



DVCCRT Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 29, 2019

Present: Tara Aday, Anna Solomon, Brandy Jacobs, Suzanne Katerberg, Mat Klemp, Cara Dirkmarat, Miranda Sexton, Ericka Hayes, Charlie Campbell, Eileen McKeever, Kathy S, Andrea Inostroza, Rosa, Aaron Toffoli, Al Haystack, Traci Schenkel (unsure of last name spelling)

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Agenda Items

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review of May Minutes**
- 3. Agency Presentations**
 - a. DART**
 - i.** Currently serving primarily GRPD population, but open to receiving calls from other jurisdictions
 - ii.** Irene and Karen split the day shift from 7a-12pm (M-F); night shift goes from 5p-11:30pm all days
 - iii.** Offer an array of supplemental resources: pantry, court accompaniment, connection to other DV services
 - iv.** Hotel voucher: criteria is that there must be a police report and/or co-operating either with police or DV agency; currently have vouchers available; transportation assistance to apts.
 - b. Support Group for Latina Community**
 - i.** Andrea, Rosa and Kathy presented on their efforts
 - ii.** Andrea has been meeting with a group of women out of the Southwest Community Campus; so far, it has been successful; currently working through trying to find a location, especially during the summer. Safe Haven and the YWCA has offered their spaces and are engaging in ongoing communication. Andrea expressed concern about transportation/location barriers for the individuals she is working with
 - iii.** Andrea discussed a recent case where an individual had reached out to SHM for shelter and they were full. Andrea expressed her frustration. Tara from Safe Haven let her know that even if SHM is full, they are still willing to work with a

client. Suzanne from the YWCA also spoke on the ongoing commitment the YWCA has to work with Andrea.

4. Case Review/ Case Consultation

- a. Suzanne from the YWCA spoke about efforts happening in regards to sexual violence in Kent County; currently a small group getting together to review gaps in service and create a more concerted effort to connect victims to resources
 - b. Group discussed the value of a similar model for the DVCCRT
 - c. Suzanne recommended looking at a model the Minnesota Coalition created to achieve similar goals.
 - d. Small group decided that they would be open to forming a smaller work group to examine implementation:
 - i. Mat
 - ii. Eileen
 - iii. Ericka
 - iv. Kara Dirkmaat
 - v. Anna
 - vi. Brandi
 - vii. Angelica
 - viii. Val
5. Financial update: \$268.90 currently in account
6. Kara from DART provided a brief update, based on her previous experiences, of sentencing and treatment standards for DV offenders. Kara stated that treatment greatly differs based on the judge; whereas some courts are more lenient and allow probation to influence treatment more heavily, other judges are much stricter. Kara also stated that DV offenders don't qualify for work release. Kara will do a little more research and continue to report back at the next meeting
7. Confirmed that the October Candlelight Vigil will be October 1 at 7pm at the YWCA
- a. Ericka and Tara will start working on the list
 - b. Tara will create a FB page
 - c. Eileen and Tara will look into food and potentially drink options
8. Misc.
- a. WMPC had to cancel their presentation for June, but will present at August meeting
 - b. July DVCCRT meeting is cancelled
 - c. Al H. made a request that the DVCCRT provide some funding for the support group Andrea spoke about; it was determined to hold off on this because not sure how the bylaws address such an ask.
 - d. Eileen is going to look for the DVCCRT bylaws