

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

Present: Karen Adamson, Stephanie Avalon, Judge Nancy Brasel, Sarah Clyne, Judge Elizabeth Cutter, Ann Gaasch, Liza Garcia, Judge Holton Dimick, Angela Lewis-Dmello, Brenda Langfellow, Aaron Milgrom, Pamela Maldonado, Rachel Ratner, Brynn Rhodes, Torrie Schneider, Lori Schwartz, Christy Snow-Kaster, and Reporting Secretary, Katie Dupay.

1. Welcome

2. Approve January 14, 2016 Minutes – The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Infant Court – Judge Brasel provided an overview of the Infant Court pilot as outlined in the attached PowerPoint presentation. Interested parties are encouraged to observe the hearings which are held on-call every day at noon in the Juvenile Justice Center.

4. FVCC Committee Reports

Criminal Committee: Torrie Schneider, reported the committee reviewed their goals for the upcoming year. The focus is on stalking issues with trainings emphasizing the separate and specific needs of probation and advocates.

Advocate: Stephanie Avalon indicated the committee did not meet this month. However, they are working to arrange speakers for future meeting to inform advocates on issues related to OFPs.

Juvenile Committee: Ann Gaasch promoted the March 8, 2016 brown bag on the Hot Spots project and possibly therapists regarding the domestic abuse project. A reminder email will be distributed.

Civil Committee: Christy Snow-Kaster reported the committee led a round table to improve the quality of communication between advocates and the bench. On April 1, 2016, there will be another round table; this session will focus on the OFP pilot court and discuss how it is going. There will also be a training for advocates regarding the differences between OFP and requesting emergency action in front of a judge (date TBD).

5. Announcements / Open Forum

Trainings:

- The FVCC and the Battered Women’s Justice Project is sponsoring a training, “Domestic Violence: Bridging the Gaps Across the Divisions”, on March 4, 2016 at the Ridgedale Library from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM.
- There are plans for three additional trainings to address domestic violence with a focus on each of the three courts (Family, Juvenile, and Criminal). Flyers will be distributed soon.

Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) will be holding a Happy Hour and Silent Auction event on April 4, 2016 from 4:30PM – 7:00PM. Registration information is available on their website at <https://www.trailblz.info/dap/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=322>.

Future Agenda Items

Finalize 2015 Annual Report – March 10, 2016

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