

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
August 25, 2005 Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22ND AT NOON AT THE
KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOWNTOWN AT 180 OTTAWA IN THE 5TH
Floor Conference Room**

Updates/Announcements

- a. New Contact Information for Rosalynn Bliss – Director of Prevention Services at the Child and Family Resource Council – email: rbliss@childresource.cc
phone: 454-4673 X129 Address: 118 Commerce Suite 220 GR 49503
- b. Pro Bono Project Training A call for Attorneys and Mentors – August 25, 2005 – www.michbar.org
- c. **Lundy Bancroft workshop** – September 26 (Noon to 4pm workshop, 5:30-6:30 book signing) and September 27 (9am to 1pm). To register email sefink@rhoadesmckee.com. Please email Meghan (meghan.kirby@kentcounty.org) with agency information, and handouts, to give judges, referees, attorneys, probation officers, etc. at this time. We will remind all who attend about the CCRT's role in the community, our meetings, and the need for more involvement.
- d. 10th Annual BISC-MI conference is November 2-4th - www.biscmi.org
- e. **Safe Haven Project update** – 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 empowered. Rosalynn intends to have a rough draft of the grant complete sometime in the next four months. Rosalynn will be working on the grant and has a meeting next week with Judge Zematis. Rosalynn will make contact with the Muskegon pilot project manager and see if she can come present to our group.
- f. **Safe Haven Ministries** - speaker **October 31, Marie Fortune**, editor of the Journal of Religion and Abuse. There are a couple of meetings to help plan this event. Please contact Michelle Reinhold @ mreinhold@safehavenministries.org. Also, throughout the month of October for DV Awareness Month, GRTV will run the Broken Vows Video for Safe Haven Ministries.
- g. **“Changing Community Attitudes on Violence Against Women Through the Media”** coming up on **September 15, 2005, Sheraton Lansing Hotel, 7-10 pm**. Call Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000 ext 21 to register. The deadline to register is August 31.
Presenter: Deb De Bare, Executive Director--Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

- h. **Avon Foundation** – selling bracelets about domestic violence for \$3.00 to raise awareness. Bracelets are very nice. Go to www.avondfoundation.org for more information.
- i. **Mens Resource Center** – Partnering with Hope College & GVSU to bring Tony Porter, Co-founder of a call to men, stopping gender violence. November 16 & 17th. Three different events over the course of two days. Contact Randy Flood for more information.
- j. **Radio Interview** – Anita List to get information out to the Latino community. Anything you would like her to disseminate, please contact her and she will include in the radio interview.
- k. **YWCA** – Tutoring Program is full. YWCA is purchasing and producing numerous resources in Spanish – please contact if you would like copies.

ADT AWARE Program

- a. Sub-committee has met twice – next meeting on Monday, August 29, 2005 @ 4pm KCSD. We are still working on the protocol to get in place.
- b. Press conference September 22nd prior to regular meeting. We will send an update after the meeting next week.

Website

- a. Feedback – please continue sending all updates and information to Cavan for him to add to the calendar.
- b. Ideas for flyers/potential bookmarks – presently no \$ in budget
- c. Interview with Sister Barbara (Rosalynn) -
 Dates it will run: August 29, August 31, September 5 and September 7 at 3:00pm and 7pm on Cable Channel 24

Treasurer's Report

- a. Balance as of 7/30/05 - \$3,065.30

Healing Path

- a. The group approved sending the HP in for print. If there are any late, last minute changes, please get them to Jennifer Marcum ASAP.
- b. Kenneth Saukas to pledge/donate \$1,000 funding for printing additional HP. Thank you so very much Ken & Jen with DAWN!!! This will pay for 2,500 more copies
- c. We should hopefully have more copies for everyone at the September meeting!

Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner

- a. Update from Jim Benison - dates, locations.....still coordinating!

CCRT Roles/Goals in community coordination

- a. Will gather standards and best practices to share with the team. The team discussed the growing need for a subcommittee to focus on this initiative! Great discussion team! Please email Rosalynn or Meghan with ideas and interest!

- b. What other CCRT's are doing – gathering information and providing feedback on domestic violence services. Focused on improving coordination, communication and ensuring practices fall within standards/guidelines/best practices. Discussion around getting more involvement – how can we enlist more members? Lundy Bancroft workshop – handout healing path and information on the CCRT's role & mission in the community. Remind all who attend about our meetings (possibly at the beginning and end of the workshop).
- c. PPO Office – falling behind again! We need to address this slowdown again! The turnaround time is too long!
- d. Ideas on domestic violence court (similar to drug court, sobriety court) – What is out there around the country? Judges who specialize in domestic violence.