



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Family Violence Coordinating Council
March 9, 2017 Minutes

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

Present: Avalon, Stephanie; Boswell, Verona; Braun-Lewis, Jackie; Brey, Katie; Chelmo, Patrick; Chowdhury, Rumna; Davis, Robert; Eckberg, Deborah; Fraser, Melissa; Garcia, Judge Tamara; Harp, Ashley; Hoffman, Gretchen; Holton Dimick, Judge Martha; Jacobson, Michelle; Kaul, Ann; Maldonado, Pamela; McNaughton, Lisa; Nelson, Melynda; R., Miranda; Ratner, Rachel; Schwartz, Lori; Taylor, Jennifer; Wilson, Kate.

1. **Welcome and new member introduction:** Judge Holton Dimick and Judge Garcia, Co-Chairs welcomed the group. New members Professor Deb Eckberg, Detective Pat Chelmo, and Sergeant Bob Davis were introduced to the group. Members of the Council also introduced themselves.
2. **Approve February 9, 2017 Minutes:** Minutes approved.
3. **FVCC member profile:** Rumna Chowdhury, Assistant County Attorney, DASC
Rumna Chowdhury, an Assistant County Attorney discussed the work of the Domestic Abuse Service Center. DASC helps with OFP writing, finding housing, and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. One of the strengths of DASC are the many multicultural and bilingual staff. Priority is given to gone on arrival cases. DASC has worked to fill the gap in investigating and prosecuting these cases.
4. **FVCC member profile:** Ashley Harp, OutFront MN
Ashley Harp gave a presentation on OutFront MN. They are marking their 30th anniversary is this year. They are part of a LGBTQ anti-violence coalition. They partner with peer organizations all across the country. They help clients with advocacy, OFPs, HROs, and counseling.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Criminal Committee: Met last month, discussed activities and training they would like to plan the rest of the year. They are working on making a booklet for children as well and hope to make it available to everyone.
 - b. Advocate Committee: No report
 - c. Civil Committee: There will be a brown bag session in June.
 - d. Juvenile Committee: No report other than to mention that animal therapy has been going very well.

6. Announcements / Open Forum:

The annual report and Judge Bernhardson's letters appointing people to committee are on the web.

Judge Holton Dimick asked people if they would be interested in working on case studies at future meetings.

Future presentations/agenda items

Minneapolis Police Department Domestic Assault Unit Review – April 13

Fatality Review Board Annual Report – May 11

MCBW Legislative Update – July 13

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Next meeting: Thursday April 13, 2017.