

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
October 27, 2005 Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Updates/Announcements

- a. November 8 and 9th – Making a Difference: Investigating and Prosecuting Non-Stranger Sexual Assault. Contact for registration – 632-7123
- b. 10th Annual BISC-MI conference is November 2-4th - www.biscmi.org
- c. “Broken Vows. Battered Faith” featuring Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune and hosted by Safe Haven Ministries on October 31 at the Prince Conference Center.
- d. Domestic Violence Orientation hosted by Safe Haven Ministries on November 15 from 6-9 pm at 3501 Lake Eastbrook SE Suite 335. Call 452-6664 to RSVP.
- e. Next year for DV Awareness Month the CCRT will try to form a subcommittee to help plan activities, vigils, displays to honor domestic violence survivors & their families in collaboration with Safe Haven, YWCA and all agencies who are members of this group. Discuss more in January with goals for the year.
- f. St. Joseph (the worker) Church/Convent, 331 Rumsey St SW. Support groups for Latino Women are held every Monday from 7-8:30 (No meeting October 31st). 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 will start November 1st, and 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 be available at our next CCRT meeting.
- g. PACC/PAAM (Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan) DV Graduate School, Part I, November 29, 2005 (9:30 AM – 5:00 PM). This seminar will focus on strangulation investigation & prosecution, and medical signs and symptoms of strangulation. A cross professional conference designed for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and service providers. This training is in Grand Rapids, at the Holiday Inn Select. Fee is \$40.00 or \$105.00 if single occupancy overnight accommodations for the night of November 28th are required. The fee includes tuition, materials, and continental breakfast, and lunch. Seminar registration must be received by November 18th.
- h. Update on PPO Process –Eileen McKeever indicated there was a recent issue with improper notice sent to a victim on a contested hearing (perpetrator opened victims mail). Is it possible for victims to receive notice by registered, certified mail? Could the person contesting the PPO be charged for the cost associated with this? What is the volume or amount of mailings sent to victims regarding contested hearings (how often do they occur?). Eileen to follow up at the next meeting. Thanks Eileen!
- i. Dates for upcoming CCRT meetings for the remainder of the year 2005: November 17th (3rd Floor Multi-Purpose Room), December 15th.
- j. Changes to RAVE – the Council has hired Annie Funke to coordinate the RAVE Program. They will be facilitating a train the trainer workshop for the In Touch With Teens Program – anyone who is interested can call Annie Funke at 454-4673.
- k. January 2006 CCRT Meeting will encompass planning for projects for the upcoming year. Please try to attend!
- l. Tony Porter & Ted Bunch, Becoming Part of the Solution Workshop. November 17, 2005 – Thursday @ GVSU Meijer Campus Holland. Sponsored by the GVSU Women’s Center, Delta Project, Continuing Education and Center for Women in Transition. Ted Bunch and Anthony Porter will present a half day workshop on the role “well-meaning men” must play in ending partner violence. The workshop is open to women & men that work in the field of domestic violence or individuals committed to ending domestic violence in their communities. Contact the Women’s Center at 331-2748 or go to www.gvsu.edu/women_ctr for more information.
- m. GVSU & National Silent Witness Project unveiled their silhouettes & women’s stories of victims who did not survive last year due to domestic violence (Kent County). Classroom presentations were made and the focus was dating violence for the students at GVSU. This project is year round and the silhouettes are loaned out for agencies to use in the area. Contact the Women’s Center for more information at 331-2748.

- n. Safe Haven Ministries – “I Feel Better Now” A trauma intervention group for children between the ages of 8 and 12 who have witnessed domestic violence in their home. Registration & assessment November 17, 2005 5-8 PM. Group meets weekly starting Thursday, December 1, 2005 for 8 weeks.
- o. *Breaking the Silence – Children’s Stories* this Sunday, October 30, 2005 at 5 PM on PBS Channel 35 or cable channel 6. This powerful new documentary will feature real-life accounts of child custody battles in domestic violence situations and chronicle the devastating impact custody court rulings have on children. WGVU will air a follow-up panel discussion, *Breaking the Silence: A West Michigan Perspective*, featuring Jennifer Marcum of Safe Haven Ministries (GR), Sue Johnson of Every Woman’s Place (Muskegon) and Jennifer Johnson, a Family Law Attorney (GR) from 6 - 6:30 PM WGVU (Cable channel 6). Kim Chelsea will host the program. Jennifer Marcum has the DVD if anyone wishes to see it.

ADT AWARE Program

- a. ADT Training took place at the CFRC – 3 members from Safe Haven and 2 from the YWCA were present.
- b. Subcommittee will meet in a few months to review process and see how things are going.
- c. Feedback from Safe Haven Ministries – first system installed by ADT and things went well. Amy handed out a copy of the Lethality/Danger Assessment the advocates use. It is available on the ADT website and endorsed by the Department of Justice.
- d. Feedback from YWCA – first system installed by ADT and there were some bumps in the time it took to install. There was a language barrier, and apparently the installer from ADT was new. Eileen will follow up with ADT to inform them of the time issue.
- e. Overall, this program has been extremely successful and our team took less than a year to get it up and running in Kent County! Success! Thanks to all who took part in implementing and especially a BIG THANK YOU to ADT!

Website

- a. Feedback – Rosalynn’s information should be updated to reflect her new title, agency, phone number, etc.
- b. Again – we need to get the PDF file of the Spanish version of the Healing Path as soon as possible for the website.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of 9/30/05 is \$1,565.28

CCRT Literature Piece

- a. Feedback – The brochure looks wonderful! There were a few agencies added and changed.

Media Luncheon

We will plan this for next year.

Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner

- a. December 19, 8-5pm – KCSD - Thank you Jim Benison for all your work on this! We appreciate it very much!

CCRT Roles/Goals in community coordination

- a. Will gather standards and best practices to share with the team. How can we improve domestic violence services in our community?
- 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.
- c. BISCMI standards are very important and our group should educate its members & agencies.

- d. Possibly set a subcommittee for Emergency Shelter Standards – when advocates respond to crisis calls are agencies referring to one another when shelter is full as common practice?
- e. How does the CCRT decide which agency is endorsed and included in the Healing Path?
- f. Example: Interview of Family Court Judges by the CCRT (as done in the past).
- g. Court Watch Group
- h. We need more prevention curriculum for middle school and high school children about domestic violence! Creating programs for schools in Kent County.
- i. FORM SUBCOMMITTEE - The team decided to set aside another day for a subcommittee to commit to this purpose and work out the short & long term goals of our group. This subcommittee will report back to the group. A date will soon be announced for the subcommittee.

YWCA Domestic Violence/Nurse Examiner Program

- a. This program will be similar to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program and examines a current model with the Ohio DOVE Program. There is an advisory committee meeting on December 14th (committee members only). Eileen McKeever will brief our group at the January meeting on progress made.
- b. How will women know to use this program? Police contact, hospital personnel, advocates.
- c. Purpose: Forensic evidence in domestic violence cases taken at the time of injury (similar to criteria in sexual assault cases – time frame). There would not have to be mandatory reporting if a victim chooses to use the program.

Next Meeting – November 17, 2005 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse (3rd Floor Multi-Purpose Room)