

**DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
July 28, 2005 Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR August 25, 2005 AT NOON AT THE
KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOWNTOWN AT 180 OTTAWA IN THE 3rd
Floor Multi-purpose Room**

Updates/Announcements

- a. Safe Haven Ministries - 12th Annual Charity Golf Scramble, August 1, 2005. \$160 per player. This includes free use of driving range, lunch and dinner, drinks and snack on course & door prizes. Call 452-6664 for more information.
- b. Pro Bono Project Training A call for all Attorneys & Mentors – August 25, 2005. www.michbar.org
- c. Lundy Bancroft Workshop – September 26 (Noon to 4 pm workshop, 5:30-6:30 book signing) and September 27 (9am – 1 pm). To register, email sefink@rhoadesmckee.com. Cost is \$20.00 per day. The first day will be judges and court personnel and the second day will be service providers, social workers, etc.
- d. 10th Annual BISC-MI conference is November 2-4th – www.biscmi.org
- e. Safe Haven Project – Federal Grant/Program – supply funds for supervised visitation for a safe place for fathers to visit with their children (& pickup and drop off of children). Our group and members in Kent County would like to bring the Safe Haven Project here. Proposed date of March 2006. Rosalynn observed one of the pilot projects out of Muskegon and was impressed. There are many safeguards in place. There is excellent security, supervised staff, and safety in place for child visits. The children are very empowered. Rosalynn intends to have a rough draft of the grant complete sometime in the next four months.
- f. The YWCA will be sending out a flyer later this week about the upcoming Spanish language tutoring program that will be held at the YWCA throughout the month of September. The groups will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am-10:00am after Labor Day. The tutoring is designed to teach frontline staff how to respond to frequently asked questions. The participants will determine what they need to learn. This tutoring program has a priority of working with staff from the DVCCRT programs. Enrollment will be limited. Generally, one tutor will be working with the group, but we will also have Spanish speaking community members work with very small breakout groups. At the conclusion of this series, all participants will receive a tutorial on CD/DVD to help them maintain their skills. It is important to commit to each session. It is a very significant time commitment, but one that we believe will help all of us. It is free. Participants should have very limited, if any, Spanish speaking (hearing) skills. The participants that may benefit the most are support staff, crisis workers, intake staff. After registration, they will be asked to determine the priorities for what they need to learn. This training is paid for through a grant from The Michigan DSH Domestic Violence Treatment Board and the Department of Migrant Services.
- g. The YWCA welcomes input with planning this year's candlelight vigil. They would like to make it more of a community event. They plan to have it Monday, October 3rd. Please contact Stacy Williamson if you are interested at: swilliamson@gr-ywca.org.
- h. Safe Haven will have a speaker October 31, Marie Fortune, editor of the Journal of Religion and Abuse. There are a couple of meetings to plan this event, the first is August 17th, 10 AM at Safe Haven Ministries. Please contact Michelle Reinhold at: mreinhold@safehavenministries.org. Also, a reminder there are numerous support groups at Safe Haven Ministries. Education based support groups, therapy groups and trauma intervention for children groups. Please call 452-6664 for more information.
- i. There is a new Family Resource Guide Online. The web site is: www.familyresourceguide.info If your agency is interested in being added to the

community calendar, please contact Deborah Pitsch at dpitsch@childresource.cc, or 454-4673.

- j. Dr. Vincent Palusci's last day at the Devos Children's Hospital was 7/29/05. He is moving to the Detroit Children's Hospital to teach child pediatrics and head the child protection team. He will be missed!
- k. Tuesday, August 23, 2005/Michigan State University/Victim Assistance Academy "Human Trafficking" Seminar. 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person for pre-registration. If you are a Michigan Victim Assistance Academy graduate, the cost will be \$10.00. The fee covers continental breakfast, lunch, break refreshments, parking and a workshop notebook. Contact MSU – School of Criminal Justice for more information at 517-355-9648.
- l. The Sexual Assault Action Team is working on organizing a free Parenting Conference similar to the one in Holland called the Challenge of Children in Holland. Sometime in April (month of the young child). Will focus primarily on safety/prevention - Are we interested in this? Yes!

ADT AWARE Program

- a. Subcommittee participants: (1) Prosecutors (2) Law enforcement (3) YWCA & Safe Haven Ministries.
- b. Subcommittee met 7/29/05. Next meeting is 8/18/05.
- c. Contact ADT when guidelines/protocol is in place.
- d. We plan to have a press conference in mid to late September.
- e. Agencies that work with domestic violence victims will refer those at high risk to the YWCA or Safe Haven Ministries for a lethality/danger assessment. They will then make the recommendation and contact members of the CCRT subcommittee to employ the ADT Security Services AWARE Program.
- f. The subcommittee will try to meet within three days (as soon as possible). They will review the PPO paperwork and lethality assessment and make the decision to contact the administrative ADT person and coordinate the installation (should take about an hour to install). The appropriate police agency will be contacted to be present for the installation. The CCRT will invite all police agencies (13) to the press release in September.
- g. GRPD & KCSD have made commitments to this program.
- h. Rosalynn will create a flyer for the next meeting to inform police agencies.
- i. For additional information on the ADT AWARE Program go to www.adt.com and enter AWARE program in the "search for" box.

Website – Update from Cavan Berry

- a. Interview with Sister Barbara.
- b. We need people to be a part of this subcommittee – Who wants to take the lead? Please contact Rosalynn or Meghan.
- c. We should really utilize the community media center more. NPO Showcase, a show produced by GRTV, provides an opportunity to showcase the CCRT. The filmed interview with Sister Barbara Hansen, Community Outreach Coordinator, is about 15 minutes in length and always takes place on Tuesday afternoon. The program airs about a month after the filming. It airs for two weeks at 7:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings on LiveWire, Channel 24 and Channel 25 at a later date. We would get a copy of the show for future use. This would be a constant stream out to the community.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 6/23/05 - \$4,170.50

Healing Path

- a. We are down to less than 20 Healing Paths!

- b. We have \$1,500.00 allocated to print the Spanish version, which the YWCA has graciously picked up. This money will now be used to print 1,500 more copies of the Healing Path to replenish our supply and continue spreading it out in the community! Are there any other updates for chapter three – Community Resources other than the new phone number for the Children’s Assessment Center???? If so, get the updates to Jennifer Marcum as soon as possible!!!!
- c. Rosalynn submitted a grant to Target but has not heard back – ideas to have more printed? Short-term solution? Long-term? Rosalynn can submit additional requests – should focus on legal donors. Do we want to organize a fund raiser? We need to think about ongoing funding for The Healing Path. Ideas discussed: GVSU Vagina Monologues; Raffle; Film Series; Bake Sales.

Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner

- a. \$2,000 set aside to conduct Training with Herb Tanner @ KCSD.
- b. Jim to secure a date before the end of the year at KCSD – will invite all police to attend.