

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
January 23, 2013
Potomac Building
5:00 P.M.

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| MEETING MINUTES |
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Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Kimberly Gregory, Vickie Huss, Laura Joyce, Kathy Lacer, Bob Rezza, Ella May Russell, Elizabeth Schaeffer

Other attendees: Ashley Croyle, Sarah Ruest, Kristi Larson, Cathy Beck, Iris Shedrick, Mauena Smith

Absent: Bella Wright, Libby Blair, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Judge Christy Chesser, Buffy Giddens, Rona Harding, John Helldorfer, Vickie Huss, Lanny Lancaster, Dr. Kathy O'Brien, Sue Sabo

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:0 p.m. November 28, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

SART: conducting monthly meetings. The attendance is good and there have been some changes in membership.

Child Advocacy:

Ella May provided a handout of the number of CAC cases. The information is as follows: October-8 sexual abuse and 10 physical, November-4 sexual abuse and 13 physical abuse, December-5 sexual abuse and 11 physical abuse cases.

Multidisciplinary Team:

At the most recent monthly meeting 2-4 new cases were reviewed and 2-8 previous cases were reviewed.

Lethality Report:

18 lethality assessments were completed in December which is about the same as last year. Additionally, the monthly average is about the same as well.

New Business:

In lieu of a fatality review, Laura Joyce presented information regarding the Trends in St. Mary's County Domestic Violence Cases in 2012. The packet of information was reviewed by the council and discussed how to decrease denial of services. It was suggested to use social media for partnerships with other agencies as well to gain research information. It was also suggested that the council break each category down that's included in the presentation and team up with solutions for each (i.e. financial issues, education issues, etc.). It was discussed that the Family Violence Coordinating Council meetings should be marketed more.

Laura Joyce notified the council that an election needs to be held at the next meeting. She also explained that there needs to be a nominating committee as part of the election process and has asked for volunteers.

Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm-Potomac Bldg, Room #14

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristan Thomas, Recording Secretary