

DHS DV COUNCIL
July 17, 2007
Facilitator: Rhonda Culley

Present: Bonnie Braeutigam; Ardy Birkmeyer; Carol Krager; Betsy Hoag; Susan Hughes; Carri Ramsey, Theresa Guerrero; Dave Flock; Rhonda Culley; Jayne Downing; Deborah Godina; Chris Mallett;

Introductions:

Introductions were conducted.

Follow-up and Updates:

- Jayne gave an update on DAS DV in the Workplace training. The first meeting was DV training. The second meeting was held yesterday and the policy was reviewed. The proposed policy was reviewed by the Governor who will issue an executive order requiring all state managers and HR staff to receive training on DV, sexual assault and stalking. CW will also receive mandatory DV 101 training within their core curriculum.
- Carol gave an update on planning for the Diversity Conference. She announced that we would not be allowed two sessions, as there is not enough space to accommodate. A discussion around the topic of the DV table and whether the focus should be limited to DV in the Workplace.
- Governor's Council on DV: Carol said that a hearing was held in Ashland but she didn't attend. The next meeting will be held conducted as a business meeting in September. The October meeting will be in Madras on Oct 5th. She mentioned that Madras HS in conjunction with Hudson Pro produced a video on childhood sexual assaults called Silent Messages. It will be shown at the next Point Person Meeting on August 23rd.
- Lewis and Clark State College is doing something on family violence prevention. They are calling for proposals and presenters.
- Carri announced that Hood River County was awarded a grant to develop a sexual assault task force.
- Jayne announced that Marion County received a grant for a bilingual court advocate, which will be housed part time in Jaynes office.
- Teresa mentioned that the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is preparing for their conference. An Idaho district attorney will be attendance. Jennifer Talbot is their new co-chair.

Action Items:

- Description of Workshop needs to be developed
- Bio needs to be written for Jane
- Chris will develop a one-pager that includes website references.
- Betsy will develop a little reference card on DV in the workplace.

- Carol will ask Lorena about details of the Diversity Conference and the length of the session.

Child Safety Model

Stacey Daeschner gave an overview of the new Child Safety Model. She gave some background for the changes and explained the catalyst for the change. Policies and procedures were revised to include an emphasis on safety. A procedure manual was also developed. The three big changes are:

- The move from an incident based system to a safety analysis that is an information gathering system.
- From compliance based to change based.
- Risk and well being to safety driven.

Stacey said the obligation for Mandatory Reporters remains the same, as does the 5-day response period after abuse/neglect is reported. However, they do need to provide documentation as to how the child will be kept safe within that time period. Another significant change is that upon receipt of a report all children in the household will be interviewed. Child Welfare has also developed a 16 point safety review for use to appropriately assess child safety.

3 important criteria used to make a safety assessment.

- Is there a safety threat
- Parent / Caregiver can't or won't protect child
- Child is vulnerable to safety issue

2 types of danger are assessed

- Present danger: danger is apparent now
- Impending danger: evidence exists that child will be in danger; needs more research.

Stacey defined the risk factors, which is used to assess the situation:

Is it?

- 1) Out of control
- 2) Observable
- 3) Imminent danger
- 4) Severe
- 5) Vulnerability of child

She explained that once the risk factors pass the safety threshold the child is in danger. Cases are open based on the safety threat to the child, unless there is a protective parent in the household.

If a case is opened then a Child Safety Meeting is held and a safety plan developed. Team Decision Meetings will no longer be held. 3 separate plans are developed and reviewed every 30 days.

- Safety Plan
- Action Plan
- Protective characteristics

Service providers meet every 90 days to assess the situation. Bonnie will be presenting at the Oregon Coalition Conference. If people have suggested topics they should email her.

Patricia Feeny on the Communication Plan

Patricia gave an overview of the strategy used for development of a communication plan. She encouraged the group to build and maintain momentum through expansion of the DV website. She suggested that we make use of the E-subscribe feature that is available, which would include DV tips, FAQ's and dispelling of common myths. The expansion could coincide with the 20th Anniversary of DV Awareness Month. She mentioned that the group should develop 2-3 key messages that we would like to convey. Web requests can be sent to DHS-Web. It was suggested that the handouts be scanned in for posting, for example the Power and Control Wheel. Also, tips should be sought from other program areas like Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug and Child Welfare. Jane volunteered to be the content manager. Susan will work on the draft email announcement about the messages and then send them to the group for feedback. Future email messages will be developed and discussed at each meeting.

Vote for Chair/Co-chair

A discussion was held around the duties and expectations. It was proposed that Rhonda, Betsy and Ardy will Co-chair and split out the duties. One person will be the contact for Clyde. It will be discussed. Council members will take turns acting as facilitator. The group agreed with no objections. Jane volunteered to act as facilitator first beginning in Sept.

Solution Based Planning Piece

A discussion was held on the planning phase of the following 3 projects.

- 1) Recognition
- 2) Diversity Conference
- 3) Communication/marketing

Next Month's Agenda:

- **Team Building** – Vanessa would like us to bring something that reflects our “personal” culture and she would like each person to be prepared to tell her or his story. Why they chose the object? Why is it meaningful about that part of their culture? What did it bring up for them when sharing?
- Anti-oppression training – Vanessa
- Legislative Update – Sybil
- Monthly Message
- Review Susan's draft
- Snacks – Rhonda
- Handouts – FS&C Brochure
- Diversity Conference
- DV Shirts

Action Items:

- Members will send Monique materials for the Diversity Conference table so she can make copies.
- April will send the group copies of the FS&C brochure.
- Stephanie will send April materials on the Neglect Summits to forward to the group.
- Susan will meet with Patricia to discuss the DV website subscriber message.
- Susan will draft the message and then send it out for feedback.
- Ardy will send out the link to the Wiki website.

Next Meeting:

August 21, 2007

District 3 Conference Room