

**DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team**  
**February 22, 2007**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Updates/Announcements**

- a. Dave Pelzer, author of *A Child Called "It"* will speak at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Service to Children Awards on Saturday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at Fountain Street Church – 6 PM Awards Presentation & speaker. For tickets and information call 616-454-4673 (HOPE).
- b. "Another Way Out" Grand Rapids Central City Weed & Seed Initiative – Domestic Violence Conference, Saturday, **March 3, 2007** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Located at the First Christian Reformed Church, 650 Bates SE (near Franklin) Free! Childcare provided. Agenda includes: impact of domestic violence on women & children, coping and awareness, legal perspectives and where to go for help. Contact LuAnn Brown, Site Coordinator at 389-3131 for more information.
- c. Steve Ford, the son of President Gerald & Betty Ford will return to Michigan to help the Center for Women in Transition raise funds for programs that benefit women and children. *Reach for the Stars* – dinner auction on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at Til Midnight in the Baker Lofts building in Holland. Individual tickets are \$100. *Making a Difference* luncheon will be held at Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven at noon on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$25. Steve Ford will be sharing his observations at both events about life in the White House, career & reflections on the past few months on the passing of his father. For more information contact Polly at 616-494-1751 or Mary Louise at 616-494-1756.
- d. Sexual Assault Prevention Program Guide – may be included in family resource guide. Amy Piddington will send the pdf to our webmaster Cavan Berry to be included on our site! Thank you Amy and Cavan!
- e. GVSU Women's Center – Vagina Monologues was a huge success. All three shows were sold out and our own Rosalynn Bliss was recognized as a Warrior! Congratulations Rosalynn! Eve Ensler will be here next February 2008!
- f. Peace Festival was also a huge success!
- g. Safe Haven Ministries – Monday evening, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** is a family & friends event. Contact 452-6664 for more information.
- h. YWCA Safe Connections (Supervised Parenting Time) – delay in program start date due to policy issues with the Federal Grant. Eileen handed out drafts of the working protocol on behalf of Sharon Haner. Brochures are soon to come! Sharon Haner or Eileen McKeever will keep us posted. If you are working with men who batter and fathering skills you can order free materials at [www.endabuse.org/store](http://www.endabuse.org/store).
- i. YWCA Permanent Housing – duplexes are ready! Availability is increasing very soon to 40 units by the end of Spring/beginning of Summer. TBRA apartments are full!
- j. YWCA Circle of Women – **Tuesday, May 8, 2007**. Contact Eileen McKeever for more information.
- k. ADT Program – as of January 2007 we have 16 active programs! We are above the national average. Rosalynn will set a meeting to follow up on progress. Get information regarding this program into the HP.

**Financial Report**

- a. Balance on 12/31/06 - \$5,301.94

**Sub-committee Reports**

- a. **Media sub-committee** – next meeting is **March 22, 2007 @ 11 AM**, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor conference room – 1 hour before our regular meeting time. Those who would like to become part of this sub-committee please join us!  
Amy Piddington to invite Tom from GRCMC to attend.
- b. **DV Awareness Month/Conference Planning Committee**
- Ideas and thoughts for October 2007.
  - Next meeting is Wednesday, **March 14, 2007 – 8 AM** – YWCA on 25 Sheldon. Please park in the back.
- c. **Plans for 2007- New sub-committee for Prevention/Education**
- Dating violence prevention in schools. Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, **March 8, 2007 @ 8:00 AM** at the Child & Family Resource Council located at 118 Commerce SW.
  - Lori VanHarmelen spoke regarding her background (RAVE, started “Girls Matter”, educator in schools, currently working at the CAC, has good connections & rapport with GRPS). Lori recommends that we target elementary, middle, and high schools. There is a great deal of education already in the schools regarding dating violence, yet the funding sources aren’t consistent so we want to focus on a sustainable program.
  - Crystal Richards (Child & Family Resource Council) has researched various programs and presented her findings to the CCRT (“**Break the Cycle**” – target age 12-24 years, “**In Touch with Teens**” – target age 12-19 years, “**Love is not Abuse**” – Liz Claiborne, target grades 9 & 10 – FREE – very specific, “**Safe Dates**” – Model programs for government – Amy Piddington has a copy - target age 12-19, “**The Fourth R**” – this program is great for working with kids. There is a pilot program integrated right into the schools. Students teach each other (and kids are able to best connect with one another). Much research behind this one! Please contact Crystal Richards (intern with Annie Funke) for further detail. Thanks for all your ongoing work and effort. We will put all the information to good use and appreciate the insight.
  - Al Heystack indicated Planned Parenthood has a website called “Teen Wire” where kids can ask questions regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, etc. Maybe the CCRT could train and supervise teens to help other kids. We would educate and train them on appropriate responses.
  - Ashley Nickels indicated RAIN/CWIT/GVSU provides trained ambassadors, students, volunteers on resources and they are working on a program.
  - Michigan Model requirement in schools – March 20, 2007 KISD – training website – to have good presenter. Michigan is updating their programs/mandates. Teachers prefer to have guest speakers come in and present to the students.
  - Girls, Inc. – Anika – Healthy relationships track – focus on empowerment. How can we examine this and get more focused? Invite teens to join.
  - This committee will work with Lori VanHarmelen and get this project started. Crystal Richards has offered to continue the research. This sub-committee will plan, review and make decisions. Please join us on March 8<sup>th</sup> if you wish to participate.

***Discussion time for DV concerns/cases***

- Eileen McKeever indicated that ADT Security does have a Spanish speaking staff member. Landline concerns. When victim calling from cell phone they must immediately provide their location.
- “Beyond Beats & Rhymes” – PBS special - criticism of hip/hop music. Why not examine the words and effects on other types of music like country, etc.? Amy Piddington will try and get a copy of this for us to utilize. Thank you Amy!

**Next Meeting – March 22, 2007 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**