

**FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**September 26, 2007**  
**ROOM 14, GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**  
**5:00 P.M.**

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>
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Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, John Helldorfer, Laura Joyce, Kathleen O'Brien, Ella May Russell, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Jim Tanavage, Andree Wells, Sue Sabo, Judge John Slade, Paula Robinson, Lanny Lancaster,

Absent: Tim Cameron, Brian Cedar, Rona Harding, Kathleen Lyon

Recorder: Sue Sabo

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen O'Brien at 5:04 p.m.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Kathy O'Brien requested Council approval of the July 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes. Council voted and meeting minutes duly approved.

Review/Discussion:

- Tracking System – Sue Sabo discussed the status of the information tracking system. All changes recommended by the council have been made and the system is ready to use. Kathy O'Brien will bring a recommendation to the next meeting of who should have access to the system. Sue will provide members an instruction sheet on how to access the system and tips on how to use it.
- Fatality Review Committee – Ella May Russell discussed the formulation of the Fatality Review Committee. It was determined that all members of the FVCC would sit on the committee. Binders will be provided at a future meeting with information members would need during such a review.
- Multi-Disciplinary Review Team – Laura Joyce reported the team met last week and continues to meet every 2-3 weeks to review cases and issues relating to the FVCC. She also relayed information about an art exhibit and competition that will be held County-wide as well as dinner to raise funds on October 29.
- Kathy O'Brien relayed to the Committee that the Violence Against Women Act passed, but Representative Steny Hoyer didn't vote for the Act. He replied to an inquiry stating that the reason he voted against the Act was because there were 3 amendments attached to the act that would mean a loss of federal employees.
- Kathy O'Brien also discussed information regarding state funding for domestic violence and that the state only provides 1.6 million dollars for the entire state for at least 20 programs.
- Ella Mae Russell brought to the Committee the request that we add two additional core seats; one from the Health Department and one from Parole and Probation. The Council

voted and approved this request. Sue Sabo will prepare the Resolution and schedule time with the BOCC to request approval.

Plans/Next Meeting:

Finalize who will have access to the Tracking System and continue to review Fatality Review Committee guidelines

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 14 at the Governmental Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sue Sabo, Recording Secretary