

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

Present: Lila Bolke, Erica Coy, Carrie Crockford, Tara Ferguson, Elizabeth Hogan, Ann Kaul, Amirthini Keefe, Holly Knight, Rachel Kraker, Siri Lokensgard, Kim Mammedaty, Melynda Nelson, John Phung, Megan Rae, Cece Rude, Jennifer Saunders, Elsa Swenson, Kari Torborg, Michael Weinstein, Maggie Vickerman, Anna Von Reuden

1. Welcome and Updates

Referee Knight welcomed the group.

2. Approve March Meeting Minutes

May meeting minutes were approved.

3. Presentation from Senator Kunesh: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Senator Mary Kunesh presented on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s Task Force in Minnesota, which was created to address high rates of violence against Indigenous women and girls. The MMIW Task force is a broad-based coalition that includes state entities, tribes, resource organizations, and community members. After significant meetings and research, the Task Force made several key findings, including on the root causes of violence against Indigenous women and girls. These root causes include colonialism and historical trauma, racism, sexism, and a lack of culturally responsive healing resources for Indigenous victims/survivors, families, and communities. The work of the MMIW Task Force remains ongoing and there are continued efforts to raise awareness of MMIW injustice, including a list of mandates to help reduce violence against Indigenous women. Senator Kunesh also provided suggestions for ways individuals can take action and help address this issue.

Upcoming meetings: July 14th at 12:15 pm

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