

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
September 26, 2012
Potomac Building, Room #14
5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance: Judge Karen Abrams, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Judge Christy Chesser, Kimberly Gregory, Buffy Giddens, Rona Harding, John Helldorfer, Vickie Huss, Lanny Lancaster, Bob Rezza, Ella May Russell, Sue Sabo, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Laura Joyce

Other attendees: Ashley Croyle, Sarah Ruest, Kristi Larson

Absent: Bella Wright, Libby Blair, Kathy Lacer, Heather Bauer, Dr. Kathy O'Brien

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. June 27, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

Child Advocacy:

Ella May reported that between July 1st & August 31st there were 41 cases. There were 25 cases in July and 16 cases in August. The numbers have been consistent.

Lethality Report:

18 lethality screenings were conducted. It was determined that there were 3 high lethality cases this month. The Fatality Review Committee has sent the annual report to the members.

Multidisciplinary Team:

In July, the team reviewed 2 new cases and 6 past cases. In August there were 2 new cases and 6 past cases and in September there were 2 new cases and 7 past cases.

SART:

The annual report with was prepared by MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for Fiscal Year 2012 was distributed to the council members for review.

New Business:

Ella Mae Russell reported that there is a freeze on daycare assistance. Only those receiving temporary assistance have access. However, the daycare assistance does not cover the full cost of the daycare. The person receiving the assistance must still pay a portion. There is also a limited amount of daycare providers as well. This affects the victim's ability to go to court, appointments and work, therefore, making it more difficult to escape a domestic violent situation. They are currently reviewing the lack of affordable daycares, as well as, the amount of information Commissioners should have in order to determine bonds etc.

It was reported that Walden Sierra received a grant to become a trauma informed care organization.

Domestic Violence Film: The production crew has finished the interviews. They are still in the editing process. The film should be ready in the next month or two.

Legislative Review: Laura Joyce provided the agenda final report for the MD Network Against Domestic Violence to the council members. She reviewed some items on the agenda with the council and provided a little background on each, as well as the proposals.

Walden Sierra is participating in the Close Line Project which will be on display Oct 1st – Oct 31st and a reception will be held on Oct. 10th from 5-8pm for Domestic Violence month.

Sheriff Tim Cameron announced that they will be holding an open house on Oct. 20th and any of the council member's organizations are welcome to set-up a display booth.

Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 5:00 pm-Potomac Bldg, Room #14

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristan Thomas, Recording Secretary