

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
April 27, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Introduction and Welcome – please sign in

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. 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. Referrals should be made through the Hispanic Center, Tx. 742-0223.
- c. 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. 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.
- d. Safe Haven Ministries – August 3, 2006 – SAVE THE DATE – Bowl-O-Rama at Northfield Lanes.
- e. Victim Assistance Academy – June 11 – 16th at Michigan State University. The Michigan Victim Assistance Academy is a comprehensive and rigorous, 45-hour, problem based learning experience. The Academy is funded through a grant from the Crime Victim Services Commission, Michigan Department of Community Health.
- f. Sexual Assault Action Team – Fall 2006 – Internet Safety Course
- g. National Crime Victim's Rights Week – April 23 – 29TH.

Presentation by MCADSV:

- a. Reviewed outcomes from CCRT survey
- b. MCADSV (www.mcadsv.org) – 70 Member organizations within the State of Michigan. Anyone can be a member for \$25.00. Strong network where much is done at the state level. Extensive materials available (books, videos, DVD's, CDs). Please visit their website for further information and access to their online resource center card catalog.
- c. Delta Project & CCR Project Findings (Sponsored by: Center for Disease Control and Health & Human Services) – full results were emailed to each CCRT Member. Findings reveal various leaders still need to be at the table within local CCRT's. For example: Business leaders, Community leaders, Faith-based leaders, and Non-traditional members. Are local CCRT's accomplishing their goals? What are the issues that must be more focused on? Findings are geared toward increasing public awareness, more information sharing amongst the various CCRT's within the state. What makes a group effective? Leaders within the organizational groups that attend the meetings and can make decisions. The ability to meet, connect and collaborate outside regular monthly meetings. More participation, trust, visibility within the community for citizens to see an active stance on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Members should feel they are getting something out of the group both personally and professionally. Resources available to CCRT's help with primary prevention and public policy (laws and legislative) issues. Other CCRT's and councils indicate they feel disconnected. Some avenues for connecting: Executive Director list serve; ask the MCADSV to establish a structure at annual conferences/meetings for CCRT involvement to connect and discuss updates and/or ask them to add a link to their website for all Coalitions around Michigan to gather information to connect with one another.

Healing Path

- a. The HP subcommittee will address the final revisions and bring a copy for all members to review at our May meeting.
- b. Approve changes and send to print.
- c. Are there organizations/agencies that we could request funding to print even more copies of the HP? If any member knows of an organization please let us know. The 2006 CCRT budget calls to print 5,000 more copies.

Sub-committee reports

- a. Media sub-committee (Jennifer Marcum)
 - a. Jennifer reported that members of the subcommittee spoke with a few local reporters (Larry Nienhaus – Wood TV 8, Teresa McClellan – GR Press, Brad Edwards – Wood TV 8). Also met with Jeff Smith of the Community Media Center as a group and he is willing to help us fine tune a plan on the way domestic violence is being reported. SHM Ramoth House shelter assistants will gather GR Press articles for CCRT members to review.
- b. Website (Cavan)
 - a. Please continue to send updates and information to Cavan as he continues to make additions and changes to the site.
- c. Healing Path (Jennifer Marcum)
 - a. The HP subcommittee will meet this week and make final recommendations at the May meeting. Changes will be approved at the May meeting and then sent to print. Presently we have funding to print 5000 copies – if you know of anyone/agency who would like to contribute funds to have additional copies printed, please let Jennifer know (452-6664).
- d. Public Awareness Campaign (Jim Benison)
 - a. Group came up with several ideas and thoughts about a public awareness campaign. Will continue to work on creating a proposed plan – are presently looking into costs for items such as busboards, jonny advertising and PSA's. Rosalynn shared an idea of meeting with CBS Outdoor to see if we can have some billboards donated.
- e. DV Awareness Month (Annie Funke)
 - a. Annie Funke will now be the chair for the DV Awareness Month activities sub-committee. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 8am at the YWCA. You are welcome to attend.**

**Next Meeting – May 25, 2006 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse
5th Floor Conference Room**