

# **DHS DV COUNCIL**

**April 18, 2006**

**Present:** Carol Krager; Jayne Downing; Ardy Birkmeyer; Kate Blackman; Rhonda Culley; Dave Flock; Susan Hughes; Carri Ramsey; Sarah McDowell; Lorena Navarez; Carolyn Palacios; Mary Oschwald; Allison Wilson; Bonnie Braeutigam; Julie Davie; Betsy Hoag; Michele Eberle; and Stephanie Merhib.

**Absent:** Theresa Guerrero & Naomi Steenson.

## **Council Assignments:**

- Carolyn will send out electronic link for SPD brochures.
- Carol will send out Self Sufficiency home visit policy.
- Julie will bring appraisals to the next meeting.
- Carolyn will send out dates, places, and time for Domestic Violence Intervention Partnership Team meeting.
- Carolyn will check out room to see how many people it will hold.

## **Committee Assignments:**

### **Team Building:**

Lorena lead a group exercise.

### **Follow-up on assignments:**

### **Status of recruitment for partner positions**

- New members are in attendance. Betsy Hoag from Asante Health Services in Grants Pass and Michele Eberle from Clackamas Women's Services were selected and approved. Ardy will be mentor for Betsy and Dave for Michele.

### **Performance Evaluations training piece—Julie Davie**

- Julie met with Louise: There are no standardized performance evaluations so adding a piece seems problematic.
- **Julie will bring sample appraisals to the next meeting.**

### **Sarah's position**

- Sarah is moving from El Programa Hispano to Raphael House. It was decided that moving to Raphael House will not affect membership with the council as the new job is still within the domestic field.

### **Core Values Acronym:**

- SIRRP: Stewardship; Integrity; Respect; Responsibility; and Professionalism.

### **Letter to judge/news reporter – Stephanie Merhib**

- This is in process: more to come on this.

### **SB 850**

- Carol distributed address confidentiality program issue briefing. Please let Bonnie, Carol, or Morgan Brody know if you see an impact or if you have questions.
- They will start with a small group and grow up to a group of as many as 250. Bonnie commented that WA State found that there weren't large numbers requesting this.
- This is just a preliminary conversation on this issue.

### **Feedback on HR training: Jayne Downing & Carol Krager**

- Mostly HR generalists in this meeting. It went fairly well. They requested the video tape on DV and wanted to pass it around.

### **Native American Youth and Family Center—Tawna Sanchez**

- Jan 2000 began the family healing circle system. DV & Sexual Assault are not part of the history within the Indian community. Because children were sent to boarding schools, they were exposed to violence and did not have family role models.
- They believe that DV is not normal for Indian tribes. They believe that violence within the tribes is mostly an issue of modeling.
- Many people in this area have no interest in involvement with government because many Indian children were taken by government. They have great FEAR of government. This group may struggle with getting people to be involved with DHS.
- The statistics of violence with tribes are higher than the average: 60%-65% of violence against women is from non-native people.

Reservation police may not be able to prosecute non-native peoples or may have only civil authority.

### **Are there things CPS could be doing to better working with the tribes?**

Sometimes our cultural mindset needs to be filtered:

- Animals in the house are very normal
- Sleeping on the floor isn't abnormal
- Not having a lot of food in the house isn't abnormal: they may eat at functions fairly often. They have a Watetcha bowl to take food home from an event.
- Another example: questions may not be immediately answered because their culture tends to wait for the speaker to finish speaking.
- Allison asked for sources of information on cultural differences.
- What they do now may not be traditional, but it may be generational. They speak a lot around traditional treatment versus generational treatment.
- Grande Ronde Indians will be honoring all veterans WWI to present veterans in a ceremony soon.
- People outside of metro area: they will assist with transport. They can help get folks involved with safe shelter here.
- NARA: Native American Rehabilitation and Alcohol program. They are not Portland specific.
- They are in the process of moving.

### **Carri shared a concern:**

On a recent home visit, the batterer was in the home and she ran into him. She felt like she had put the person in jeopardy by being present. Does DHS need to reconsider how they are screening home visits?

### **Committee Chairs Discuss Committees for informational purposes for new council members.**

### **Committee Meetings Report Out:**

1. Training
  - a. Integrate conference consideration in plan
  - b. Finalization of next train-the-trainer session: The next one is disability awareness training. Mid-valley from 1:30 to 5pm on Wed, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Conference:

Incorporate a celebration of the work that people are doing.  
Mary is going to research whether or not there are grants to work on this.

2. Structures  
No report at this time.
3. Communications
  - a. Develop work plan for this new committee
  - b. Coordinate with Patricia Feeney re: communication plan
  - c. They discussed the content of a brochure. Please email Allison or Stephanie with ideas on brochure contents. They are going to attempt to develop a logo.
  - d. They discussed having a joint meeting with point persons (Domestic Violence Intervention Partnership Team). Next meeting will include information on DV & Meth.
  - e. Stephanie will get article and information taken care of before next meeting.
  - f. They want to try and find out what is going on with sexual assault awareness month.
4. Standards
  - a. Meet with Clyde next time
  - b. Discussed home visits. **They are going to contact people regarding announced and unannounced home visits and bring information back to the next meeting.** They took this policy and tried to compare it to the standards.

**Discuss Governor's Council on DV:**

The last public hearing was in Grants Pass. Carol couldn't attend due to health issues. One of the new members was at the public hearing and she shared the following:

- One of Betsy Hoag's clients had an opportunity to testify on her experience with local law enforcement.
- There was a lot of discussion around funding issues.
- In the discussion of what is being done right, one of the DHS offices came up.
- Four survivors spoke.

Facilitator	Rhonda Culley
Team building	Allison Wilson
Education/guests	Project Unica
Snacks	Kate Blackman
Handouts	Mandatory reporting in elder abuse trainings (if they are available) - Stephanie will send electronic brochures. Allison will bring another copy of CPS brochures: they have only changed the font.

**Upcoming meetings of interest:**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Next DHS DV Council Meeting  
 9:00-4:00  
 4074 Winema – SDA 3 Conference Room  
 Salem, OR

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

DV Intervention Partnership Team  
 Roth’s West Salem  
 1130 Wallace Rd. NW  
 Salem, OR 97304  
 8:30-4:30

The June meeting will be at Jayne’s house.