

DHS DV Council Minutes
April 20, 2010

Present: Choya Adkison-Stevens, Rhonda Culley, Jayne Downing, Therese Hutchinson, Valerie Eames, Chantell Geels, Susan Hughes, Carol Krager, Ralph Lewis, Melissa Erlbaum, Richard Ott, Verona Turner.

Absent: Mickey Serice, Ardy Birkmeyer, Nanci Jarrard, Karen Collette, Pam Briggs, Cheryl O'Neill, Audrey Konold, Julie McFarlane, Angelica Peña, Chris Sielieky, Linda Pursell, and Patti Hurtt.

Introductions:

Choya Adkison-Stevens facilitated the meeting. She opened the meeting by welcoming new members and requested that everyone introduce themselves and describe their job duties.

Carol Krager presented Xochitl Esparza's – POP's (Policy Option Packages):

Carol Krager discussed the CAF Self-Sufficiency Programs Policy Option Packages Concepts and distributed a matrix handout. While keeping in mind there may be a possible revenue shortfall and recognizing the need to have the funding adequate to support the statutes. **Carol requested that everyone review the matrix and send their input to Xochitl Esparza or Carol Krager ASAP.** The current TA-DVS maximum benefit of \$1,200.00 was established in 1992 and has not increased. However, the cost of everything has gone up, All Items Consumer Price Index for U.S. Cities has increased by approximately 50 percent and Oregon's statewide average rent costs have increased by 30 percent since the \$1,200 maximum benefit was established. The proposed solution is to increase the current maximum benefit amount by 50 percent (\$1,800 per family) to adjust for the inflation changes since 1992. Increasing the maximum benefit amount will provide victims the ability to access additional funds needed for costs associated with obtaining safe and affordable housing. Another area of importance is addressing Domestic Violence On-Site Providers and DV infrastructure funding. This option would increase the number of advocates out-stationed in DHS branch offices (both Self-Sufficiency and Child Welfare). Having advocates on-site allows for an immediate response to sometimes life threatening situations and help victimized clients better access available services within the community and may reduce the number of children in families where there is domestic violence requiring placement by child welfare. Grants for infrastructure would be provided to non-profit domestic and sexual violence service providers statewide through grants based on a specific need related to infrastructure. Special consideration will be given to those providers who are able to meet the needs of domestic violence victims who may have specific needs relative to cultural, ethnic and/or disability accommodations.

Round Table:

The Domestic Violence Council discussed the appointment of a new facilitator. It was unanimously agreed that Choya Adkison-Stevens will continue to serve as the facilitator for another six months.

Gov Space:

It was decided by the DV Council to use the over-view tool that is posted on line, to navigate the Gov Space web site. If we still have questions then we will invite Heather to return again, to present another review.

Attendance Issues:

The council discussed the attendance issues of DV Council members. It was decided by the council to more closely follow the DHS DV Council guidelines and structure document that have been adopted by the DV Council for all members.

Jayne Downing - Different Types of Violence:

Jayne Downing discussed the difference types of violence. There are four types of Intimate Partner Violence.

1. Coercive-Controlling Violence is described as a pattern of behavior that is used to maintain power and control over an intimate partner. This is most often used by male perpetrators against female victims. Includes the use of threats, force, emotional abuse, and other tactics (intimidation, isolation, blaming, using the children and economic abuse). The major psychological effects of Coercive Controlling Violence are fear and anxiety.
2. Violent Resistance Violence takes place as an immediate reaction to an assault and is intended primarily to protect oneself or others from injury. Women use Violent Resistance to defend themselves against attacks from their intimate partners. In some cases Violent Resistance may meet the legal definition of self-defense. Do not encourage the use of the self-defense measure as it may result in arrest or sustaining a very serious injury.
3. Situational Couple Violence is the most common type of physical violence in the general population of married and cohabitating partners. Violence is perpetrated by partners, mutual combat and situational couple violence. It is less likely to escalate over time and more likely to stop after separation. Fear of the partner is not characteristic.
4. Separation-Instigated Violence involves isolated acts of violence perpetrated by either a man or woman reacting to stress during separation, divorce and its aftermath in a relationship that has not otherwise been characterized by violence or coercive control. Incidents include sudden lashing out, throwing objects at the partner, destroying property, brandishing a weapon and ramming/sideswiping the partner's car or that of his/her lover. It is unlikely occur again and protection orders result in compliance.

There are two reasons women will leave or remain in an abusive relationship they are:

1. Women will leave an abusive situation because they see the effects it is having on their children.
2. Women will stay in an abusive situation because of the fear of losing their children.

Updates and Follow-up:

- Carol Krager presented an update for Cheryl O’Neill regarding DV 101 training for Child Welfare.
Cheryl and Jen Clark, from Portland State, are updating Child Welfare Training guidelines that will provide Points to gather suggestions for approaches and safety goals. As well as, obtain a better understanding of the Child Welfare workers issues and provide resolutions.
- Carol distributed a handout titled Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Number of TANF and SSP MOE Families with a Domestic Violence Exceptions for Fiscal Year 2008. This information listed the State name and the Families with a DV Waiver and showed that Oregon leads the number of TANF Family Violence Option (FVO) waivers in the US. Oregon families with DV waivers is 10.35 percent of the families used in the all families rate with Kansas being the closest State to Oregon with 7.39%. The US rate is 0.66%.
- Carol stated our goal, as outlined in the standards, is to insure domestic violence training would be provided to everyone that provides services to the state and the requirement written in all contracts. This issue was discussed with contracts; they will start with the JOBS contracts. In order for this to happen we need an avenue for the people to obtain training. This is moving forwards and we are planning to start with the DAS training, the information is available without cost. The verbiage will appear in contracts beginning the end of this biennium.
- Visit the legislative web site to read about House Bill 3396 Senate bill 999. Oregon has passed this new law that allows veterans to receive a diversion for some sexual assault and DV crimes.

**Jayne Downing’s DAS Training Schedule
Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse and Stalking in the Workplace
For Managers, Supervisors and HR Staff
(Register thru DAS site)**

DATE	TIME / PLACE
Tuesday, June 8, 2010	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Salem
	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Virtual

Workplace Effects of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in the Workplace Training

- Required Training for Managers, Supervisors & Human Resource Staff:

Part 1

Course: *DHS/DAS Domestic Violence Awareness Managers Training Part 1 – Course Number CO1478 – aka - Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in the Workplace Training*

Instructor: Jayne Downing

Date	Time	Location	Capacity
June 29	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Dept. of Consumer & Business Services/Labor & Industries Building 350 Winter St. NE, Salem, OR 97301	150
July 16	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm		150
Aug 26	10:00 am to 12:00 pm		150
Sept 2	10:00 am to 12:00 pm		150
Oct 21	10:00 am to 12:00 pm		150
Nov 9	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Employment Dept. Administration Building 875 Union St. NE, Salem, OR 97311	150

Registration: DHS Learning Center

https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us/kc/login/login.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&strUrl=http://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us/Default.asp

Part 2

Course: *DHS/DAS Domestic Violence Policy Managers Training Part 2 – Course Number CO1011 – aka – DAS Workplace Effects of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Policy - 50.010.04*

Instructor: On-line Course

Registration: DHS Learning Center

https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us/kc/login/login.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&strUrl=http://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us/Default.asp

Assignments:

Important Notice for Everyone: The DHS DV Council – Action Item Matrix has been emailed to everyone. This is the new process we discussed at the last meeting. It will provide everyone with a list of Action Items containing the name of the person(s) assigned to each task much faster.

Planning for the next meeting

- Watch the video “What a girl wants.”
- Valerie Eames would like to show a video titled “Older Mothers & Abusive Adult Sons”
- Look at emergency funding piece for other divisions
- Put together a message for Supervisors, Managers and HR Staff to go to mandatory training.

Future Presentations

- Invite Brad Avakian to present at a future meeting
- Cheryl will invite Mary Williams DOJ to present at a future meeting
- Invite a representative from the State Library.
- Lisa Millett present the drafted DV Fatality Review guidelines.

Facilitator: Choya Adkison-Stevens

Team Building:

Snacks: Carol Krager will bring snacks

Next meeting:

May 18, 2010 – From 9:00-3:30

4074 Winema Place – Salem, OR

Building 53 – Upstairs in D3 conference room