

DHS DV Council Minutes
May 18, 2010

Present: Choya Adkison-Stevens, Karen Collette, Rhonda Culley, Jayne Downing, Valerie Eames, Melissa Erlbaum, Chantell Geels, Therese Hutchinson, Carol Krager, Ralph Lewis, Julie McFarlane, Cheryl O'Neill, Richard Ott, Linda Pursell, Robert Silanis and Verona Turner.

Absent: Mickey Serice, Ardy Birkmeyer, Pam Briggs, Susan Hughes, Patti Hurtt, Nanci Jarrard, Audrey Konold, Angelica Peña, and Chris Sielieky.

Introductions:

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

Updates and follow-up:

Carol stated the District Managers had discussed the groups they were involved with and realized they were not involved in DV. Carol and Cheryl will have a telephone conference with Mickey Serice, Marge Reinhardt, Jerry Burns, Rene DuBoise and others to discuss how to become more connected with the District Managers and report on the DHS DV Council's supportive efforts that are already in place.

Chantell attended the "Sexual Assault Task Force Conference. She felt the presentation provided informative and very valuable information. The National Crime Victim Law Institute will help victims find pro-bono lawyers. Their website can be located by using google search. Chris Wilson is from Portland, he was one of the speakers at this event. Chris advised that victims should obtain their own lawyer. Chris Wilson will do presentations at no charge, he is a licensed Psychologist, and his telephone number is 503-887-9663. Chris works at the Coffee Creek Women's prison. Russell Strand was the keynote speaker and he was excellent. Russell has taught at a Military Academy for years. Russell explained how traumatic events make the memory shut down, as the brain is focused on surviving. The survivor mode is to freeze, fight or run. Research has shown if a person is repeatedly subjected to traumatic exposures the brain becomes traumatized and is unable to process trauma and immediately goes into fight or flight mode.

Julie McFarlane gave an update on the Fatality Review Proposal. The DHS Directors Office requested that the PHD draft a State Wide Fatality Review Protocol. The Draft Protocol was then sent to the Directors Office and may be part

of a larger DV proposal that may be shared with the Governor's Office. Jayne Downing said that communicating the proposal to the Governors Office has been delayed, but it should happen soon and then there will be more information. When the time is appropriate the Council discussed inviting Lisa Millett to come to one of our meetings to present on the DV Fatality Review guidelines.

Jayne's committee (Jayne, Valerie, Cheryl, Nanci) missed the April 15th deadline to present the Key Performance Measures to be submitted to the April 2010 Legislature. They will report back to this group at the next meeting, June 15, 2010.

Nanci Jarrard has submitted her resignation to the DHS DV Council.

Lunch break has been changed back to one hour.

Melissa Erlbaum announced the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has posted a job opening for a DV Coordinator.

Needs and funding for DV Victims:

TA-DVS provides funding for DV victims, if there are children in the household. At one time, there was a "Special Needs Payment" for Adults over 65 or Adults w/Disabilities. However, since 2003 they have not been doing many of these and due to the extreme economy there is not money in the current budget. We have appointed a sub-committee to draft a proposal and a plan to fill this need for help. The sub-committee is Valerie, Chantell, Ralph and Carol. They will write a proposal for "Survivor Funds for Adults over 65 or Adults w/Disabilities" and bring it to the DHS DV Council meeting be reviewed.

Concerns regarding article "Why do Men Batter?"

An email was received criticizing the article "Why do Men Batter?" This was posted on our website. Chris Huffine responded to the email with a very well written explanation answering why the article was approved to be published on our website. A proposal was made that the Council develop guidelines or criteria for what articles should be posted on our website.

Movie "Older Mothers & Abusive Sons":

Valerie Eames brought the video "Older Mothers & Abusive Sons" which was shown at our meeting. The video interviewed mothers that have their grown sons living with them in their homes. Each situation was different but ultimately all experienced power and control, fear, verbal abuse and mental abuse issues. With help and counseling each mother became stronger and realized they were enabling their sons and made the changes in their daily lives to end the abusive relationships with their sons.

Review Current Practices and Standards for Cabinet Presentation:

Carol separated the Current Practices and Standards making two companion documents. The Standards are on Gov Space. The Current Practices are not on Gov Space. Chantell and Richard will include Workplace effects of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in the Workplace Training in their presentation to the Cabinet. Thru a group discussion the Current Practice and Standards were reviewed and changes to the document were made.

Message to Promote Mandatory Managers Training:

Richard Ott will draft an email to Dr. Goldberg requesting his support in promoting the Mandatory Managers Training. Jayne and Choya will assist Richard by reviewing the email draft.

Movie: “What a Girl Wants” and discussion:

Jayne Downing brought the video “What a Girl Wants” which was shown at our meeting. We reviewed this movie to evaluate the content to see if it was appropriate to be shown to teenage girls. The consensus of the group was, it would be appropriate for PG-13 audiences and would be a good tool for a facilitated discussion. Also, we could screen this video with a HR person in CAF in order to show the video next year for “Take your child to work day”.

Planning for the next meeting :

- Robert Salinas requested the assistance of the DV Council to review the “All Hazard Operation Policy Desk Manual and draft a document to be used in the handbook as a guide on how to handle DV in the workplace.
- We need to work on the recruitment plan to fill the two open positions on the DHS DV Council. (One partner position and one DHS position.)
- The recruitment documents have been placed on Gov Space.

- **Future Presentations**
- Jayne will invite Brad Avakian to present at the June meeting.
- Cheryl will invite Mary Williams DOJ to present at a July meeting.
- Invite Lisa Millett to present DV Fatality Review guidelines when they are finalized.

Facilitator: Choya Adkison-Stevens

Team Building:

Snacks: Therese Hutchinson and Melissa Erlbaum

Next meeting:

June 15, 2010 – From 9:00-3:30

4074 Winema Place – Salem, OR

Building 53 – Upstairs in D3 conference room