

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

Present: Stephanie Avalon, Vernona Boswell, Katie Brey, Dr. Deborah Eckberg, Melissa Fraser, Referee Michael Furstahl, Judge Tamara Garcia, Michelle Jacobson, Ann Kaul, Aaron Milgrom, Adam Miller, Lidia Morales, Erin Osborne, Rachel Ratner, Jenna Reed, Jennifer Taylor, Michael Weinstein, Kate Wilson.

1. **Welcome:** Michelle Jacobson, FVCC Criminal Committee chair, welcomed the group.
2. **Approve 10/12/17 Minutes:** Minutes approved as submitted.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Advocates Committee: Stephanie Avalon reported that the committee didn't meet recently.
 - b. Civil Committee: Jennifer Taylor reported they met and discussed their goals for this year and their ideas for goals and brown bags meetings for next year.
 - c. Child/Juvenile Committee: Michelle reported they discussed the recently held resource fair.
 - d. Criminal Committee: Michelle Jacobson reported the resource fair was very successful, well attended, and they are beginning to plan again for next year. Their next brown bag luncheon is on 11/16 with the Division of Indian Work. It will be held in room 319 at City Hall and one CLE credit will be offered.
4. **Open Forum/Announcements**
 - a. There was a discussion of calendar restructure changes as of January 2018. The domestic calendar will have a morning pretrial with sentences and first appearances at 1:30. Arraignments are moving to the PSF at 10:30 am. Sentences and pretrial will stay in C1159.
 - b. There was also a discussion of Super Bowl preparation. Calendar reductions will take place the week leading up to the Super Bowl. During the week leading up to the Feb 4 Super Bowl game the court will remain open Monday – Friday from 8AM-4:30PM but calendars will be reduced. In-custody cases and other mandatory hearings will be heard. More information will be provided at the December 14, 2017 meeting.
5. **Strategic Planning**

The group split into smaller groups to discuss strategic planning for FVCC during 2018. Each group was asked to do a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) and use the information to propose 2018 goals. A draft strategic plan will be presented to the full council at the December 14 meeting.

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