

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Criminal Justice Committee

May 3, 2017

The DVCC Criminal Justice Committee met on May 3, 2017, at 1pm at the Middletown Police Department. Attending the meeting were Linda Carmichael (Superior Court), Cari Chapman (DOJ), Abby Layton (DOJ), Kathy Hudson (NMH), Melissa Kearney (P & P), Melissa Pennachi (Newark PDVS), Melanie Lahutsky (Superior Court), Lisa Minutola (PDO), Nancy McGee (SAND), Ashley Elia (P &P), Ellie Torres (Family Court) and Natasha Smith (DVCC staff). Sheila Blakely (JP Court), Claire DeMatteis (Family Court), Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) and Ann Altemus (Child Inc.) were present for the meeting via telephone.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order.

Introductions: Introductions were made by all attendees.

Approve Minutes from February 28, 2017: Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Project Passport

Claire DeMatteis (Family Court) will provide an update on Project Passport at the next DVCC Criminal Justice meeting.

Law Enforcement Training

Natasha Smith (DVCC) stated that the Law Enforcement Training workgroup is planning the annual law enforcement training conference. The training is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 6, 2017, at Polytech Adult Education Center in Woodside, DE. The conference will focus on the use of technology in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

Lisa Minutola (PDO) mentioned there was a fatal domestic violence case (in a state other than Delaware) in which investigators used the victim's Fitbit to determine the victim's time of death in a case.

Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) mentioned that the National Network to End Domestic Violence Technology Summit is scheduled to take place in San Francisco, CA in late July 2017. This conference will focus on technology in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Natasha Smith (DVCC) stated that stakeholders have continued to meet about the topic of a domestic violence high risk team. The DV High Risk Team workgroup came up with a list of recommendations that were presented at the March 2017 DVCC Quarterly meeting. The recommendations included topics such as the creation of a Domestic Violence High Risk Team Ad Hoc Advisory Board to review issues

related to confidentiality, information sharing across agencies, memorandums of understanding and referral forms for a dv high risk team. The advisory board would also examine if there were any statutory changes needed in order for a domestic violence high risk team to operate successfully in Delaware.

The first meeting of the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Ad Hoc Advisory Board took place on April 24, 2017. One of the topics raised involved ways in which high risk victims would be identified and referred to a domestic violence high risk team. Those present at the meeting shared ways that victims could be referred to a domestic violence high risk team. Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) will reach out to Gary Melvin (Capitol Police) to see if the VIP program would be a possible entry point for a dv high risk team.

Body Worn Cameras

Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) will be attending the Delaware Police Chiefs Council Meeting scheduled for June 13, 2017, to share some concerns that have been raised about victim safety as it relates to the Body Worn Camera Model Policy. A request will be made to the Police Chiefs Council to take into consideration the victim safety concerns by reconvening the model policy workgroup to include representation from the advocacy community.

Announcements

Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) and Nancy McGee (SAND) mentioned that there were substantial changes in the Criminal Code rewrite.

The DVCC in collaboration with the Family Court Enhancement Project will be holding training at Del Tech in Dover on *Recognizing Responsibility and Risk of Abusers in Court* scheduled for September 20th and September 21, 2017. September 20, 2017, is open to Court personnel only. Registration will be open in the coming weeks.

The Juvenile Justice Summit will take place on September 29, 2017.

Next Meeting Date: To Be Determined