

**Fourth Judicial District
Family Violence Coordinating Council
Serving Hennepin County**

MINUTES

1. Welcome – Judge Cutter

2. Approve August 14, 2014 Minutes

Approved.

3. “Domestic Violence as a Human Rights Issue” Presentation – Cheryl Thomas, Women’s Human Rights Attorney and Consultant

Judge Cutter introduced Ms. Thomas as one of 150 women changing the world in 2012 in Newsweek magazine. Cheryl travels internationally to train police, prosecutors, and judges in the area of domestic violence. Ms. Thomas talked about the significance of declaring domestic violence as a human rights issue and how framing domestic violence in that light enhances the attention countries give to the issue and to the elimination of violence against women. She noted that Minnesota is far ahead in the U. S. and the world regarding laws passed. A PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

4. Proposed Legislation – Judge Cutter

FVCC is asked to review the proposed legislation regarding a statutory identifier for intimate partner violence and provide feedback from your agency or department to Judge Cutter via email. Comments or support of the legislation are appreciated.

5. FVCC Bylaws re Voting Members – Referee Moses

The Executive Committee requests any suggestions about bylaws changes that will cause FVCC to be more vibrant in the district and to accomplish goals more efficiently. Attendance is an area of concern. The Executive Committee will make some decisions about changes if warranted.

6. Announcements / Open Forum

- October 3 – Guns and OFPs Brown Bag Training
Liz Richards is the presenter and one CLE credit is offered.
- FVCC Presentations:
 - October 9 – Legislation
 - November 13 – Juvenile Court, Judge Piper
- October 29 – Resource Fair
Agencies are invited to sign up to host a table. 2.5 hour CLE follows the fair with panel discussion regarding what is going on in communities about domestic violence.

- Mid-November – presentation about the intersection of Family and Juvenile courts is planned
- Early November – gun presentations in criminal court, getting forms aligned with processes
- Supervised parenting time or exchanges openings are available

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Future Agenda Items

Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP)

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