

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for March 22, 2016

The DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee met on March 22, 2016 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; Regina Johnson, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families; Kim Williams, CHILD Inc.; and Pat Kwetkauskie and Natasha Smith, DVCC staff. Katrina Banks, Beautiful Gate Outreach Center; and Carla Aponte and Jessica Ade (intern), Christiana Care Health System participated by telephone.

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

Minutes: Judge Danberg noted there was not a Quorum to approve the minutes from July 1, 2015 and the minutes were not approved.

Old Business:

- 2015 Domestic Violence Prevention Forums – Summary of Evaluations
  - The results of the student evaluations from the DV Prevention Forums held at Early Learning High School in Dover and William Penn High School in New Castle were reviewed. A majority of students from both schools rated the skits as “excellent” and students responses were nearly equal when asked which skit they liked the best – *Teen Dating* or *Guy Talk*.
- Additional DV Resource Poster distribution
  - Pat reported that DVCC has developed a fairly complete list of contacts for principals and heads of private and parochial high schools throughout Delaware. It was suggested the DVCC could expand the outreach initiated in February - Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – and distribute DV Resource Posters to principals and/or school nurses in private and parochial high schools. Judge Danberg requested DVCC deliver six DV Resource posters to his office sometime in the near future.

On-going Business:

- Public Awareness Campaign
  - There was discussion about the Committee hosting a statewide poster contest for teens. Further action on a statewide initiative was tabled.

New Business:

- 2016 Domestic Violence (DV) Prevention Forums in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties
  - There was discussion about the success of the 2015 DV Prevention Forums. It was agreed that the DVCC would continue to coordinate the planning for the 2016 DV

Prevention Forums in all three counties. The Chair suggested that members of the Public Awareness/Education Committee should remain involved in planning the DV Prevention Forums. The Chair also requested that each DV Prevention Forum Planning Committee conduct a meeting prior to the next DVCC Quarterly meeting. Planning committees are requested to develop a “blue print” for their respective Forums. The Chair also requested that DVCC staff provide him an update on the DV Forum Planning Committees’ plans and “blue prints” prior to the DVCC Quarterly meeting scheduled for May 9, 2016.

There was additional brainstorming about the Teen Poster Contest. It was agreed that a Poster Contest would be held in each high school that hosts a DV Prevention Forum. At the conclusion of the Contest, administrators and/or and faculty would select one winner from their school to receive a monetary prize. An additional monetary prize could be awarded to a finalist selected from the group of winners. The DV Forum Planning Committees will be asked to identify and recruit donors for the monetary prizes to be awarded to winners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff  
April 4, 2016

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