



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Family Violence Coordinating Council

November 12, 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; Becker-Finn, Jamie; Boswell, Vernona; Brey, Katie; Clyne, Sarah; Fraser, Melissa; Gaash, Anne; Holton Dimick, Judge Martha; Kolb-Untinen, Cheryl; Langfellow, Brenda; Milgrom, Aaron; Maldonado, Jennifer; Morales, Lydia; Schneider, Torrie; Schwartz, Lori; Snow Kaster, Christy; Taylor, Jennifer; Thunder, Margaret; Weinstein, Michael; White, Sandra; Wilms, Referee Angela

Guests: Moses, Rebekah; Eyal, Christine; Garcia, Liza

1. **Welcome** – Judge Holton Dimick
2. **October 8, 2015 Minutes** – The minutes were approved as written.
3. **MCBW Legislative update** – Rebekah Moses provided an overview of proposed legislative changes for the session that starts in February 2016. (see handout)
4. **Retreat update** – Judge Holton Dimick provided an update on the Executive Committee retreat that was held on October 16, 2015. Executive Committee members:
 - Reviewed and made proposed changes to the bylaws
 - Updated the current strategic plan and established a timeline for the 2016 strategic plan.
 - Members will brainstorm 2016 goals at their November meetings. The FVCC will brainstorm goals at the December meeting and finalize the 2016 Strategic Plan at the January meeting.
 - Reviewed attendance for 2015 per the existing bylaws. FVCC members were contacted to discuss continued membership in 2016.
 - Discussed the relationship between the FVCC and the DV Court Steering Team.
 - A survey will be conducted of both groups and results will be presented at the December meeting.
5. **Discussion and vote on draft amended FVCC Bylaws** – The amended Bylaws passed as written (attached). Bylaws will be available on the FVCC website. Changes include:
 - New format
 - Shall replacing the word *will*.
 - New minimum number of times the Council, the Executive Committee and the four committees are required to meet.
 - Regular committee meeting minutes being taken at the direction of the committee chair.

- Regular committee members selecting the committee chair (versus the FVCC Co-Chairs making that appointment).
 - Deleted the requirement that voting members must attend four consecutive FVCC meetings per year.
- 6. MNCIS review** – Judge Cutter – Continue to December meeting.
- 7. DV Court - new location update** – Judge Cutter - Continue to December meeting. Lydia Morales reported that DV Court has moved to the HCGC from the PSF.
- 8. FVCC Committee Reports** – Committee Chairs
- Advocate** – Stephanie Avalon reported the advocates met October 27th and discussed problems, along with potential solutions, to issues they see on the protection order calendar.
- Civil** – Christy Snow Kaster reported the committee met on October 22nd. They reviewed their 2015 goals and discussed goals for 2016.
- Juvenile** - Referee Angela Wilms reported the committee met and reviewed the outcomes of the recent Resource Fair and CLE.
- Criminal** – Katie Brey reported on behalf of Michelle Jacobson. The committee did not meet this month. Michelle encouraged everyone to attend the December 2nd event, The Use of Technology to Stalk, in the HCGC Auditorium (see attached flyer).
- 9. Announcements / Open Forum**
- Aaron Milgrom announced he is leaving DAP at the end of the month and plans on being in private practice. He will continue on as a member of the FVCC in 2016.
 - Cheryl Kolb-Untinen encouraged everyone to register for and attend the 2016 Cornerstone conference on February 25-26. She introduced Pamela Malvonado, Cornerstone’s new Legal and Support Program Manager. Cheryl has accepted a different position with Cornerstone and Pamela will replace Cheryl on the Council starting in January 2016.
 - Judge Holton Dimick presented Cheryl with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked her for her years of service as a member of the FVCC.

Future Agenda Items

Family Court Enhancement Project update – December 10, 2015
 Strategic planning brainstorming session – December 10, 2015
 Rule 201discussion – December 10, 2015
 Survey results – December 10, 2015
 Finalize 2016 Strategic Plan – January 14, 2016
 Domestic Violence Court Review Hearing study –January 14, 2016
 Infant Court – February 11, 2016

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[http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Hennepin/Family-Violence-Coordinating-Council-\(FVCC\).aspx](http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Hennepin/Family-Violence-Coordinating-Council-(FVCC).aspx)

Use this link to access our Google Calendar of events.

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fvccalendar%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

The Family Violence Coordinating Council Criminal Committee
invite you to attend a FREE training designed to provide criminal justice professionals with
information about:

The Use of Technology to Stalk: The Investigation and Prosecution of Stalking Cases



Presentation: The Use of Technology to Stalk: The Investigation & Prosecution of Stalking Cases

- How Technology has Changed the Investigation & Prosecution of Stalking Cases (1/2 Hour)
 - Presenter: Michelle Jacobson, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
- The Investigation of Stalking Cases (1.5 Hours)
 - Presenter: Detective Mark Gustad, Eden Prairie Police Department

When: Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Registration: 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.
Program: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hennepin County Government Center A-level Auditorium

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, Probation Officers, Advocates, and anyone interested in learning more about this topic.

To Register: Contact Jennifer Guzman at jennifer.guzman@minneapolismn.gov

**Space is limited for the presentation, so please pre-register before November 30, 2015
CLE & POST credits will be sought for the Presentation.**

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2016 Legislative Priorities

MCBW'S PROACTIVE AGENDA

- **ORDER FOR PROTECTION (OFP):**
 - **FILING FEES:** *Issue* Current statute gives the courts discretion to charge respondents a filing fee in Order for Protection (OFP) proceedings, and some district courts are now charging respondents. This creates an unequal system and a due process concern. While petitioners pay nothing to fully engage in the process, respondents are being required to pay, creating a barrier for respondents' opportunity to be heard. *Solution* Amend the Domestic Abuse Act to waive respondent filing fees.
 - **EXTENSIONS:** *Issue* Under current statute, certain limited OFPs can be granted without a hearing, but only if the respondent chooses to waive the right to a hearing. However, an *extension of a limited-relief OFP requires a hearing* – even if the petitioner and respondent do not want a hearing for the limited-relief OFP. *Solution* Allow limited-relief OFPs to be granted after notice and opportunity to be heard, without a hearing requirement.
- **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS):** In response to the Governor's CPS Task Force recommendations and 2015 legislation, DHS is implementing CPS reforms that directly intersect with domestic violence. Further legislation is being considered for the 2016 session. MCBW has convened a CPS workgroup from our membership to help identify and address concerns with implementation, and to monitor and provide input on any future legislation.

EMERGING ISSUES

- **FIREARM SAFETY:** MCBW is concerned about the direct link between access to firearms and domestic violence. On average, 50% of Minnesota DV homicides are committed with a firearm. MCBW supports gathering comprehensive data on DV homicides and firearms usage in order to gain a deeper understanding of the underlying problems and to develop policy solutions that are informed by evidence.
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF BODY CAMERAS:** Data resulting from law enforcement's use of body cameras implicates victim safety and perpetrator accountability. MCBW will monitor and respond to legislation regulating body camera data to ensure victim safety and privacy is a priority.
- **PRISON POPULATION:** MCBW is monitoring the Prison Population Task Force and will respond to policy-related legislation to ensure abusers will be held accountable.
- **REVENGE PORN:** The misuse of technology and non-consensual distribution of images and identifying information are tactics of abusers. Such acts greatly impact victim safety and well-being. MCBW will monitor and respond to any "revenge-porn" legislation.

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Advocates Against Domestic Abuse, Aitkin & Crow Wing
Advocates for Family Peace, Itasca, Northern St. Louis Co
Advocates for Human Rights, International
*Alexandra House, Anoka
*American Indian Community Housing Org., St. Louis, Koochiching, Lake, Cook, Itasca
*Anna Marie's Alliance, Sherburne, Benton, Stearns, Mille Lacs, Wright
AshaUSA, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey
*Asian Women United of MN, Hennepin, Ramsey
Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education, Univ. of MN
Battered Women's Justice Project, National
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, Statewide
Bluff Country Family Resources, Fillmore, Houston
Bois Forte Victim Services, Nett Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis
Breaking Free, Ramsey
*Casa de Esperanza, Hennepin, Ramsey
*Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Brown, Nicollet, Blue Earth, LeSueur, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan, Faribault
Communication Service for the Deaf, Statewide
Community Health Service, Polk, Norman, Clay, Pennington
Community University Health Care Center, Hennepin
*Cornerstone Advocacy Services, Hennepin
Crime Victim Crisis Center, Freeborn
Crisis Resource Center of Steele Co., Steele
Dakota County Attorney's Office, Dakota
Division of Indian Work, Hennepin
Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, St. Louis
Domestic Abuse Project, Hennepin
*Down on Violence Everyday DOVE, White Earth Reservation, Mahnommen, Becker, Clearwater
*Equay Wiigamig, Red Lake Reservation, Beltrami
Family Safety Network of Cass County, Cass
Friends Against Abuse, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods
Gender Violence Institute, Statewide
Global Rights for Women, International
Hands of Hope Resource Center, Morrison, Todd
Headwaters Intervention Center, Hubbard & Clearwater
Hmong American Partnership, Ramsey
Hope Center, Rice
*Hope Coalition, Goodhue
Isaiah's Domestic Violence Task Force, Statewide
*Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, Becker and surrounding area
Lutheran Domestic Violence Initiative, Ramsey
Mahnommen County Victim Services Office, Mahnommen
Marshall County Victim Services, Marshall
Men as Peacemakers, St Louis
*Mid-Minnesota Women's Center, Crow Wing
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Statewide
Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Statewide
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Hennepin
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Dom. Violence, McLeod
*Missions, Inc./Home Free, Hennepin
New Horizons Crisis Center, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Redwood
North Shore Horizons, Lake
*Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety, Beltrami, Cass
Oasis of Love, Hennepin
Outfront Minnesota, Statewide
Pearl Crisis Center, Mille Lacs
Pillsbury United Communities, Hennepin
Praxis International, National
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead, Clay, Wilkin
*Refuge Network, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec
Rivers of Hope, Wright & Sherburne
Ruth's House, Rice
*Safe Avenues, Kandiyohi, Swift, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Renville, Meeker, McLeod
*Safe Haven Shelter, St. Louis, Carlton, Aitkin, Itasca, Lake, Cook, Koochiching
Safe Journey at North Memorial, Hennepin
SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness), Hennepin, Ramsey
Sexual Violence Center, Hennepin, Carver, Scott
*Sojourner Project, Hennepin, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey
Someplace Safe, Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Douglas, Traverse, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wadena
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Southern MN
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, Carver, Scott
Southwest Crisis Center, Noble, Pipestone, Rock, Cottonwood, Jackson
St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention Project, Ramsey
*Tubman, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington
*Violence Intervention Project, Pennington, Polk, Marshall, Kittson, Roseau, Red Lake, Norman
Violence Prevention Center, Cook
WATCH, Hennepin, Ramsey, St Louis
WINDOW, Carlton, Pine & Kanabec
*Women of Nations, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington
*Women's Advocates, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington
Women's Resource Center, Winona
Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Lincoln, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Redwood
*Women's Shelter, Inc., Dodge, Fillmore, Olmsted, Wabasha

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**Emergency Shelter Programs*