

## **DHS DV Council Meeting August 16, 2005**

**Members Present:** Theresa Guerrero, Jayne Downing, Sarah McDowell, Mary Oschwald, Julia Olsen, Carol Krager, Lorena Navarez, Ardy Birkmeyer, Kate Blackman, Rhonda Culley, Judy Wahl-Talley, Carri Ramsey, Susan Hughes, Allison Wilson, LeAnn Mederios, Julie Davie, Stephanie Merhib, Naomi Steenson, Bonnie Braeutigam, Ruth Scofield, Jennifer Holland, Kym Lamb

**Assignments:** (1) Carol was asked to distribute electronically to members the final copy of the "Standard's Implementation Sheet"; (2) Jennifer volunteered to put information together for Patricia for DV Awareness month; (3)

### **Updates:**

- "Keeping up the Standards", consider this:
- Include a briefing paper updating on DHS activities across the clusters/programs
- Patricia Feeny to generate a press release
- Carol distributed revised DHS forms DHS7808 and DHS 7809.
- Discussion of "checking your own relationship"/"What is a healthy relationship?" for DHS Central Office folks; especially those who just do DHS business functions and do not get exposure to DV awareness training or DV information. Some more possibilities are: possible presentation or include in Director's Message or Health & Wellness Newsletter.
- Multnomah County is receiving a grant for Gresham office "Safe Start" to help children to do well.
- Carol asked for information to be included in the 2004/05 Briefing sheet. She needs events that have happened across DHS in various programs/grants/videos produced, etc.
- Send in success stories to Staff News.
- Need to send Medical Transportation staff information regarding DV. Need to include them in core training or orientation.
- Carol is developing training on up-front safety for reception/screeners/upfront staff.

### **Bryan Johnson and Barry Kast**

- Bryan thanked the council for their work on the standards.
- Barry will continue as sponsor to the council until a new director appt is made.
- What information does DHS cabinet need from results/work from standards?
- Hold cabinet members accountable.
- How do we connect central office programs that DV is a priority because it is department wide for clients and staff? Staff with Administrative Services/HumanResources.

## Handouts

- Carol distributed a draft copy of “DV Standards Implementation”. She asked for feedback. Suggestions: 1) place on letterhead; 2) Add link to standards to go to safety planning; 3) Place the 6 standards on the back side of this paper; 4) Include web link. **Assignment:** Carol was asked to email the final copy to members.
- “Statewide Intervention Strategies”
- “Oregon’s Unique Approach”

## DV Awareness Month Activities

- Night before the October Council meeting, members do an activity together in town for DV Awareness.
- Members to send in ideas to be placed on the DV webpage.
- Booth in DHS lobby/include “DV Standards”
- Advertise DV Council during October by weekly distribution to staff. (Connect with Patricia Feeny) **Assignment:** Jennifer volunteered to put information together for Patricia.

## Subcommittee Reports

### Standards Subcommittee

- Letter for feedback from survey completed and sent out
- Staff newsletter
- Information Memorandum - waiting for approval
- Test group for pilot project: HR, HS, SPD, VR, S, CW, OMHAS. Feedback from the pilot will need to be analyzed and refined.
- Complete self awareness checklist by next month.

### Training Subcommittee

- Pilot DV providers training
- Training on “Working with Victims”. Jayne is doing the training. Will get feedback on content and follow up. The training is scheduled for September 19.
- 16 out of 23 survey responders wanted standardized modules

### Conference Subcommittee

- Subcommittee is exploring collaborating with OCADSV’s yearly conference.
- Issues: Myth about Men and Money Issues
- Committee needs to prepare a list of issues/proposals from DHS Staff to bring to OCADSV’s conference planning committee. Several subcommittee members plan to attend the October planning session in Portland.

## **Planning for September's Meeting**

- Community partners disclose about negative things
- Invite Hardy Meyers to provide training on Batterer's Intervention
- Team Building: Susan
- Snacks: Stephanie

Mary distributed the video "Tracey's Story" along with a handout.

## **Next meeting:**

September 20, 2005  
4074 Winema Place - Building 53  
Salem, OR 97304  
Upstairs in SDA 3 Conference Room