

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**  
**Training Committee: Special Meeting to plan Emerge Training**  
**June 28, 2017, 10:00 AM**  
**Middletown Police Department**

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**Committee Members Present:** Ellie Torres (Designee Chair), Cara Sawyer (VCAP), Melissa Pennachi (VRTF). **Members Participating Via Phone:** Rosemary Martinez (DVTF), Nancy McGee (SAND), Courtney Winkler (DCADV), Claire Dematteis, Eric Stephenson (Courts)

**DVCC Staff:** Aimee String, Natasha Smith, Maureen Monagle

**Public Attendees:** No public present

The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

- I. Introductions
  - a. All those participating introduced themselves and the agencies/groups they represent.
  
- II. New Business
  - a. This was a special meeting with a focus on planning the Emerge Training
  
- III. Old Business
  - a. Discussion of Emerge Training and Agenda
    - i. Agenda
      1. Aimee spoke with David Adams of Emerge who was amendable to recommended changes discussed during at the June 5, 2017 Training Committee Meeting with one exception. The committee recommended that we make one of the sessions taught by Judge Roberto Canas, Jr. open only to judges and commissioners then do a Delaware panel presentation for all other participants. The committee felt that this would facilitate more open discussion among the Judges and Commissioners.

Mr. Adams recommends that we leave both of Judge Canas's sessions open to all participants. He feels that Judge Canas is a widely recognized speaker and he directs his presentations to the entire audience. Mr. Adams would hate to see a session compete with either of Judge Canas's workshops.

After some discussion the committee agreed to vacate the Delaware panel discussion idea.

2. Some formatting changes to the agenda were recommended. Aimee will make those changes and send the revised agenda to David Adams.
3. The committee asked for clarification on the difference between the September 20th sessions "Holding Offenders Accountable in Court" and "Assessing Risk in Courts". Aimee has asked David for course descriptions and hopes to have them this week. He said he would have them to her by Friday.

It was suggested that if the aforementioned sessions are similar, we could possibly merge them together and then add the trauma session back in at 1:15. Both Claire Dematteis and Eric Stephenson expressed an interest in the trauma training and thought it would be helpful.

4. On Day 1 the Session "Recognizing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children appears to be specific to Family Court. Aimee will discuss with David Adams but if it is specific to Family Court, we could do that as a breakout and move the Witness Intimidation and Forfeiture by Wrong Doing to that timeslot as well.
5. The committee needs clarification on whether the first sessions ("Recognizing Risk Factors, Profiling Killers and Profiling Abusers" and "Those Who Kill") are the same or different? We know that people will ask and we want to be prepared to answer. If they are different, perhaps we should change the names up a bit. It was noted that the course descriptions may help clear this up.
  - ii. Lunch: The committee would like to provide lunch on both days. Outside agencies have been approached about providing lunch.
  - iii. Registration: The committee clarified "Court Personnel" for purposes of Day 1 registration to include Judges, Commissioners, Mediators and Prosecutors. Day 2 will be expanded to include advocates, treatment program providers, law enforcement and probation and parole.
  - iv. Aimee will inquire about securing a "support person" to be available at both days of the training in case someone is triggered by any of the trainings.
  - v. Evaluations
    1. Emerge has a standard training form that they utilize. David will e-mail it to Aimee next week but stated that it is a standard form that will do a scale rating of each trainer and presentation.

2. The committee discussed that the additional Training Committee questions will be used to gather information to guide the future of the Training Committee. We will be looking to gather information about specific topics needed. That could be done in open question and/or check of form.

b. Law Enforcement Training Update

i. The LET workgroup had their first planning meeting. The tentative date is November 6<sup>th</sup> at Polytech Adult Education Center with the focus of the training being technology. The committee is also looking into the possibility of doing a case review of a local case. There will be an emphasis on collaboration.

c. Future Meetings

i. The next meeting will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Middletown Police Department.

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