

**DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team**  
**November 17, 2005 Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Updates/Announcements**

- a. Feedback from October/November trainings and events –
  - Jen Marcum reported the Safe Haven DV Awareness event Broken Vows, Battered Faith with Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune on 10/31/05 was outstanding and the resource binders handed out are available if anyone wishes to obtain one.
  - Ashley Nickels reported the Tony Porter & Ted Bunch workshop went very well at GVSU & Hope College.
- b. PACC/PAAM DV Grad School – (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 28<sup>th</sup> are required. The fee includes tuition, materials, and continental breakfast, and lunch. Seminar registration must be received by November 18<sup>th</sup> Prosecutors & law enforcement for November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Jim Benison indicated this training will be in Grand Rapids, and a good training to attend.
- c. MCADSV – Women of Color Task Force General Meeting & Networking Luncheon December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1:30pm. Contact 517-347-7000 X19
- d. 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](http://www.cac-kent.org)
- e. Domestic Violence Orientation hosted by Safe Haven Ministries on January 17 and March 21 from 6-9 pm at 3501 Lake Eastbrook SE Suite 335. Call 452-6664 to RSVP.
- f. St. Joseph (the worker) Church/Convent, 337 Rumsey St SW. Support groups for Latino Women are held every Monday from 7-8:30 (No meeting October 31<sup>st</sup>). 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 started November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 will be made available at a CCRT meeting.
- g. Changes to RAVE – the Council has hired Annie Funke to coordinate the RAVE Program. They will be hosting a facilitator training in January for the In Touch With Teens Program – anyone who is interested can call Annie Funke at 454-4673. RAVE continues to facilitate In Touch With Teens program to hundreds of middle and high school students and after-school programs each year.
- h. January 2006 CCRT Meeting will encompass planning for projects for the upcoming year. Please try to attend!
- i. **Healing Path** - The Spanish version of the Healing Path is now available! Special thanks to Deisy at the Hispanic Center for working on this project and to the YWCA for the print of this version. We really appreciate all your work and support in getting the HP translated and printed! The YWCA does have copies available and/or you may contact Meghan Kirby at 632-5394 or by

email at [Meghan.Kirby@kentcounty.org](mailto:Meghan.Kirby@kentcounty.org) prior to each meeting to request copies. The PDF format should be available soon and will be emailed directly to Cavan Berry to be added to our website. Again – thank you to all who helped make this happen. Please review both the English and Spanish versions for any changes, edits, oversights, comments, etc. We would like to be sure each agency is always accurately represented and that our community resources are current for survivors to best be served. We sincerely apologize if there have been any errors in the past. Please remember you can review the HP at any time on our website at: [www.kentcountydvcrt.net](http://www.kentcountydvcrt.net). The HP will continue to be a work in progress. There are roughly 150 copies left of the English version at Safe Haven Ministries, and less than 100 at V/W in the Courthouse. We will print more copies next year.

- j. Safe Haven Project – update by Judge Zemaitis. The County Commission is in support of this project and the Federal Grant of \$350,000 of supervised parenting and safe exchanges. Judge Zemaitis again encouraged anyone interested in being a part of the process to contact him. Rosalynn will continue to help with writing the grant and will seek feedback from CCRT as needed. She may ask for letters of support for the grant around that time.

#### **Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner**

- a. December 19, 8-5 PM at the Kent County Sheriff's Department. This training is open to all law enforcement officers in the GRPD and KCSD and depending on enrollment it may then become open to police departments in the entire West Michigan Region.
- b. The CCRT would like to set up a display table to remind officers on our role in the community and encourage the use of the Healing Path and various community services for domestic violence survivors and children. We will find out if a flyer has already been circulated regarding registration information.
- c. Rosalynn will set up and order lunches and refreshments.
- d. Jim Benison to give update at the December meeting (and/or provide information prior to our meeting). Thanks again Jim!

#### **Creation of Subcommittees**

- a. Ideas for subcommittees: Media, Website, Prevention, Voices Latinas, Healing Path, CCRT, Best Practices, Strategic Planning, Public Awareness Campaign, ADT
- b. Who is willing to take the lead for each of the committees?
- c. Process for subcommittees (each month have a subcommittee report, meet bi-monthly, location, etc.)
- d. Would be nice to have subcommittees created and confirmed by January 2006

#### **ADT AWARE Program**

- a. Feedback on program
- b. Rosalynn presented to the Kent County Crime Prevention meeting about CCRT and the ADT Aware Program.
- c. Rosalynn will set up a subcommittee meeting for December 2005

#### **Website**

- a. Feedback – updates and information - Cavan indicated that GrandNet will need to help with certain updates on the website. This will require the CCRT to fund this service.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Balance as of 10/30/05 is \$1,565.28
- b. Printing of brochure – cost and amount will be examined. The goal is by 12/20/05.
- c. Nokomis annual report is due by the end of the month.

#### **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.