

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for February 1, 2017

The DVCC Public/Awareness/Education Committee met on February 1, 2017 at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, Wilmington. Attending the meeting were: Judge Carl C. Dnberg, Court of Common Pleas – Chair; Regina Johnson, Department of Service for Children, Youth and their Families; Kim Williams, CHILD Inc.; Katrina Banks, Beautiful Gate Outreach Center; Maureen Monagle and Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC staff. Matred Conaway, Progressive Life Center and Janet Coston, Department of Public Health participated by telephone. Tim Collins and Erin Joyce, members of the public, were also in attendance.

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

Minutes: Judge Danberg noted approval of the Minutes from July 1, 2015 was tabled at the March 22, 2016 meeting due to lack of a quorum. As Chair, he approved those Minutes. He also recommended approval of the Minutes from March 22, 2016. The Minutes from March 22, 2016 were approved by consensus.

Old Business

- 2016 Domestic Violence Prevention Forums

The Committee reviewed the results of the Evaluations from the Domestic Violence Prevention Forums conducted at Delcastle Technical High School, Dover High School and Seaford High School. Five Forums were conducted: three for ninth grade students along with students with disabilities at Delcastle; one Forum for all four grades (9-12) at Dover and one for ninth grade students at Seaford. More than 890 students attended one of the Forums. Judge Danberg inquired about the percentage of students who completed evaluations and requested that the Minutes include that information.

Percentage of Students Completing Evaluations:

Delcastle	96%	Dover	69%	Seaford	64%
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There was also a request to compare how Dover students rated the *discussion following the skits* by grade level. DVCC staff will compile this information, update the charts, and disseminate them to the Committee.

The Committee discussed ways to improve the 2017 Forums. Suggestions included refining or eliminating the “Guy Talk” skit; adding dialog to a skit that reflects controlling behavior by a female partner; and ensuring that all panels are consistent by providing pre-determined discussion questions to the panelists. In addition there was discussion about revising the evaluation completed by students to better reflect whether the goals of the Forum were attained.

- 2016 *Healthy Relationships Through Your Eyes* Poster Contest

Judge Danberg noted the response to the poster contest was excellent. Pat informed the Committee that DVCC had the winning poster reproduced. In order to promote February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, DVCC recently distributed posters to 196 high schools and middle school throughout Delaware. Committee members who work with teens were invited to take posters and display them in their work settings.

#### New Business

- 2017 Poster Contest

Judge Danberg indicated that because of the success of the 2016 Poster Contest, the next poster contest should be expanded and conducted in high schools throughout Delaware. He also noted the Committee should engage a Delaware company to sponsor the prizes awarded to student winners.

- 2017 Domestic Violence Prevention Forum(s)

Maureen noted DVCC staff will offer recommendations and strategies for implementing the 2017 Forum(s) and the poster contest at the next Committee meeting.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting of the DVCC Public Education/Awareness Committee will be held in late April.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff  
February 8, 2017