

DHS Domestic Violence Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M
4074 Winema Place, Building 53, District 3 Conference Room
Salem, OR

PRESENT: Pam Briggs, Karen Collette, Rhonda Culley, Jayne Downing, Chantell Geels, Teri Herndon, Susan Hughes, Patti Hurtt, Therese Hutchinson, Nanci Jarrard, Carol Krager, Emilee Coulter-Thompson for Julie McFarlane, Stephanie Merhib, Cheryl O'Neill, Richard Ott, Michelle Reed, Choya Adkison-Stevens, and Verona Turner.

ABSENT: Ardy Birkmeyer, Sara Clark, Angelica Peña, Linda Pursell, Mickey Serice and Chris Sielieky.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Stephanie Merhib facilitated the meeting. Rhonda informed the group that Mickey Serice was attending the Legislature Sessions and could not attend the meeting this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jayne Downing from Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service announced they have just opened Hopes Haven Child Care. This is an emergency childcare center and is conveniently located right behind their office.
- Emilee Coulter-Thompson announced that May is Youth Sexual Health Awareness Month and provided copies of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan for the group to review.
- Choya Adkison-Stevens stated she is a founding board member of SOSSA a group working for Speaking Out On Sibling Sex Abuse. For more information go to their web site www.sossainfo.org.
- Carol presented policy information on domestic violence at the Hispanic network. She also handed out information on the DV Council and encouraged people to visit & consider applying for membership.
- Carol will be presenting information at the workforce meeting on proposed changes in contract language related to domestic violence training. Also, Rhonda will be attending the workforce meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jayne Downing from Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service conducted a presentation on the Workplace Effects of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. To

date she has provided training to Department of Revenue, Department of Corrections, Oregon State Hospital and many state employees around the northwest. She has held some training classes for DAS but it has been limited, which is a surprise because DAS is usually ahead of the game when domestic violence training is involved. Telephone calls on the crisis line have increased tremendously because of Jayne's training. The training was very informative and well received, after her class the participants became more aware of the warning signs of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Individuals have a better understanding of how to help the victim with the resources that are available to protect victims and their families. This is mandatory training for managers, supervisors and human resource staff from the Governors Executive Order 07-17 and the training completion date has been extended until February 2010.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Pat Davis of Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Mental health and Addiction Services conducted a presentation on Trauma. In 1999 a group of concerned individuals from OMHAS began developing a Trauma policy, and in 2002 they created the draft document. The current Trauma policy and Action plan was approved by OMHAS on Valentines Day 2006. Medication is not an appropriate treatment for trauma victims because trauma cannot be medicated away. Therapeutic relationships are healing and take time to develop. A trusting, respectful relationship can help the healing process. Treatment providers must be sensitive, offer support and treatment while communicating and conveying the message "I care, I am here for you" to the individual. This approach promotes the reduction of negative effects on the survivors of trauma and encourages safety and independence.

LINE MANAGERS MEETING:

Carol Krager spoke with field services they have given the DV Council a slot at the Line Managers Meetings on June 16, 17, and 18, 2009. We have a twenty-five minute time slot (1:25 PM to 1:50 PM) to present the DV Council standards. Carol asked for volunteers (one point person and one partner) for each day. Carol volunteered to be the coach.

Date, time and location for each event:

June 16, 2009 1:25 PM to 1:50 PM McKenzie Ctr Eugene, OR	June 17, 2009 1:25 PM to 1:50 PM Mt Mazama Rm Salem, OR	June 18, 2009 1:25 PM to 1:50 PM Self-Sufficiency Program - upstairs Woodburn, OR
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Note: Linda Purcell will be there one of the days.

Everyone that is presenting at the Line Managers Meetings will conference call each other to establish consistency in the presentations.

The following is a list of suggested material:

- Brief statement of who we are & why we are here.
- The standards and the one page overview could be used for the presentation. (Copy of the overview is located on our website)
- Copies of criteria for awards.
- Copies of how the field has implemented the standards (can be found on the disc we distributed to everyone).
- Thank you and “What great work they are doing and ask what can we do to help you get more consistency across the state?”
- What has gone well and what has not while working with local providers and Partners?
- Ask for any issues to take back to the DV Council – not case specific

ACTION ITEMS:

- Diversity Conference – Catholic Charities will do the presentation/Battered Immigrant Women- Sara McClain.
- Nanci Jarrard will contact Sara McClain of Catholic Charities regarding material for the Diversity Conference resource table.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Finalize the Strategic Plan**
- **Finalize the Action Plan**
- **Update on nominations for award**
- **Diversity Conference - resource table discussion**
- **Report out from Line Managers Meeting**
- **Immigration Services**
- **Recognizing Diversity**

Next Meeting:

The next DHS Domestic Council meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2009, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. 4074 Winema Place, Building 53, District 3 Conference Room, Salem, OR.

Facilitator: Stephanie Merhib - Alternate Facilitator; Choya Adkison-Stevens

Team Builder: Susan Hughes

Education/Guests: In Her Shoes (Nanci Jarrard and Choya Adkinson-Stevens)

Snacks: Therese Hutchinson