

DHS Domestic Violence Council

November 15, 2005

Facilitator: Carol Krager

Members Present: Carol Krager; Ardy Birkmeyer; Rhonda Culley; Jayne Downing; Dave Flock; Theresa Guerrero; Kym Lamb; Julie Davie; Mary Oschwald; Carri Ramsey; Bonnie Braeutigam; Lorena Navarez; Rebecca Nesbit; and Kate Blackman

Members Absent: Jennifer Holland; Susan Hughes; LeAnn Mederios; Julia Olsen; Stephanie Merhib; Sarah McDowell; and Naomi Steenson.

Team building Activity: Planning for next meeting

I. Sharing:

- There was a great deal of concern regarding upcoming DHS issues including MAA rollout; Layoffs; etc...

II. Nancy Glass presentation on study on health disparities in dv.

- Nancy distributed presentation handouts (included with minutes).

III. Rebecca Nesbit presentation on Americorps

- There are 8 Americorps programs in the State, the one that Rebecca Nesbit headed up was CPSVAWC.
- Americorps places 25 people around the State, they make an 11 month commitment to community service. Volunteers receive an award to use for education and a modest living stipend. CPSVAWC works specifically with DV. To become a host site, they go through a competitive RFP process.
- Volunteers can't replace staff: they have to enhance the agency.
- Council members pointed out that in order to help with community education, volunteers might have to have intense (time-consuming) training
- Children's initiative: get an Americorps volunteer to work on children's issues.
- Maybe a need for a liaison between DHS and partners: someone who can train on services offered by DHS.
- Maybe they need a survey in order to assess the needs. Rebecca handed out Americorps brochures/other information.

Lunch

IV. Follow ups from previous meetings

DV awareness month updates:

- Gresham police chief spoke on DV for a local group and the group gave some of the shelters hygiene packages.
- Carol used “Tracy’s Story” video in a refresher training: People responded well. Many identified their own bias after reviewing the DVD.
- Some areas did right/left activities.
- Kym Lamb: the processing center did something for the first time because she initiated the emphasis.

Emergency action handbook:

- Email from Julie Davies regarding Emergency Action Handbook was discussed. Subcommittee to recommend Kym Lamb, Jayne Downing, & Carol are interested in helping with. This isn’t designed to be a training document: It is supposed to deal with emergencies at hand. This will be added to the January agenda for discussion.

V. Formation of structures committee:

- We need someone to chair this. We have an open partner position. This will be an adhoc committee. Kym Lamb is willing to chair to get the recruitment for the partner position out. Angelica from Marion Legal Services, who attended the last meeting, wanted to apply.

VI. Committee Report outs:

Standards Committee

- Self assessment tool will go out to management and a second version will go out to line staff in SDA 2 Portland office. The committee will help management to deal with survey responses. They hope to assemble data in a couple of weeks. They will use this as a pilot of the survey tool.

Training Committee

- 2nd pilot for DV providers tomorrow: 7 people will attend. It deals with DV and children. Hopefully they can start collaborating with staff.
- They chose the date based on the point person meeting because many providers will be in town for this meeting.
- Feedback from the last training: Many people thought the training was very helpful overall. One woman said she wouldn’t want to train on vicarious traumatization, however most came away with a positive impact.

Conference Committee

- Carol extended response time to December 5th for Allison’s survey.

- They are going to do more collaboration on Groupwise. They intend to do more work with the partners.
- DV Council exists because a director created it. The council needs a sponsor. The new director will need to choose a new sponsor. As soon as Carol has more information, she will distribute it.
- Conference focus would be on helping our staff to learn the concepts necessary to work with survivors.

VII. Upcoming Agenda Items

- The new director will be invited.
- Patricia Feeney will speak.
- Gift exchange: suggested that we all bring something that is not expensive, but it must be homemade. Not by you, necessarily. It could be a craft kit. Dollar limit \$10. Don't forget baked goods are acceptable (like cookies...) Wrap all presents.
- Jayne will provide snacks for the Dec. meeting, but bring a goodie if you want.
- Committee meeting breakouts
- Susan's Draft
- What the council has accomplished this year.
- Committee work: Each committee was supposed to redo their action plan.

VIII. Next Meeting

December 13, 2005

Jaynes house

1085 Church St. NE

Salem, OR

Parking permits required. Jayne will have them for us to pick up.

☺ **Facilitator: Rhonda Culley**

- Team Building: Gift exchange
- Snacks: Jayne will provide
- Lunch: We'll be ordering Pizza
- Guests: Patricia Feeney