DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for January 11, 2018

The DVCC Public/Awareness/Education Committee met on January 11, 2018 at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, Wilmington. Attending the meeting were: Hon. Carl Danberg, Chair; Janet Coston, Division of Public Health; Nancy McGee, Sexual Assault Network of Delaware; Moe Monagle and Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff. Ariana Langford, Victim Voices Heard, Inc.; Molly Yoo, Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware; Carla Aponte, Christiana Care Health System – Department of Family and Community Medicine; Courtney Winkler, DE Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Tonia Bell-Delgado, Wilmington Police Department Victim Services Unit participated by telephone.

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

Minutes: The Minutes from October 5, 2017 were approved as written.

- 2017 Healthy Relationships Poster Contest & 2018 Poster Distribution

Pat reported the DVCC received 11 submissions from youth who participate in Teen Services at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware. She noted the posters were very creative. However none of the submissions were suitable for reproduction and distribution to promote Teen Dating Violence Awareness during February 2018. She explained the DVCC will reproduce the second place poster from the 2017 contest and distribute copies to public, parochial and private middle and high schools throughout Delaware.

There was discussion about continuing the Poster Contest in 2018. There were also suggestions made for improving outcomes for next year's contest. These include: starting the planning process earlier; scheduling workshops about healthy relationships with youth during the summer; increasing coordination with "artists in residence" throughout the Boy & Girls Clubs of Delaware.

DVCC staff will meet with staff from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware to develop strategies that focus on these recommendations.

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) activities

Judge Danberg announced that a Proclamation designating February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month will be signed by Governor Carney on February 6, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Governor's Office in Wilmington. The Committee is encouraged to attend.

DVCC has scheduled TDVAM activities in high schools, middle schools and at the Brandywine Hundred Library during February. Pat distributed a flyer developed by the Library's Teen Program staff and requested that the committee assist with publicizing the event which will be held on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. She will email the flyer to the Committee as well.

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Janet noted she continues to conduct workshops on healthy relationships for young adults enrolled in career and workforce development programs. She reported that most of the participants in the programs are young men.

Nancy reported that the Sexual Assault Network of Delaware (SAND) is planning to offer forums on healthy relationships and safe dating to students enrolled in several middle schools. SAND will engage the Twin Poets and utilize a panel discussion as part of the program. Nancy will establish a planning workgroup in the very near future.

- Outreach to Older Delawareans

Pat reported the DVCC Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee will be designing an infographic using data from the report on "The Elderly and Domestic Violence in Delaware". The Committee has scheduled outreach to Delaware legislators on March 28, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Legislative Hall in Dover.

- Recommendations from the DVCC Strategic Planning meeting

Pat noted that the DVCC recently held a strategic planning meeting. During the meeting stakeholders along with Council members provided input about future directions for the DVCC. The meeting facilitators have prepared a draft report which will be presented to the Council during the Quarterly Meeting in March. Moe noted the report includes recommendations for prevention education programs in elementary, middle and high schools.

- Next meeting date

The next meeting of the DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee will be on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Level 2 Conference Room of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff
January 18, 2018

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