

DHS Domestic Violence Council

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2005

Members Present: Carol Krager, Ruth Scofield, Jayne Downing, Jennifer Holland, Dave Flock, LeAnn Mederios, Kym Lamb, Susan Hughes, Lorena Navarez, Sarah McDowell, Rhonda Culley, Ardy Birkmeyer, Theresa Guerrero, Julia Olsen, Stephanie Merhib

Assignments: (1) Legal Aid Abuse Information Pamphlet–Julie will send out via e-mail to members when complete. (2) Mentorship and Facilitator position descriptions–Kym will bring updated copies to the March meeting. (3) Members to let Kym know by March if they want to stay or resign from being a council member. (4) Training component - (Kym will send out previously brainstormed list of desired trainings and members can give feedback as to which training they would like on the March agenda) (5) Kym will add to the Facilitator position description the duty of reviewing the meeting minutes.

Update on Standards Progress

The draft standards have been presented to:

- T** Family Violence Coordination Council
- T** Governor's Council
- T** E-mailed to DHS Diversity Council
- T** CW Program Managers Meeting
- T** E-mailed to Abuse Workgroup
- T** SDA Manager's Meeting/SS Program Managers Meeting
- T** DHS Human Resources

Governor's Council Update

Carol distributed the February 4 agenda and January 7 meeting minutes and reviewed with the group. Are we addressing clients' barrier issues in our standards? Carol distributed the "Current Measure Status Report for DV and SA Bills".

Vote on Structure Committee Proposals

Voted on Mentorship and Facilitator Duties. Passed. Kym will bring final copies to next meeting.

RoundTable

- T** Discussion around possible budget cuts and the impact to our partners.
- T** Legal Aid is working on new handout around elder abuse–Julie will send out via e-mail to members when complete.

- T** Lane County is doing a community gathering of information around DV curriculum available. Eventually want a protocol around standardized training in community schools. Jayne offered Lane County a courtesy copy of their curriculum.
- T** August 1-4, OCADSV annual conference will be in Pendleton, The conference will focus on how to provide services to traditionally under-served populations.
- T** MVWCS received a grant renewal for women without children to assist with deposits/rent assistance (Marion County only).
- T** Are the standards broad enough to cover all disciplines? Preliminary feedback indicates they may be overly focused on CW and SS.

Sable House Presentation - Deborah Thompson, Executive Director

SABLE - (Safe from Abuse and Battered Living Environment.) The Sable House model is patterned after MVWCS in Salem. They serve Polk County with a total of six employees and 27 volunteer staff. They operate a 24-hour crisis hot line, have a shelter facility (4500 sq feet with a security system. A volunteer lives there full time. They offer support groups/one bilingual for women and one support group for their children. They facilitate a support group in Grand Ronde and are the sex assault responders for Polk Co. They conduct community education in the community. They are funded by grants. They conduct two funding raising events per year. Website - google search for sable house Oregon.

Deborah would like to see a safe client self-evaluation system implemented within DHS. Training is an issue with DHS caseworkers. The more training—the better. Deborah and her staff sometimes need to call caseworkers to advocate for clients they believe are eligible for TA-DVS. Would like to see DHS staff have a more customer service approach. Sable House would be willing to participate in evaluation activities. DV training for CW staff is an issue.

Communication Subcommittee - Dave Flock

- T** Website work on hold waiting for switch over from DHS to DAS.
- T** Newsletter/council page quarterly—how do we tie it back to the standards?

Policy and Practices - Julia

- T** Where does all the feedback go?
- T** Where are the gaps between good policy and practice?
- T** Council will be receiving feedback on the Standards document. The subcommittee will summarize comments and give feedback to Gary Weeks.
- T** Subcommittee will focus on feedback and then do assessment on how various polices across the department measure up to standards.

Council Enhancement Committee - Kym

- T** Jennifer proposed to resign as co-chair and that the Council accept the offer of Jayne to be co-chair (DHS person and partner person as co-chairs was the original design). Accepted.

- T** Members to let Kym know by March if they want to stay or resign from being a council member. **Assignment:** Agenda item for March.
- T** Concern about broader membership representation on Council.

Practice/Training/Workforce Development Subcommittee- Ardy

- T** Subcommittee discussed what kind of additional/future training and method of delivery.
- T** Considering a “train the trainer” (for service providers) approach.
- T** Training suggestion: Netlink (DV 101 challenge)
- T** New registration system for state (learning management system) will provide new opportunities.
- T** Training suggestion: How do staff take care of themselves?

Local Plan Update - Moved to Next Month’s Agenda

Next Meeting: March 15

Location: 4074 Winema Place, Bldg 53
SDA-3 Conference Room
Salem, OR

In the future, Carol will only send a meeting reminder between meetings. LeAnn offered to review the meeting minutes **Assignment:** (This duty needs to be added to facilitator position description)

- T** Standard feedback
- T** Local Plan Update
- T** Membership Discussion
- T** Team Building - Sarah
- T** Training component - (Kym will send out previously brain stormed list of desired trainings and members can give feedback as to which training they would like on the March agenda)
- T** Snacks - Lorena

Addendum: Human Resources gave feedback on potential problem areas in the draft Quality Assurance Standards.