

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
March 24, 2005 Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Introduction and Welcome

Updates/Announcements

- a. April 22, 2005 "Understanding the Intersection of Substance Abuse & Domestic Violence" BISC-MI (Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan) Training at Adrian College. Will Edwards announced the training, featuring Larry Bennett. The training will address substance abuse and domestic violence. Cost is \$85 for non members and \$65 for members (early registration). Rosalyn would really like to see members of CCRT attend this training and report back information shared. Also, save the date for the 10th Annual BISC-MI Conference, November 2nd, 3rd, & 4th 2005. The training will give tools for batterer intervention programs and monitoring & defining success within these programs. For more information go to www.biscmi.org.
- b. Children and Media Film Series – 20-30 minute documentaries on children and violence. If anyone is interested in the film series, Jack Smith is able to attend staff meetings. He will be at the Media Training in May if team members are interested. Rosalynn passed around flyer. For more information go to www.gridd.org.
- c. Articles from Press – Jessica Gonzales case – We will send a letter responding to the recent article in the public pulse/media coverage and its focus on the police, when it should be on domestic violence.
- d. Child Abuse Prevention Kickoff Event - March 31 @ 10 AM – Rosa Parks Circle. Each blue ribbon represents a victim – they will be on display. This is open to the public.
- e. "What about the boys" Presentation by Michael Kimmel at Aquinas College – Wege Center Ballroom. Thursday, April 14th @ 11:30 am. ****Free to CCRT members**** Nokomis offered to purchase tables for the CCRT. Members were asked who could attend so that we can reserve the space. This speaker is highly recommended as he has done much research on men and domestic violence.
- f. Blood Relations - performance at the Civic Theater – run is from April 7-23. Meghan Kirby or Jennifer Marcum to do curtain speech about the CCRT, domestic violence and our role in the community.
- g. Crime Victims Rights Week – 25th Anniversary "Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are," April 10 – 16th. Anita Droog announced a bake sale at the Victim/Witness Unit (5th Flr of Courthouse) Monday, April 11th. April 13th Ceremony in Lansing to acknowledge outstanding advocates.
- h. Kentwood Police Department – Crime Victims Ceremony, April 11, 11:30 – 12:30. Lunch provided. 4742 Walma Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49512. Contact Sharon or Michelle at 656-6627. Service providers are welcome to display agency information. Please contact by 4/4/05.
- i. Silent Observer, Golf Outing – Grand Rapids Elks Lodge on Monday, July 11, 2005 @ 10 am. Tickets are \$150.00 per person/includes dinner.
- j. Domestic Violence Orientation – Safe Haven Ministries, 3501 Lake Eastbrook Blvd. SE, Ste. 335. Dates for 2005: May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15. Time: 6-9 pm. Please RSVP by the Friday before the training at 452-6664. Free parking. Limit group to 20 people. The training includes: videos, handouts and Healing Path discussion.

Website – Update from Cavan Berry <http://kentcountydvcrt.net/>

- a. Cavan Berry tried to show members the new website (due to technical difficulties with Kent Co. we could not view the site until after Cavan left the meeting). CCRT members were eventually able to view the site and were very impressed! Nice job Cavan, Rosalynn & Grand Net!!!! The site looks spectacular! www.grandnet.org/wip/kcdvcrt/site
- b. We still need information regarding:
 - a. Resources for men – **William, Al and Randy** to get information to Cavan
 - b. Resources for survivors/victims/women – **Jen and Eileen** to get information to Cavan
 - c. Medical Resources – **Rosalynn** will follow up with Stephanie Flood
 - d. Spanish speaking services – **Rogelio** offered to take the lead in pulling information together – Rosalynn will send out email requesting information be sent to Rogelio. The Healing Path in Spanish will be posted on the site as soon as it is completed.
 - e. **ALL CCRT MEMBERS – please go to the site and provide feedback.** The temporary site for us to review is www.grandnet.org/wip/kcdvcrt/site
- c. The press release of our new website will go out in May (after the media training – perfect timing!) CCRT members – please review the new site and email your feedback to Cavan (email: cjberry@mlan.net).

Treasurer's Report

- a. Balance as of 3/24/2005 is \$3,975.25

MSU Research Request

- a. **Response for our team was 78%** - thank you to all team members who participated. That means that we will be included in the drawing to win \$1,000.
- b. Surveys were due back to MSU by 3/25/05.
- c. How do members feel about our team? Leadership? Any issues that we haven't touched on? How are we doing?
- d. Feedback on our progress:
 - Good leadership & relationships!
 - Having survivors attend our meetings is valuable.
 - Great men's resources!
 - Need more: medical professionals & professional speakers to attend and educate our team to widen education in the community.

PPO Process

- a. Feedback on turnaround time – the CCRT needs to stay focused on turnaround time it takes victims to obtain a PPO.
- b. Accountability issues – we still need to be concerned about a 7-10 day wait. An example was given where a victim called to find out how long it would take to get a PPO and a new employee within the PPO office told her between 7-10 days. The same new employee told the victim representative that she was trained to tell all victims a standard 7-10 day wait is normal.
- c. Who is responsible for training new employees within the PPO office? Who can we address this concern with? We must acknowledge the overall great job the PPO office has done over the last year and the swiftness in which they addressed our issues last time.

Investigation & Prosecution in DV Cases with Herb Tanner

- a. Jim explained that training with KCSD will be sometime this May. GRPD will likely have a training sometime this fall. The city has an issue paying officers overtime for the training, so we are working with budget constraints.
- b. Herb Tanner will come in for the KCSD May training – which will also be open to GRPD officers if they chose to attend.
- c. Jim will get a more definitive date for us in the next month.

CCRT Letterhead

- a. Rosalynn asked members to decide on getting color copies printed. The team agreed on a professional looking letterhead and decided to print at least 50 copies of colored letterhead.
- b. New members & agencies were addressed – they will be added to the letterhead as another agency represented within the group!

Media Training

- a. May 5th from 12 – 4:30 pm.
- b. Wealthy Street Theater – which has parking in the rear
- c. Rosalynn will start working on the creation of media packets. The packets will be a wealth of information & expertise and drawn from leading experts along with local experts in the community. The packet will include contact information for individuals at the various agencies and their area of expertise, local statistics, pre-stated quotes, tip sheets for the media on how to be sensitive to domestic violence survivors/victims.
- d. As a group, we will learn to respond to the media in the best possible way. We will learn to be confident and comfortable when speaking with members of the media about the agencies we serve. It is important that as a community group we have a solid message to convey. We will practice pre-certified quotes to use along with local statistics – this will empower each member as we will be prepared for unexpected crisis that require our response (domestic homicide, etc). Our goal is to be strong, consistent and a united voice in the community!
- e. CCRT members - please refer the media to Rosalynn or Meghan for response when asked specifically about the CCRT.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR April 28,2005 AT NOON
THE KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOWNTOWN
180 OTTAWA IN THE 5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM.**