DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for July 1, 2015

The DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee met on July 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the New Castle County Courthouse, Wilmington. Attending the meeting were: Judge Carl C. Danberg, Court of Common Pleas - Chair; Maureen Monagle, Criminal Justice Council, Regina Johnson, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, Kim Williams, CHILD Inc., Pat Kwetkauskie and Ellie Torres, DVCC staff.

Call to Order: Judge Danberg called the meeting to order.

Minutes: There were no revisions to the minutes from April 29, 2015. The minutes, as drafted, were approved.

Old Business:

* Update on Editorial re: Abuse During Pregnancy
	+ Ellie reported that the DVCC Executive Committee reviewed the draft of the editorial. She also noted the Executive Committee determined that the submission of the editorial should be tied to a current event – for example a domestic violence-related homicide which involved a pregnant victim.
	+ There was discussion about preparing additional editorials to have a ready response when high profile national and local domestic violence –related events occur. The Committee also discussed options for signing the editorials. Judge Danberg and Ellie will approach the DVCC Executive Committee to determine how they want future editorials of this nature signed.
* Update on DVCC- generated Training, Education, Events Spreadsheet
	+ There was discussion about establishing an interactive web-based calendar to list future domestic violence-related trainings and events. Moe indicated that the CJC maintains a Google Calendar on their website. She also explained that there is limited detail within the calendar’s links. The Chair requested that Moe ask the Executive Director of the CJC if the domestic violence-related training and events could be added to CJC’s Google Calendar.
* Strategies to facilitate distribution of *Delaware Domestic Violence Resources* posters to agencies and sites that work with children and youth.
	+ Pat reported that she re-contacted school nurses from the middle and charter schools who had not responded to the initial request to display the DV Resources posters. She also contacted one principal from a charter school. These additional contacts resulted in affirmative responses from 5 more middle schools and one high school. The number of schools who agreed to display DV Resources posters was: 39 public middle and charter schools; five high schools, and two elementary schools.

In addition, Pat noted this initiative generated interest in DVCC conducting workshops on healthy relationships for middle school students.

* + Pat also reported Delaware Domestic Violence Resources posters were distributed to:
		- The Cottages (4)
		- 43 public, college and school libraries;
		- 19 Boys & Girls Clubs
		- 7 YMCA’s
* Additional strategies to advance this initiative.
* Judge Danberg reported he contacted the Diocese of Wilmington to obtain outreach information for Catholic Schools in Delaware. There is a new person in the school director’s position. Judge Danberg will reach out to him later in the summer to obtain the listing of Catholic middle and high schools.
* DVCC staff will research contact information for other parochial and private middle and high schools throughout Delaware,
	+ Lastly, Pat noted that the DVCC has exhausted its current supply of DV Resources posters. Once the new posters are available, posters will be sent to Police Athletic League centers throughout the state.
* Public Awareness Campaign – Teen Poster Contest
	+ Discussion about a Teen Poster Contest continued. Pat reported the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence could hold monetary donations for the “prize” money; however because of technical issues the money collected could not be considered for scholarship funds. There was further discussion about the messages posters should communicate. Pat will research the *Love What’s Real* campaign conducted by the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Judge Danberg noted the concept for a Teen Poster Contest should be presented to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council for consideration at its Quarterly Meeting on September 14, 2015.

New Business

* Domestic Violence Prevention Forums in Sussex, Kent, and New Castle Counties
	+ The DVCC will sponsor three Domestic Violence Prevention Forums in cooperation with Christiana Care Community Center of Excellence in Women’s Health (CCEWH). DVCC plans to utilize interactive theatrical skits along with audience and panel discussion during the Forums. Pat reported that the DVCC Immigration Committee is organizing the Forum in Sussex County. This Forum will be conducted in Spanish and the intended audience is the community at large. Aimee String is the DVCC contact person for the Sussex County DV Prevention Forum.

Pat also noted that members for Domestic Violence Prevention Forum Planning Committees in Kent and New Castle Counties are being recruited. Natasha Smith is the DVCC contact person for the Kent County Domestic Violence Prevention Forum and Pat Kwetkauskie is the contact for New Castle County Forum. The NCC Domestic Violence Prevention Forum Planning Committee will meet on July 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the New Castle County Police Department Public Safety 1st Floor Conference Room, 3601 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle.

Next Meeting

Judge Danberg suggested the Committee begin to meet on a quarterly basis. The next meeting of the DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee will be scheduled after the DVCC Quarterly meeting in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff

July 16, 2015