

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 24, 2010
ROOM 14, POTOMAC BUILDING
5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Heather Bauer, Cathy Beck, Sarah Gray, Laura Joyce, Kathy Lacer, Lanny Lancaster, Nancy Luginbill, Kathleen O'Brien, Norma Pipkin, Bob Rezza, Ella May Russell, Sue Sabo, and Elizabeth Schaeffer.

Absent: Tim Cameron, John Helldorfer, Sarah Russell, Christina Taylor and Michael Grimes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen O'Brien at 5:00 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen O'Brien requested Council approval of the January 27, 2010 meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted with changes requested by Kathy Lacer – she is unsure if domestic violence is part of the Public Schools' curriculum. Sue Sabo mentioned that Judge Slade has retired and the minutes should no longer indicate Judge John Slade as absent. The representative from the State's Attorney's Office is Christina Taylor. Nancy Luginbill seconded the motion. Council voted and meeting minutes were approved.

II. Status Reports

Laura Joyce provided the following statistics for the Case Review Team in January;

- Number of clients assisted – 18
- Clients sheltered in hotels – 2
- Clients who sought counseling – 11
- Clients moved to safe housing – 3
- Clients assisted with victim's crime fund – 0
- Clients assisted with VINE registration - 0
- Clients assisted with services needed – 13
- Number of suspects who have come in for anger management assessments – 13

Laura Joyce applauded Cathy Beck, advocate from the Navy Base, for her involvement with Family Advocacy. Kathleen O'Brien asked Cathy Beck if she could provide statistics on the number of cases the Navy Base handles and how they deal with cases on the Navy Base. Cathy will do a presentation at the next meeting.

III. Committee Updates:

Shelter Subcommittee – Lanny asked what type of information would be beneficial for the Council to have. He suggested a quarterly report on how many individuals are in shelter due to domestic violence, how many are sheltered in hotels, and information about why they are in shelter. Kathleen O'Brien also suggested it would be helpful to provide a snapshot of how many lives are being affected, similar to the data that is kept on the homeless. This information could assist in assessing what kind of shelter we have available.

IV. New Business/Discussion

Kathy Lacer provided an update on the health education curriculum and counseling programs in St. Mary's County schools.

Heather Bauer talked about national statistics reporting 11 out of 14 girls have experienced date violence. Kathleen O'Brien would like to see a stronger emphasis be put on dating violence in the high schools. Walden was recently invited to speak on this issue and the number of referrals that came out of that visit was alarming. There is excellent curriculum out there for dating violence.

V. Announcements None

VI. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting: The next FVCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephanie Figeroux, Recording Secretary