



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Family Violence Coordinating Council
October 11, 2018
Minutes

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

Present: Brey, Katie; Chelmo, Patrick; Crockford, Carrie; Folkens, Bruce; Furnstahl, Referee Mike; Garcia, Judge Tamara; Golden, Naomi; Hogan, Elizabeth; Kaul, Ann; Keefe, Amirthini; McNaughton, Lisa; McTigue, Penny; Milgrom, Aaron; Miller, Adam; Morales, Lidia; Nelson, Melynda; Osborne, Erin; Ratner, Rachel; Saunders, Jennifer; Morgan, Stephanie; Twogood, Ben; Urban, Amanda; Wilson, Kate
Guest: Angelica Perez

1. **Welcome:** FVCC Co-chairs Judge Garcia and Referee Furnstahl welcomed the group.
2. **Approve September 13, 2018 Minutes:** Minutes approved as submitted.
3. **MCBW Legislative Update-**Angelica Perez, MCBW Program Manager
Angelica Perez, Program Manager at MCBW presented on 2018 Policy Review. MCBW represents 93 programs providing advocacy and services to domestic violence victims and their families in 87 Minnesota counties. They work to increase public awareness, improve public policy, and increase capacity of those who work directly with domestic violence victims and their families. In 2018, they supported the following initiatives:
 - **HF 2891/SF 2726** which would allow the health department to collect firearm ownership information for the purpose of public health research and policy development,
 - **HF 3311** Sexual Harassment Task Force for the State Capitol,
 - **HF 3375/SF 2768** Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's Task Force, and
 - **HF 4091/ SF 3879** POST Board model policy creation for officer involved domestic violence.

All legislation was vetoed by Governor Dayton as part of a supplemental omnibus budget.

In 2019 MCBW is focusing on funding for: crime victim service; transforming behaviors in relationships; domestic violence and sexual assault prevention; and law enforcement accountability. They are looking at having part of the fees from marriage licenses in Minnesota support a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault prevention fund.

Ms. Perez updated the Council on VAWA. The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) was reauthorized in the House and is awaiting reauthorization from the Senate. FVPSA-funded programs support lifesaving services to domestic violence victims and their children (emergency shelters, crisis hotlines, counseling, etc.) and programs for underserved communities throughout the United States, American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and U.S. territories. VAWA is awaiting reauthorization. Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund federal agencies and prevent a government shutdown that includes VAWA. Funding through is through December 7, 2018. Provisions in VAWA affecting immigrant victims, housing protections, special tribal criminal jurisdiction, and other similar provisions do not require reauthorization and do not expire.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Juvenile-Katie Brey gave a report on behalf of the Juvenile Committee. The resource fair was very successful last week. A survey was sent to all participants to gather vendor reactions and to see if they are interested in participating next year. The report will be available at the November meeting.
- b. Civil-Adam Miller reported that the Civil Committee is looking at upcoming educational opportunities. They had recent trainings from a children's advocate and on child support. They also plan on having another advocate listening session.
- c. Advocates-Rachel Ratner reported that they did not meet and are in a transition period.
- d. Criminal-Jennifer Saunders reported that they are meeting next week. The CLE was successful at the resource fair last week. The speaker from StandPoint was wonderful and they received good feedback. They are talking about having a CLE with Judge Kappelhoff in December about firearms law and DV. They are also looking at DV Treatment Courts around the country.

5. Announcements/Open Forum: All

- Katie reported that next month's meeting is a brainstorming session for 2019. There will be small groups brainstorming on three questions and figuring out goals by the end of each session. The strategic planning session will start at 12:30.
- Amirthini Keefe reported that the DAP executive director resigned at the end of August. They have an interim director and they are soliciting partner feedback either through listening sessions or individual connections with board members. DAP is moving and she will let us know the location at the next meeting.
- Adam Miller reported that Family Court received a new three year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women as part of the Justice for Families program. This grant has a broader scope than previous grants. He said to come to him if you have thoughts or ideas about the grant.

6. Meeting adjourn at 12:49 pm