

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

Present: Avalon, Stephanie; Becker Finn, Jamie; Brey, Katie; Cutter, Judge Elizabeth; Eyal, Christine; Gaasch, Anne; Hoffman, Gretchen for Melissa Fraser; Jacobson, Michelle; Kolb Untinen, Cheryl; Langfellow, Brenda; Milgrom, Aaron; Rhodes, Brynn; Scardigli, Carrie; Schneider, Torrie; Snow Kaster, Christy; Taylor, Jennifer; White Sandra; Willms, Referee Angela

- 1. Approve August 13, 2015 Minutes** – Approved.
- 2. FVCC Executive Committee retreat** – Judge Cutter
The FVCC Executive Committee will review [Bylaws](#) and discuss potential 2016 strategic goals at their upcoming retreat on October 16, 2015. Please send suggested bylaw changes and potential 2016 strategic goals to Katie Brey (Catherine.brey@courts.state.mn.us) by October 9, 2015.
- 3. Domestic Violence Court relocation** – Michelle Jacobson
Domestic Violence Court is moving from the Public Safety Facility to Hennepin County Government Center Courtroom 1159 on Monday September 14, 2015. Michelle is meeting with courtroom clerks new to the calendar on Friday and invited FVCC members to give her feedback they would like passed along. The new courtroom is larger and will be more accommodating for the DV calendar. Pre-trials for non-domestic related misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors and trials will be heard in the courtroom next door. DV calendars will be heard at these times:
9:45 AM DV sentencings; 10:00 AM pre-trials; 1:30 PM arraignments.
- 4. Continue the discussion on new legislative proposals for next session**
 - Judge Cutter reported the IPV indicator proposal is going to Judicial Council on Monday. They will vote at that time on whether to move it forward. Judge Cutter stressed to those present that the proposal goal is to make programming match the offender, not make programming mandatory.
 - Cheryl Kolb Untinen reported that MCBW members will vote soon on whether to support proposed changes to 518.179. If they move forward, Cheryl will bring the proposal to the FVCC for potential endorsement.

5. FVCC Committee reports

Advocates Committee – Stephanie Avalon reported there was a lengthy discussion on orders for protection and that advocates are looking forward to the September 25 roundtable.

Civil Committee – Christy Snow Kaster reported the meeting cancelled.

Criminal Committee – Michelle Jacobson reported they are working on a CLE in conjunction with the October Resource Fair. In addition, they are planning a presentation about stalking with investigator from the Eden Prairie Police Department.

Juvenile Committee – Aaron Milgrom reported they continue to work on logistics for the October Resource Fair. They a county attorney with Child Protection present information on intake process and how the decision is made to proceed with a court action. The county is hiring additional people in the child protection area to facilitate a move away from family assessment.

6. Announcements / Open Forum

- A. The OFP Roundtable is September 25 at the Family Justice Center in room 172.
- RSVP to Brynn Rhodes. Limited seating is still available.
 - If you have specific questions or topics for the bench or advocates, email Christa Snow Kaster at Csnow-kaster@centralmnlegal.org.
- B. Anne Gaasch reported that Family Wise now has a Safe Havens waiting list. Spots are available but not necessarily at times needed by customers.
- C. Christy Kolb Untinen reported that a Huffington Post [article](#) indicated that research shows since 2012 the majority of mass shootings have been initiated as domestic in nature, not the sensationalized stranger shootings we usually read about.
- D. Next month – update on transfer of DV court

7. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

Thursday October 8 2015

Future Agenda Items

Minneapolis Hotspot project update – October 8, 2015

Update on DV Court transfer to new location – October 8, 2015

Infant Court – November 12, 2015

MCBW update on proposed legislation - TBD

Future Events

OFP Roundtable Discussion between the Bench and advocates – Friday September 25, 2015 (FJC Room 172)

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

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