

## **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**

### **Criminal Justice Committee**

**February 28, 2017**

The DVCC Criminal Justice Committee met on February 28, 2017 at 1pm at the Middletown Police Department. Attending the meeting were Adrienne Owen (DSP), Lynn Gedney (DELJIS), Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke), Chantoni Cummings (People's Place-Safe), Marcey Rezac (People's Place), Melissa Kearney (Probation & Parole), Reggie Laster (NCCPD), Andrea Rocanelli (Superior Court), Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV), Stephanie Hamilton (WPD-VS), Deb Reed (DSP VS), Sheila Blakely (JP Court), Melanie Ewing-Lahutsky (Superior Court), Brendan O'Neill (ODS), Nancy McGee (SAND), Maureen Monagle (DVCC), Natasha Smith (DVCC). Ellie Torres (Family Court) was available by telephone.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made by all attendees.

**Approve Minutes from September 29, 2016:** Minutes were approved with the amendment of the correct spelling of Nancy McGee's name.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Project Passport**

Ellie Torres (Family Court) stated that there should be some movement on this issue in the coming months. Ellie stated that Claire DeMatteis has been hired as the Family Court Enhancement Project Coordinator effective March 1, 2017.

##### **Law Enforcement Training**

The Law Enforcement Training workgroup will begin meeting in the spring of 2017. The next Annual Law Enforcement Training will be scheduled for November 2017.

##### **High Risk Domestic Violence Team**

A summary of the Domestic Violence High Risk Team workgroup was distributed at the meeting. In this summary, a few recommendations were made including the recommendation of forming a Domestic Violence High Risk Team Ad Hoc Advisory Board. The Ad Hoc Advisory Board would work on issues such as confidentiality, memorandums of understanding and tracking high risk cases. The Co-Chairs at the meeting agreed to forward this issue to the full council at the next Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Buena Vista.

### **Body Worn Cameras**

Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) distributed a policy briefing sheet regarding the Delaware Police Chiefs Council's model policy for body worn cameras. Mariann discussed some of the victim concerns as it relates to the use of body worn cameras. Some of the concerns mentioned are the public's awareness on police use and the rights of those captured on video, development of guiding principles related to victim/witness safety and privacy, the need for specialized training on the intersection of body worn cameras and the best practices when investigating domestic violence, sexual assault and vulnerable populations. Adrienne Owen (DSP) suggested that these concerns may be best presented to the Delaware Police Chiefs Council at a future meeting. This issue will be forwarded to the full council at the next Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Quarterly Meeting on March 13, 2017 at Buena Vista.

### **New Business**

There was no new business at this meeting.

### **Announcements/Updates**

The next DVCC Quarterly Meeting will take place on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 1pm at Buena Vista.