

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
March 27, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Updates/Announcements:

- a) Wednesday, May 21st from 8:30 to 4:00 PM: "The Undetected Rapist" with Dr. David Lasik. He is sponsored by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. The training will be held at the Kent County Health Department and Dr. Lasik will be speaking on neurobiology of trauma, non-stranger rape and the cycle of violence. Nursing CEU's will be available. Contact Linda Rossman or Chris Dunnuck at Ph 459-7062 ext. 285 or Fax: 559-3026 to receive registration materials. This will be a good training for judges, police officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, nurses and professionals who work with domestic/sexual assault victims.
- b) Safety Audit/YWCA update: What is a safety audit? An intensive analysis/community assessment of services available in the community for domestic violence victims. A report is conducted for the audit and then we teach the community the process. The safety audit stresses the importance of community collaboration with all agencies that work with domestic violence. The CCRT will partner with Safe Connections (supervised parenting time and safe exchange program). 2 hours of safety is provided through this program at the YWCA. There will be a training in St. Paul, Minnesota – May 6th - 10th 2008 for 2-4 members of the CCRT to attend. This will require a great deal of time and research. Please contact Mary Ivie-Scoggins for more information by email: miviescoggins@ywcawcmi.org or at 459-7062, ext. 292. She is happy to come to any agency and give a presentation of services regarding the Safe Connections Program at the YWCA.
- c) Human Trafficking Training – Juveniles & Prostitution -Tuesday, May 20, 2008 – Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch. Hotel rooms are \$65 per night. Contact Carmen Kucinich with the FBI for more information. Email: Carmen.kucinich@ic.fbi.gov.
- d) Safe Haven Ministries – Jennifer Marcum is on a 3 month leave of absence. Kylene Dalton-Koons is the interim Executive Director until she returns. If you wish to send Jennifer a card please send to Safe Haven Ministries – 3501 Lake Eastbrook Blvd, Ste. 335, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Thank you.
- e) National Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Justice for Victims, Justice for All" April 13 – 19, 2008.
- f) GVSU Women's Center - silent witnesses are available through the Women's Center. Call 331-2748 or go to their website www.gvsu.edu/women_cen for more information.

Healing Path Subcommittee:

- a) Update – We will keep the Cycle of Violence with a disclaimer that speaks to the dynamics of abuse not always happening 24 hours per day. We will continue to work on revisions.

- b) Feedback forms - we need more feedback forms returned. What can be added to the Healing Path to make it more useful?
- c) Next meeting is Wednesday, April 16th at 12 PM. 3rd Floor multi-purpose room of the Kent Co. Courthouse.

CCRT Conference/Collaboration with Weed & Seed:

- a) Update – last meeting was March 18th. Christine indicated they are talking about the possibility of a 2 day conference. The focus is on victims, and the target audience is youth/teen dating violence (suggestion made to involve RAVE & Kent Co. Health Dept). Tentative dates are October 3rd & 4th. Friday – professionals, Saturday – victims, family and friends.
- b) Feedback/Input – The CCRT will support this conference. Our conferences have previously been more focused on professionals working in the field of domestic violence. Our target audience is different yet we are very supportive of this conference.
- c) 2010 (tentative year for next major conference). Coordinate & partner with the sexual assault action team. Bring in a speaker to discuss the connection between domestic violence and sexual assault. Come up with more diverse topics.
- d) 2 year plan – the Center for Women in Transition & Safe Haven Ministries host their faith dv conferences every other year (odd years). 2010 would be a year where the CCRT could host a fall conference for Women's Issues.

ADT AWARE:

- a) Feedback from meeting – Thank you Heather French for all your help organizing the last few meetings!!! As of 2007 there were 16 active clients utilizing this service. With increased technology there has been a shift to go digital. All systems were upgraded in February 2008.
- b) Renters – we need to secure contact information regarding the landlord.
- c) Service visits – victims can call ADT on their own, no advocate is needed.
- d) Please remember that in order for victims to participate in this program they must have an active PPO (after 6 months the PPO must be renewed)
Police need to be able to make an arrest
- e) The CCRT will probably conduct another press release to get the word out about the AWARE program. We will also include information in the updated edition of the Healing Path.
- f) Next meeting – June or July 2008

CCRT Website (www.kentcountydvcrt.net):

- a) Statistics are outdated – CCRT members please provide current data so that it can be updated. The statistics are also very helpful when submitting grant requests for CCRT funding. Please send the updated data and statistics to Jodi (email: griffijo@gvsu.edu) or Meghan. Thanks!
- b) Please review the website and make recommendations.
- c) Jodi Griffin (GVSU Graduate Intern) is working on grants and updating the website for our team. She will coordinate with Cavan Berry.

Brownbag Lunch Series:

- a) How often? *Quarterly*

- b) Length? 45 minutes – conduct short CCRT meeting either in beginning or end of lunch series. Build time for discussion after the presentation.
- c) Topics for the series – Professional Development (Bring in people from the community to educate our team): Law enforcement, PPO Office, Typologies of batterers (different variables that come into play – substance abuse/mental illness), Sexual assault (better understand lifelong effects), Stalking & violence/dating relationships, Technology with stalking, the rise in domestic violence among siblings (how is this defined under the law? Do we respond the same way?), Pet Abuse (PAWS – Pets and women shelter), Immigration issues (VAWA & Visas for victims of domestic violence), Mens Initiative/priorities (sexual assault team very interested in collaborating).
- d) Tentative dates – July & October of 2008
- e) Budget – submit grant requests to pay for refreshments and to pay speakers.
- f) Please give us your feedback – tell us what you think and of your ideas.

DV Fatality Review Board and DV Courts:

- a) Ideas on how to explore and research ideas – possibly use graduate interns? Students with local universities (GVSU, Western, Calvin, etc). This is the appropriate task for Graduate Students.
- b) Get more information on local resources and legal guidelines of making this happen in our community.
- c) There is much research involved (less program based).

Funding

- a. Local foundations – Jodi Griffin (GVSU Graduate Intern) to help with grant proposals. She already has a catalogue of 12 – 15 organizations. Thank you so much Jodi!!!!
- b. Fundraiser? Thoughts?

2008 Meeting Schedule

- a. Every 4th Thursday of each month at noon at the Courthouse

**Next Meeting – April 24th at Noon at the Courthouse
5th Floor Conference Room**