

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 27, 2013
Potomac Building
5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Kimberly Gregory, Buffy Giddens, John Helldorfer, Vickie Huss, Laura Joyce, Kathy Lacer, Dr. Kathy O'Brien, Bob Rezza, Ella May Russell, Elizabeth Schaeffer

Other attendees: Ashley Croyle, Kristi Larson, Iris Shedrick

Absent: Bella Wright, Libby Blair, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Judge Christy Chesser, Rona Harding, Lanny Lancaster, Sue Sabo

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. January 23, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

SART: no report

Child Advocacy:

Statistics for the past year were reviewed and the numbers have stayed the same. However, the number of boys abused has gone up. Reports: Sexual Abuse cases- Ages 0-6yrs: 4 cases and Ages 7-12yrs-3 cases; Physical Abuse cases-Ages 0-6yrs: 6 cases, Ages 7-12yrs-4 cases & Ages 13-18yrs-2 cases.

Multidisciplinary Team:

Team has met two times since the last FVCC meeting. Reviewed 3-5 new cases each meeting.

Lethality Report:

16 lethality screens completed in January

Fatality Review:

Has not reviewed the most recent case of fatality due to abuse because there is still an active investigation into the case.

New Business:

Dr. Kathy O'Brien provided a transcript of the DV film for the council to review. The council discussed different approaches of community education on domestic violence such as Facebook. It was suggested that daily posts with information and links to other resources would be posted on the DV Facebook page if created.

The council discussed elections of council members. Dr. Kathy O'Brien spoke with the county attorney regarding elections. It was recommended that the council needs to create a process for elections. The council should either create a nominating committee or amend the by-laws. It was moved and approved that a nominating committee be formed. The nominating committee consists of Bob Rezza, Ella Mae Russell and Buffy Giddens. It was further discussed the elections will be held at the April meeting.

Additional topics discussed at the FVCC meeting were that Rona Harding has submitted her letter of resignation as well as John Helldorfer. The Commission for Women invited the council to co-host a forum to look into affordable housing.

Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 5:00 pm-Potomac Bldg, Room #14

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristan Thomas, Recording Secretary