



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Family Violence Coordinating Council

August 13, 2015 Minutes
Hennepin County Government Center
C1291 Executive Conference Room
12:15 – 1:30 PM

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

Present: Adamson, Karen; Avalon, Stephanie; Boswell, Vernona; Brey, Katie; Diehl, Abbie; Fraser, Melissa; Hawley, Judith; Holton Dimick, Judge Martha; Langenfeld, Tawnie; Pearson, Mona; Rhodes, Brynn; Schneider, Torrie; Snow-Kaster, Christy; White, Sandra.

1. **Approve July 9, 2015 Minutes** – Minutes approved with one edit.
2. **Family Court Enhancement Project Update** – Tawnie Langenfeld
 - FCEP subcommittees continue their work in three focus areas (identifying domestic violence; early neutral evaluations; victim resources).
 - A liaison between Family Court and the native community is posted.
 - Empathy training for court staff is in the planning stages.
 - A second judicial survey is planned.
 - Child Related Relief Order for Protection calendar project will launch in January 2016 with specially trained judicial officers.
3. **Finalize new legislative proposals for next session (review proposed language)– All**
 - **Changes to 518B:** Continued to the September meeting.
 - **Changes to 518.179:** There was discussion about not adding DANCOs as a factor because doing so may support manipulation of the system.
 - **PSI & DV indicator for Intimate partner violence:** Judge Holton Dimick will follow up with Judge Cutter and report back at the September meeting.
4. **FVCC Committee Reports – Committee Chairs**
 - a. **Advocates Committee** – Stephanie Avalon reported the committee met with Amy Walsh Kern to discuss better ways to connect victims with WATCH. Committee members also discussed enforcement and how it differs by community.
 - b. **Civil Committee** – Christy Snow-Kaster reported the committee continues to focus on order for protection court issues. Subcommittee members are planning a September roundtable with the bench to discuss the role of the advocate.
 - c. **Criminal Committee** – Torrie Schneider (for Michelle Jacobson) reported the committee is working on a CLE for stakeholders regarding stalking.
 - d. **Juvenile Committee** – no update.

Future Agenda Items

Infant Court – November 12, 2015

Future Events

FVCC Civil Committee Roundtable – Friday September 25, 2015

FVCC Resource Fair – Wednesday October 28, 2015 (HCGC – PSL)