or April meeting (Rosalyann).
- b. We apologize – the survey disseminated at last month's meeting was not the results of the survey the CCRT completed last year. These were the results for the Delta survey. We will get the accurate results out as soon as they are complete.

Review public awareness pieces

- a. Randy Flood shared examples from a public awareness campaign that took place in Connecticut.
- b. Rosalynn Bliss shared PSA's that were created by the Ad Council – most members like the one that was positive “male role models for boys”. Rosalynn gave copies to Jim Benison.
- c. Jim Benison offered to lead the public awareness campaign sub-committee.
- d. Sub-committee will meet to accomplish the following tasks:
 - a. Review all materials
 - b. Make suggestions about which ones we would like to use locally
 - c. Create a plan for implementation including a budget and timeline
 - d. Present ideas to larger CCRT for feedback

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