



## DVCCRT Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 28, 2018

### Agenda Items

#### Introductions

1. Treasurer vacancy
  - a. Myranda Green with Hope Network volunteered to serve as DVCCRT treasury
  
2. Case Review, Updates and Community Issues
  - a. **July meeting is cancelled! Will revisit location of DVCCRT meeting in August.**
  - b. Alison Mencarelli with VA shared a case regarding a victim of dv who presented to St. Mary's ER with strangulation and stab wounds from an intimate partner. Client was evaluated for mental health concerns and transferred to VA unit in Kalamazoo. Once in Kalamazoo, client was encouraged to obtain forensic exam from the strangulation she had experienced and because she was showing symptoms. Kalamazoo does not perform domestic violence forensic exams without a sexual assault and client was unable to access forensic exam in a timely manner. It would have been helpful for ER department to have thorough knowledge of the resources in Kent Co. to assist victims with obtaining the relevant forensic exams needed.  
Possible training opportunity
  - c. Tara Aday with Safe Haven and Alison will reach out to St. Mary's to explore possible training opportunities
  
3. Agency Updates
  - a. Safe Haven Ministries is seeking applicants for a Residential Program Manager
  - b. Safe Haven Outreach and Prevention trainings can now offer CEU's for their dv trainings. Trainings can be customized to address an agency/organizations unique needs and goals for understanding domestic violence
  - c. Safe Haven has Richard Kessler coming to present on legal climate and options for undocumented individuals and victims seeking asylum, October 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30. Contact Tara, [taday@safehavenministries.org](mailto:taday@safehavenministries.org), if you have interest in attending this training session

#### 4. Agency Presentations

- a. Myranda with Hope Network, Pivot
- b. In-patient crisis programs offered to adults in Grand Rapids-Pivot (16 beds), Robert Brown Center in Holland (6 beds) and expanding to St. Ignace to serve upper Michigan
- c. Typically a 5-6 day treatment facility
- d. Individuals need a mental health diagnosis to access in-patient services-typically through the ER, CMH or Network 180
- e. Outpatient therapy programs serve adults, teens and children across Michigan. Therapists are seeing clients within the first 1-2 weeks of client contact
- f. Hope Network is offering an "Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk" training and dates are still available for July, August and September. This is a 6.5 hour training that offers CEU's at the cost of \$60

#### 5. Noontime Educational Forums and DVAM

- a. October Noontime training: Domestic Violence 201 training
- b. DVCCRT members to engage individuals who may not ordinarily attend DVCCRT but could benefit from the understanding the dynamics of dv, screening, support and resources available
- c. Safe Haven will offer CEU's for this training
- d. Suggested donation from attendees to go toward DVCCRT
- e. DVAM: October 1
  - i. Tara will connect with Pyramid Scheme and Uccellos for donated pizza
  - ii. Aaron to contact City of GR to explore lighting up the bridge
  - iii. Brittany with Safe Haven will create event fb page
  - iv. Format will be same as 2017: 2 hours at Pyramid Scheme, walk to the bridge for candlelight vigil (YWCA as inclement weather back up plan)

