

# DHS Domestic Violence Council Minutes

May 17, 2005

**Members Present:** Carol Krager, Jennifer Holland, Ardy Birkmeyer, Rhonda Culley, Jayne Downing, Theresa Guerrero, Susan Hughes, Kym Lamb, LeAnn Mederios, Julia Olsen, Mary Oschwald, Carri Ramsey, Julie Davie, Ruth Scofield, Sarah McDowell, Lorena Navarez

**Assignments:** (1) Ask Ruth to place the DV Council on the Family Allies Network mailing list. (2) Carol will send out a reminder to SDA 2 that non-citizens can receive TA-DVS and don't need a SS#.

**Education:** “In Her Shoes” by Jayne Downing

Simulated domestic violence abuse activity and debriefing.

**Team Building Activity:** Kym Lamb

**Cabinet Presentation Report by Carol Krager:**

Carol, Jayne and Dave were bumped from the DHS cabinet agenda. They will be rescheduled. Draft standards were distributed to the cabinet members.

**Updates:**

- T** *Governor’s Council on DV* - (Handout) Continuing their work on strategic planning. They have a position open on the council.
- T** *DV Council Recruitment* - ten applicants applied for the positions
- T** *Feedback Letter* - No further update.
- T** The Communications Committee drafted a “thank you” letter to Gary Weeks for his support. This was given to him yesterday.
- T** Sarah attended a collaborative summit on immigrant DV victims. They want to bring more people to the table, find what work has already been done, focus on rural areas to increase support for these victims. The work will continue.....Oregon is way ahead of the game in this effort compared to other states. **Assignment:** Carol will send out a reminder to office receptionists that we can waive citizenship status for non-citizens who are victims of domestic violence. No SS# is required.

**Committee Reports:**

- T** *Communication Subcommittee* - Subcommittee wants to set new goals. **Issues:** (1) DV trainings advertisements don’t get over to eastern Oregon staff. (2) Want to discuss better connections with DV point people. (3) Newsletters mail lists. **Assignment:** Ask Ruth to put DV Council on mail lists for these newsletters--FamilyAlliesNetwork--statewide trainings.
- T** *Council Enhancement Subcommittee* - New recruitments to the Council starting in

June: Allison Wilson, CW; Kate Blackman, SPD; Julie Wahl-Talley, HS. Staff leaving: LeAnn, Kym and Jennifer. Do we want Julia to find a replacement from Legal Aid or do we want to open up recruitment for partners? **Consensus:** Open up to all partners and especially encourage poverty practicing legal assistance. (We will need to send response letters to applicants and let them know we will keep their applications on file for one year)

**T** *Policy & Practices Subcommittee* - Next step after standards implementation would be to evaluate policies within DHS. Monitoring/evaluating is another step. Others: non citizen access to TANF, TA/DVS; gather information on practice concerns within Child Welfare. **Recommendation:** The policy and practice subcommittees should combine. Need to assess where the gaps are between policy and practice.

**T** *Practice/Training/Workforce Development Subcommittee* - working on a survey to DV providers statewide regarding the next level of DV trainings to test the waters to see whether they would be interested in doing a train-the-trainer activity to train DHS staff. (Standardized curriculum) Next step is to send out the survey to see what kind of response we get. The policy committee may want to add one or two questions to the survey.

#### **Assignments for Next Meeting:**

**Facilitator:** LeAnn

**Team Building:** Kym

**Education:** N/A

**Snacks:** Julia

**Guests:** Facilitate strategic planning (Sandy Maynard?)

**Agenda Items:**

**T** How many meetings per year?

**T** Evaluation of where we are/where are we going/strategic planning?

**T** Re-evaluate subcommittees/purpose of these committees.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**June 21, 2005**

**9:00-4:00**

**Chemeketa Community College Annex**

**4074 Winema Place**

**Bldg 53 - Upstairs SDA 3 Conference Room**

**Salem**