



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

DRAFT Minutes

January 9, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Middletown Police Department

In Attendance: Erin Ridout (DCADV), Dr. Margaret Chou (DVCC), Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke Memorial Hospital), Dawn Culp (Bayhealth) and via teleconference Erin Booker (Christiana Care) and Patricia Curtin (Christiana Care). DVCC Staff present: Aimee String and Moe Monagle

- I. Old Business
 - a. Brief History
 - i. The DVCC is a state agency legislatively created to improve Delaware's response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Much of the work of the DVCC is completed through the work of its committees. Committees include: Children and Domestic Violence, Criminal Justice, Elderly, Immigration, Legislative, Public Awareness, Education, Training, Treatment and the Medical Committee. Delaware has long recognized Domestic Violence as a Public Health issue and understood the importance of engaging the medical community in our work. The Medical Committee was one of the DVCC's original committees but has not been active over the past two years. We are excited to re-invigorate this committee under the direction of Dr. Margaret Chou.
 - b. The Domestic Violence Resource Manual for Healthcare Providers
 - i. The last big project of the Medical Committee was the revision of the manual and completion of its accompanying training.
 - ii. The committee applied for and was granted CNEs for the training.
 - iii. We trained medical professionals throughout the state about the medical manual with an emphasis on universal screening and documentation.
 - iv. At this time, the Medical Manual is outdated.
- II. New Business
 - a. Strategic Planning
 - i. What are the biggest obstacles for healthcare providers in working with victims of domestic violence?

1. Expanded definitions of what domestic violence is and who its victims are.
 2. Healthcare provider fatigue
 3. Dual reporting
 4. Healthcare providers are still unsure of what to do if a person “screens in”.
 5. Addressing secondary skill like what do when a partner gets defensive when you ask him/her to leave the room
 - ii. What are the best ways to provide training to healthcare providers?
 1. Floor staff meetings
 2. On-line trainings
 - iii. Who do we need to bring to the table? Ideas:
 1. Therapist
 2. Fire School (they do statewide trainings, would include EMT’s and firefighters)
 3. Representation from Geriatrics, pediatrician, LGBTQ .
 4. La Red
 5. Dover Behavioral Health
 6. Drug and Alcohol Treatment
 - b. The committee agreed that updating the medical manual is an important first step for the committee and identified action steps.
 - i. Gather data and information
 1. Create a Survey (via Survey Monkey or something similar).
 - a. May need to create two different surveys. One focused towards nurses and another focused to doctors.
 2. Survey Dissemination
 - a. Utilize committee members
 - b. Medical Society of Delaware
 - c. Delaware Hospital Association
 - ii. Research
 - iii. Update manual
 1. Considerations
 - a. Is it gender neutral?
 - b. Add a section about trafficking.
 - c. Include a quick reference resource list
 - iv. For next meeting,
 1. Committee members should review the manual and make notes about ideas/changes.
 2. Committee members should think about questions to include in the survey.
- III. Future Meetings
- a. Aimee will send out future meetings via calendar invite.