

**DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team**  
**April 28, 2005 Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Introduction and Welcome**

**Updates/Announcements**

- a. Feedback on Michael Kimmel Event, "What About the Boys? Masculinity and Risk" – Women & Men in the New Millennium - April 14, 2005. Those that attended said it was a wonderful. Thank you to Nokomis for the opportunity! This event facilitated discussion around our response to radio/media and the negative depiction of women and men. The idea arose to create a template or standard letter to respond to such issues when they occur. We can discuss this more in the future.
- b. Media Training – May 5, 2005 at Wealthy Street Theater, 12 – 4:30 pm. The training is full. This is an exciting opportunity! See below for more follow-up information.
- c. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BISC-MI conference is November 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> ([www.biscmi.org](http://www.biscmi.org)), "From Roots to Wings: The Future of Batterer Intervention Services." This is a three day National Conference in Detroit, Michigan. Cost to be announced. William Edwards passed around flyers for the conference and indicated it is the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference ever!! Part of the conference will address behaviors such as addiction as part of treatment with drug & alcohol abuse – treat both at the same time.
- d. April 22, 2005 "Understanding the Intersection of Substance Abuse & Domestic Violence" BISC-MI (Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan) Training at Adrian College. A few members attended the training and stated it was excellent. We intend to use some of the current data/statistics from this training to update our website on addiction & drug/alcohol abuse.
- e. Our very own Rosalynn Bliss was the recipient of the "Service to Children Award," presented by the Child and Family Resource Council. She was recognized at a ceremony at GVSU on April 19, 2005. Congratulations Rosalynn – we are so proud of you!!!
- f. Crime Victims Rights Week – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are," April 10 – 16<sup>th</sup>. The week was a big success and the Kent County Victim Witness Unit raised over \$1,000 for the Crime Victim Foundation – a fund that helps victims of crime. April 13<sup>th</sup> Ceremony in Lansing that acknowledged outstanding advocates. Jim Benison was a recipient of the Advocate of the Year Award! Congratulations Jim!
- g. Safe Haven Ministries announced their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Scramble/ \$140 per player \*early bird cost (by May 31)\* or \$160. This includes free use of driving range, lunch and dinner, drinks and snack on course & door prizes. Registration deadline July 22, 2005. Call 452-6664 for more information.
- h. YWCA – update on grant received that offers opportunity for CCRT members to receive tutoring in Spanish, brochures, videos, etc. This grant with the Hispanic Center allows for material to be purchased in Spanish – before ordering they would like an idea how many people would use this to establish the need. The YWCA would also like to have CCRT members participate, as well as train their own interns. Contact Carla Blinkhorn at the YWCA for more information.

### **Website – Update from Cavan Berry**

**(Permanent address: [www.kentcountydvcrt.net](http://www.kentcountydvcrt.net))**

- a. Cavan Berry reviewed the new website with members. He indicated there will be a quick escape for victims of abuse. Further ideas/suggestions were made. Please, please get this information to Cavan no later than Wednesday, May 4, 2005. We intend to go live by the end of next week. (Temporary: [www.grandnet.org/wip/kcdvcrt/site](http://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 schools – bullying information – **Faith & Jack**.
  - c. Resources for teens – **Faith**
- c. CCRT members please go to the site and provide feedback. Also, if there is a date you would like added to the calendar, please email Cavan ([cjberry@mlan.net](mailto:cjberry@mlan.net)).

### **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Jennifer Marcum at conference – will review at May meeting.

### **MSU Research Request**

- a. **96%** participation rate in the survey! Thank you to all team members who participated. We will be notified in June about the drawing for the \$1000.

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

- a. Jim Benison was not able to attend the meeting. He did send an update that KCSD is booked for the month of May and they are working on a June date.

### **ADT AWARE Program**

- a. Rosalynn has a meeting set up with ADT representative on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will provide feedback to the team through email or at the next meeting.
- b. Rosalynn met with Vince from ADT to discuss setting up this program in our community. Vince is going to have a conversation with his supervisor and will get back to me after that. Tentatively we decided that Vince would attend either our May or June meeting and do a brief presentation on the AWARE program. Afterwards, we will create a sub-committee to work on this project. This is an exciting program, however there are a number of details that need to be worked out, questions answered and logistics discussed.

### **Media Luncheon/Packets**

- a. Discussed September/October timeframe – no date decided upon. Will discuss again at next meeting.
- b. Location of luncheon/ideas on panelists. Panelists will include members from the CCRT on various topics regarding domestic violence. (NOT THE MEDIA! SORRY TO HAVE CONFUSED ANYONE!). At the next meeting decide upon the members who would make a good panel for the fall luncheon. Members felt the Co-chairs should be the appropriate people to respond to the media when asked directly about the CCRT. The media luncheon will be a luncheon for the media – to come and meet members of the community who work directly in the field of domestic violence, to be educated about domestic violence by our panelists, to be given media packs and to begin to forge a positive relationship with the media.

- c. Rosalynn is working on the creation of media packs – will be looking for feedback in the next few meetings.
- d. There was some confusion as to the reason for this media training. This is a positive opportunity for CCRT members. 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! Again, this is not for the members to be spokespersons for the CCRT – Rosalynn and Meghan will represent the CCRT. This is for each individual, as a professional who works in the field of domestic violence, to be more effective when interacting with the media.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26, 2005 AT NOON AT THE  
KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOWNTOWN AT 180 OTTAWA IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM.**