

Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team (DV CCRT) January 27, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Present: Rosalynn Bliss – DeVos Children’s, Meghan Kirby – Prosecutor’s Office, Eileen McKeever - YWCA, Jennifer Marcum – SHM, Meredith Mockabee – SHM, Bev Becksvoort – SHM, Cavan Berry – Western Michigan Legal Services, Anita Droog – Victim Witness, Carlene Grassmid – Dwelling Place, Casey Bond – GVSU, Deisy Madrigal – Hispanic Center, Vanessa Rybik – Hispanic Center, Linda Satchfield, Mathew Gower – 61st District Court, Marty Burch, Sharon Haner – Kentwood Police, Becky Mattone – FIA, Malisa Alton - FIA

Updates/Announcements

- a. The Community Kickoff Event last December went very well! All boxes of the Healing Path were taken and disseminated. Jennifer Marcum will continue to bring copies to our meetings for all to take. 2,000 more copies were printed. Rosalynn received excellent feedback from the event! Great teamwork & dedication everyone! Thanks again!
- b. FCC (Federal Communications Commission) Forums – How are women portrayed in the media? Gender representation in the media – effects on domestic violence. Our team should get involved. We will write a letter.
- c. Information on Post Concussion Mild Brain Injury Program – Spectrum Health/Any kind of assault. Victims of DV who have a head injury can utilize this program.
- d. Violence Against Women Newsletter – you can sign up to be on the news list. Contact Herb Tanner by email at: tannerh2@michigan.gov.
- e. Men Celebrating International Women’s Day – Our team should try to get an article in the GR Press
- f. Vagina Monologues – February 11 – 13th at Allendale campus. Go to the GVSU Women’s Center website for more information.
- g. Carleen Grassmid announced the Vision to End Homelessness (within 10 years). Meets at the YWCA. Our team should send someone to be a part of this cause. Contact Carleen for details.
- h. Casey Bond from GVSU Women’s Center announced “Indulge in a Cause” a fundraiser Thursday, Feb. 3rd @ 5 pm, downtown campus. Advance tickets/\$15-20 at the door. Many things up for auction – vacation packages, spa visits, office furniture and more. Live music, free chocolate fountain & many desserts to try. Call GVSU Women’s Center with questions @ 331-2748.
- i. Jennifer Marcum announced she will be attending an International Christian Conference in California dealing with peace and safety in the home.
- j. Anita Droog announced a training “Once can Hurt a Lifetime” a follow up to an earlier seminar sponsored by the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office designed to inform, educate and increase community awareness of sexual assault. Friday, February 4, 2005, 9 AM – 4 PM. Contact Anita Droog at 632-5400 for further detail.

Treasurer’s Report

- a. Jennifer Marcum handed out copies of the latest transactions and balances. Most recently we paid for the production of another 2,000 copies of the Healing Path.

Healing Path (Translation to Spanish)

- a. Deisy Madrigal with the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan has offered to translate the Healing Path into an updated Spanish version! Thank you! We would like to send this to print by the fall of 2005 (around 2,000 copies).

Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner

- a. Late March/Early April – Jim is still trying to pin down a date with GRPD/KCSD.

Lundy Bancroft Training

- a. Dates: September 26th & 27th. Jennifer Marcum has a meeting this week to establish the role CCRT will take in the training.
- b. We must focus on how to best get participation from the community.

CCRT Letterhead

- a. Review, make necessary changes and approve. Two changes are: adding the Children's Assessment Center and changing FIA to Department of Human Resources.
- b. Feedback was given to enlarge the CCRT and put it at the top of the logo with Domestic Violence across the lower part.

Media Training

- a. Our team needs a stronger relationship with the media. Also, it's important to be comfortable and feel confident when being interviewed as we want our content to send a message to the community.
- b. Ideas discussed:
 - Four hour training, possibly after one of our planned monthly meetings that could be held at the Media Center.
 - Dates: April/May (potentially April 28th)
 - Create media packets and begin developing relationships with the media.
 - Establish pre-developed quotes to use in stories run.
 - Ask people to RSVP and open the training up to the sexual assault group.
 - Rosalynn will get a rough draft of Media packets together for everyone to view.

ADT AWARE Program

- a. This is a home security service/program that is a public service developed to help victims of domestic violence.
- b. The service is only open to communities with a collaborative team like ours.
- c. It is free security to victims of assault (typically those at high risk). The woman would start with a danger assessment form and be willing to prosecute/testify and be involved with the court process.

- d. If a line is cut or system is disabled then ADT will send someone out to investigate within 24 hours.
- e. All equipment is donated and installed for free. This includes a pendant for the victim as well.
- f. Web address: www.adt.com
- g. So far, this program has saved 28 victims! It has been around since 1992 and serves 160 cities throughout the nation.
- h. We discussed forming a subcommittee so that our group can continuously monitor the need. Rosalynn will get things started for us and report back.

Website – Update from Cavan Berry

- a. Cavan Berry reported that he needs help getting content together for our website!
- b. Bob from Grandnet wants a decision on the design soon! We discussed a consistent theme (font from Healing Path & letterhead, same logo throughout), and adding pictures from our Kickoff Event.
- c. The subcommittee will meet in early February to work on the content and will report back to the group about decisions made.

Next Meeting – February 24, 2005 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse.