

**FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**October 26, 2011**  
**Hope Place, Lexington Park**  
**5:00 P.M.**

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>
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**Council in Attendance:** Dr. Kathy O'Brien, , Judge Karen Abrams, Laura Joyce, Kathy Lacer, Ella May Russell, Ashley Croyle, John Helldorfer, Lanny Lancaster, Bob Rezza, Krisanne Bentley, Sue Sabo, Buffy Giddens, Kimberly Gregory, Elizabeth Schaeffer

*Other attendees:* Heather Bauer (Walden Sierra)

A significant number of individuals from the community also attended.

**Absent:** Bella Wright, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Rona Harding

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Brien at 5:00 p.m.

The special awareness meeting and reception for community members was held at Walden Sierra's Hope Place in Lexington Park in special recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Members of the Council introduced themselves to the attendees. Dr. O'Brien provided an overview of the Council and its mission and highlighted some of the accomplishments over the past several years. Different Council members also provided an overview of the functions of the subcommittees to include the Case Review Team and the Fatality Review Committee.

Dr. O'Brien provided an informational session about domestic violence and a training presentation entitled "Why Doesn't She Just Leave?". This presentation provided information about the nature of relationship abuse, challenges faced in escaping abuse, misconceptions about domestic violence, and local resources available to victims.

The Council and attendees viewed the initial footage of the domestic violence awareness video project, prepared by Amy Carter (Public Information Office) and Laura Webb (Walden Sierra.)

**II. Next Meeting / Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 5:00 pm-Potomac Bldg, Room #14

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Kristan Thomas, Recording Secretary