

DHS DV COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2006
Facilitator: Rhonda Culley

Present: Carol Krager; Jayne Downing; Rhonda Culley; Lorena Navarez; Sarah McDowell; Allison Wilson; Ardy Birkmeyer; Dave Flock; Theresa Guerrero; Susan Hughes; Mary Oswald; Carri Ramsey; Bonnie Braeutigam; Carolyn Palacios; Naomi Steenson; and Stephanie Merhib.

Absent: Bonnie Braeutigam & Julie Davie.

Council Assignments:

- X Mandatory reporting in elder abuse brochures - Stephanie Merhib will bring if they are available.
- X New CPS expectation brochures. Allison Wilson will bring if they are available.
- X Save the date fliers from Theresa Guerrero.

Committee Assignments:

- X Structures committee to look at term limit wording and make corrections to new policy.
- X Who is interested in becoming chair of the communication committee?

I. Child Welfare DVD Presentation Review: Jayne

Jayne reviewed the DVD presentations from Dr. Fernando Mederos – “Accountability and Connection with Abusive Men” – She played sections of the tapes. Her overall response was positive related to concepts of culture, direct and indirect entitlement and focus on victim safety. Some concerns were expressed about use of language and how that can be victim blaming. Bonnie has copies of the DVD’s if anyone wants to review them.

II. American DV Crisis Line

- X Whitney Ziegler/Paula Lucas:
- X Hard to find international child custody lawyers
- X Hague Convention makes women who flee DV situations kidnappers and funds abusers legal bills.
- X There are 4.2 million American civilians registered with US embassies overseas.
- X 41 to 43k women and children abused overseas.
- X Jurisdiction for custody/divorce/alimony/child support is based on your home of habitual residence. No standardization of legal issues in US.
- X Resources:

III. Term Limit Discussion

- X Carol reminded the council that members have the ability to become ex-officio members when they've completed their terms. Ex-officio members can do everything except vote and are not required to be at every meeting. This gives people an opportunity to participate and yet gives the council an opportunity to recruit new members.

Options considered:

1. Keep term limits, but make ex-officio membership a part of the attendance rules.
2. Keep term limits, but leave ex-officio membership as it is.
3. Get rid of term limits altogether and make this a less structured piece of the rules.
4. Build in a percentage of turnovers yearly (say 20%). This would afford a mentorship model. Then they could say if you are going to stay for 2 terms, you have to be ex-officio for a year to mentor a replacement. No structure change to terms required.

Vote: Council decided not to limit the number of terms. Eleven in favor; one opposed; one abstaining. Council goal is to have a 20% turnover annually.

Recruitment to start in summer to fall.

- X Carrie Ramsey will resign in June.
- X Mary Oschwald and Jayne both are willing to be ex-officio at the end of their terms.
- X Dave Flock would like to consider going ex-officio.
- X Carol will talk to sponsor about how DHS recruitment should occur to enhance participation of other DHS clusters.
- X With Jayne becoming ex-officio – we will need to elect a new co-chair.
- X Theresa will continue with partner recruitment efforts.

Other committee business:

- X There is a need for a structures committee. Structures committee chair: Jayne proposed that the co-chair work on the structures committee. This to be listed as one of the responsibilities of the co-chair.
- X Positions with job descriptions: chair/co-chair and heads of committees.
- X Communications committee: Will work with Patricia Feeny. If you're interested in becoming the chair of the Communication committee...notify Carol.

IV. Dr. Goldberg

Introductions

- X Talked to us about his background (caring for low income populations as a physician).
- X Tell him about what we do and what he should do.
- X Jayne said some nice things about DHS. So did Mary, and there was some talk of the complexity of DHS.
- X He seemed very interested in our interconnection with the trauma board.
- X Spoke of consistency and accountability.
- X Committed to confirm the sponsor for us within the next two or three weeks.

V. Committee meetings

No Committee meetings this month.

VI. Follow-ups & Updates

- X Governor's DV Council update
- X Feedback on meeting with HR and upcoming training
- X Jayne & Carol will be doing a 3-hour training for HR generalists. Elements of DV 101 will be covered as well as workplace domestic violence policies and information.

VII. Standards Survey/Self Assessment discussion

- X Committee may want to re-word survey question dealing with needed training such that "no additional training" isn't an option.

Next Meeting: SDA 3 Conference Room – 4074 Winema – Salem, OR

Facilitator	Rhonda Culley
Team building	No volunteers
Education/guests	Conference call
Snacks	Dave Flock
Handouts	*Mandatory reporting in elder abuse brochures (if they are available) - Stephanie will bring. *New CPS expectation brochures. Allison will bring. *Save the date fliers from Teresa

Agenda Items: Committee meetings in the morning; 2 pm Confidentiality conference call.