

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
November 28, 2007
ROOM 14, GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Rona Harding, John Helldorfer, Laura Joyce, Kathleen O'Brien, Sue Sabo, Paula Robinson, Lanny Lancaster, Kathleen Lyon, Kevin McDevitt, Elizabeth Schaffer, Marta Kelsey for Andree Wells, and Julie Yingling for Sheriff Cameron.

Absent: Tim Cameron, Brian Cedar, Ella May Russell, Judge John Slade, James Tanavage, Andree Wells.

Recorder: Kathy Arnold

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen O'Brien at 5:01 p.m.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Kathy O'Brien requested Council approval of the October 24, 2007 Meeting Minutes. Council voted and meeting minutes duly approved.

Review/Discussion:

- Additional Seats - Sue Sabo reported BOCC approval of two additional core seats to the council. Additional Seats will include representatives from the Health Department - Nancy Luginbill and from Parole and Probation - Craig Thomas.
- A Mock Fatality Review will be held at the next meeting scheduled on January 23, 2008. Council agreed to begin the Mock review earlier - at 4:00 pm. Ella May Russell and Craig Thomas recently attended a fatality review in another county.
- Council discussed ways to promote the public awareness campaign in coordination with the upcoming holiday season which typically shows an increase in DV incidents. Kathy O'Brien has received funding to advertise the DV Hotline. The County's PIO, local TV, and radio stations are proving public service announcements on the DV Hotline. Rev. Robinson and Rev. Harding will work with other clergy to distribute posters and place ads in church bulletins. The States Attorney's Office and Courthouse requested posters for their offices. DV posters and pocket cards will be distributed in grocery stores, local bars, hair and nail salons, and women's gyms.
- Judge Abrams discussed concerns with a DV case that does not meet any of other criteria. Julie Yingling suggested issuing a Peace Order for these cases.
- Kathy O'Brien announced the recent national recognition Dave Sergeant has received for his involvement in Lethality and Fatality review programs. Mr. Sergeant was recently interviewed on CNN.
- Lethality Assessment Training – Dave Sergeant will be providing training during the third week of January for Walden Staff and all providers interested in attending.

- Multi-Disciplinary Review Team – Laura Joyce reported poor attendance and would like to get back on track with these meetings. Laura suggested changing the day of the week or time of day for MDRT meetings to allow for more flexibility to accommodate other provider's schedules. The next meeting is not scheduled, however, it will be held within the next two weeks.
- Kathy O'Brien reported the BOCC recently questioning if all DV service providers are on the Council. Core Seats were appointed by the BOCC and do not include all providers, however committees can be formed to include non-council providers. Three Oaks is the lead agency for the Shelter Committee and Kathy suggested getting this committee started with other shelters, i.e., Angels Watch, Leah's House, etc. Lanny Lancaster will contact shelters to obtain representatives to serve on the Shelter Committee as well as obtain census information, services, and turn-away statistics for each shelter. Lanny will report back to council with this information.
- Kathy O'Brien asked council to provide input on the needs and funding to be requested from the BOCC. A presentation will be scheduled with the BOCC and council discussed ways to effectively communicate needs and funding requests.
- Tracking System – Kathy O'Brien reported the State is still in the process of establishing the protocol for data collection. Until this is finalized, the tracking system is on hold.
- Kevin McDevitt discussed concerns with a repeat DV Case, with now three serious incidents of DV, and a possible disconnect with the court system that occurred. After discussion of the case, Judge Abrams suggested that Kevin discuss the case with Becky in the District Court Clerk's Office to prevent this from recurring. Laura Joyce also suggested bringing this case and other similar cases to the MDRT for discussion.
- Sue Sabo welcomed and introduced newly appointed Council Member representative from the Health Department, Nancy Luginbill.

Plans/Next Meeting:

There will be no FVCC meeting in December.

Mock DV Fatality Review is planned for the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 14 at the Governmental Center. Council was reminded to bring their Fatality Review Binders to this meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy Arnold, Recording Secretary