

DHS DV COUNCIL
Jan. 23, 2007
Facilitator: Betsy Hoag

Present: Betsy Hoag; Ardy Birkmeyer; Carol Krager; Lorena Navarez,; Jayne Downing; Dave Flock; Bonnie Braeutigam; Chris Mallett; Claudia Wilcox; Deborah Godina; Monique Toombs; Vanessa (?)

Absent: Rhonda Culley; Pat Davis; Julie McFarlane; Sarah McDowell, Clyde Saiki; Tina McCollum; Rebecca Nesbit; Stephanie Merhib; Mary Oshwald; Theresa Guerrero; Kate Blackman; Susan Hughes

Assignments:

- April will look to see if the DV library check out process is posted on the web.
- Bonnie will invite someone from CW to do a presentation on the CW Safety Model.
- Betsy will send Claudia a copy of the Josephine County batterer article for the scrapbook.
- Claudia will invite Dianne Lia to talk about the Trauma Policy.
- Lorena will contact Gloria Anderson regarding the Diversity Conference theme.
- Ardy will talk to Deborah about HR policy with regard to DV
- Ardy will write an overview of the thinking around the Diversity Conference and presentation of DV in the Workplace to present to Clyde.
- Ardy will include HR in the planning process surrounding the Diversity Conference.
- Carol will follow up with Xochitl on the Union involvement with the council.
- Carol will approach Health Services on possible council involvement.
- Carol will contact Linda Weight about getting time on the May agenda for the Line Managers' meeting.
- Carol will talk with Clyde regarding involving high level folks from different programs.
- Carol will invite Sybil Hebb to a future council meeting.
- Carol will send an email to the council to see if they have had Anti- Oppression training and what their needs are.

Introductions:

- Introductions were conducted.

Team Building

- Betsy conducted the Team Building Exercise.

Roundtable and Updates:

- An announcement was made that donations are being accepted for Teresa's grandchildren. A card was passed around and signed by members.
- Betsy mentioned that the Office of Mental Health is applying for a grant for violence against women with disabilities. The application is due in mid-February. Four communities will be chosen to access grant funds and multi-disciplined teams will be formed to provide support for women with disabilities.
- Chris from Legal Aid is trying to organize a domestic violence walk/run in Minnow Brown Park on Sept. 10th.
- Illinois Valley Safehouse Alliance will be hiring a 3rd advocate to attend drug court.
- Dave Flock announced that four counties have applied for a Sound Families, Permanent Housing grant through (Myer Trust)
- Claudia mentioned that they are planning a September walk/run as well for National Recovery Month.
- Carol distributed a hand out from Nancy Greenman who completed a literature review of domestic violence related studies.
- Bonnie: State funders participated in an "Equity study" that looked at state administered funds to domestic violence and sexual assault service providers. Currently there are three sources of funding split between two state agencies. They are looking at existing funds and adjusting the allocation formula for program dollars. The formula takes into account the base amount and the per capita rate.
- A discussion was held regarding the DV library and missing videos.
- Bonnie Braeutigam mentioned that she and Diane Avery have completed the March presentation on Domestic Violence for Child Welfare. She distributed an article by Jeffery Edelson.
- Carol announced that the Governor's Council on DV did not meet in December and therefore no update was presented.
- Carol and Jayne are participating in an advisory group for a new batterer intervention committee that looks at Legislative action in regard to statutes.
- The Address Confidentiality Program began Jan. 1st and people are starting to apply for services. An information memo was sent to CAF and SPD staff.
- The draft 2006 Local Domestic Violence Planning matrix was distributed. The matrix details DV services available by district and in the development of a report to the Legislature on DHS DV intervention. Each district was also asked to address areas of success and needed improvement. Carol said that information has yet to be compiled.
- Carol mentioned that she requested that DV Point members submit names of individuals and groups that are doing excellent DV work for recognition

purposes. The Council agreed to completion of certificates of recognitions for those individuals and groups.

- Bonnie discussed the new CW Safety Model and asked members if they wanted an overview presentation. The group confirmed.
- The discussion surrounding the newsletter was tabled and will be included in the February agenda.
- Claudia is working on a DV scrapbook and requested that members provide pictures and other memorabilia.
- Betsy mentioned that a batterer received 32 years in prison in Josephine County.

The Strength to Resist: Beyond Killing Us Softly Video

- The Council watched the video “The Strength to Resist: Beyond Killing Us Softly Video” and subsequently held a discussion. Jayne mentioned that she is borrowing the video.

Trauma Policy for Addictions and Mental Health Division

The new Trauma Policy went out DHS wide and provides requirements for trauma services. A final policy was distributed and focuses on barriers to women with Mental Health issues. The policy is available on the web. Dianne Lia will be invited to speak to the group about the new policy.

Committee Meetings

Training Committee:

Discussed the Diversity Conference and the possible planning of a presentation on the topic of DV in Workplace for Managers. They need to find out about what policies and procedures are already available. They discussed how they could get input from managers and suggested development of a DV video presentation for new managers. It was mentioned that we are waiting for the Governor to sign an executive order that would require all state managers & HR staff to have DV training.

Standards Committee:

They announced that they are in a holding pattern. They met with Clyde in October regarding standards implementation. Carol and Bonnie are scheduled to meet with Clyde next Monday on this topic.

Next Meeting:

Teambuilding: Stephanie

Education: Dianne Lia

Snacks: Kate

Handouts: Jayne – Brochures on how to explain DV to children

Future Agenda Items:

Anti-Oppression Training

EAP presentation

Video – Reunited

CW Safety Model Presentation

Revamp committees

Newsletter

HR presentation on DV responsibilities

Recruitment

Next Meeting:

Feb. 13, 2007

9:00-4:00

Cherry Ave. location