

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
August 27, 2008
ROOM 14, GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Tim Cameron, John Helldorfer, Laura Joyce, Nancy Lunginbill, Kathleen Lyon, Ella May Russell, Sue Sabo, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Judge John Slade, Craig Thomas, Julie Yingling, Lt. Mike Thompson..

Absent: Kathleen O'Brien, Christina Taylor, James Tanavage, Rona Harding, Lanny Lancaster, Andree Wells, and Lt. Mike Thompson.

Guests: Heather Bauer, Sheriff's Office, Marguerite Morris, Leah's House.

Recorder: Karen Gates

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Laura Joyce at 5:05 p.m.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Laura Joyce requested Council approval of the July 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes. Judge Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Council voted and meeting minutes were duly approved.

Review/Discussion:

Laura Joyce brought copies of the following information for all members and guests present:

1. Guide to Frederick County News Post Gazette 7-Part Series on domestic violence
 - a. www.fredericknewspost.com/domesticviolence
2. Copy of article Is Domestic Violence 50-50? Getting to the Truth of the Matter, by Joan Dawson
3. Copy of article When Battered Women Stay...Advocacy Beyond Leaving, by Jill Davies June 2008

Fatality Review Committee – No discussion.

Multi-Disciplinary Case Review Team – Review Team met at the beginning of August to discuss 3 cases. Meetings are going well. It was noted that it was helpful to have Social Services present at the meeting. EMR to identify 2 staff members as points of contact.

Work Session : Questions for Court Commissioners

The team discussed with Judge Slade the guidelines used by a Court Commissioner when determining whether an offender should be released before trial or be required to post bail to secure his/her release. The Team still has further questions about the process. Laura Joyce will type up the 11 questions the team came up with to ask the Court Commissioners. It was suggested that the team get a copy of the Commissioners Manual.

Plans/Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 14 at the Governmental Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Gates, Recording Secretary