

**FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**November 28, 2012**  
**Potomac Building**  
**5:00 P.M.**

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>
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**Council in Attendance:** Judge Karen Abrams, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Judge Christy Chesser, Kimberly Gregory, Rev. Rona Harding, John Helldorfer, Dr. Kathy O'Brien, Bob Rezza, Ella May Russell, Elizabeth Schaeffer

*Other attendees:* Ashley Croyle, Kristi Larson, Iris Shederick

**Absent:** Judge Karen Abrams, Bella Wright, Libby Blair, Buffy Giddens, Vickie Huss, Laura Joyce, Kathy Lacer, Lanny Lancaster, Sue Sabo

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. October 24, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

**SART:** CSM currently changing security & working with the hospital to set-up a system for reporting and how security issues are handled.

**Child Advocacy:**

Ella May reported that in October there were 8 sexual abuse cases and 10 physical abuse cases. The numbers are just about the same as September, however, the number of incidents in each age group has changed.

**Multidisciplinary Team:**

Iris Shederick reported that they reviewed 3-4 new cases and reviewed past cases at the last MDT's last meeting.

**New Business:**

**Fatality Review:** the MDT (Multidisciplinary Team) will prepare a presentation to review trends in domestic violence cases since there are no lethal domestic violence cases to review. The presentation will be conducted at the January FVCC meeting.

**DV Film:** still have a few more interviews to conduct before the final editing is completed.

**Legislative Review:** Sheriff Tim Cameron provided the "Serving Maryland" proposed legislation that was composed by the University of Baltimore Family Law Clinic from last year to discuss with the FVCC. This proposal was not accepted last year but will be more than likely re-submitted this year. The FVCC discussed the reference to Southern Maryland in the proposal and the validity of the statement that is included on page 6. Sheriff Cameron and Ashley Croyle are in the process of researching the validity. Ashley Croyle did report that St. Mary's County has a 96% success rate in serving TPO's which contradicts the statement included in the proposal. It will more than likely be requested that the reference to Southern Maryland be removed from the proposal as the statement doesn't appear to be correct. Dr. Kathy O'Brien will be providing the proposed legislation at the January FVCC meeting to be reviewed. Dr. O'Brien also reported that the Violence Against Women Act has not been authorized. It passed the Senate but no Congress. It was discussed how vital this act is to not only our area but country wide. It funds several services and grants that if not passed, would eliminate a substantial amount of services provided country wide.

**Community Education Council:** The first meeting did not take place due to scheduling conflicts. The first meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Dec. 4, 2012 at the Walden Sierra located on St. Andrews Church Road. The detail will be distributed via email to the FVCC members.

**Next Meeting / Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 5:00 pm-Potomac Bldg, Room #14

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristan Thomas, Recording Secretary