



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Training Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2020 at Rt 9 Library and Innovation Center

The DVCC Training Committee met on January 8, 2020 at 1pm at the Rt 9 Library and Innovation Center in New Castle. Attending the meeting was Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff), Amanda Alcaraz (DVCC Staff), Ava Carcirieri (Family Court), and Eric Stephenson (Family Court). Present via phone were Ellie Torres (Superior Court), Maureen Monagle (DVCC Staff), and Erica Davis (Child, Inc). No members of the public were present.

Call to order: Ellie Torres called the meeting to order.

Introductions: Introductions were made by attendees.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The Training Committee's last recorded minutes were from December 5, 2018.

Old Business

Law Enforcement Training Update

Natasha Smith (DVCC) stated that the annual Law Enforcement Training on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault took place on November 4, 2019 with 167 attendees. Feedback for the morning training session by Kelsey McKay on strangulation was very positive. Feedback for the afternoon session with Purple Badge Consulting was mixed; participants said they felt the content was somewhat basic. Overall, the participants had positive feedback regarding the location of the training. The Law Enforcement Training Planning group will review the feedback surveys and begin to evaluate speakers for the 2020 Conference. Maureen Monagle (DVCC Staff) stated that the Law Enforcement Training Group will be moved from the Criminal Justice Committee to a workgroup that will now fall under the Training Committee. Natasha Smith will notify the Criminal Justice Committee of this change.

Family Court Judicial Officers Survey

Ava Carcirieri (Family Court) stated that a survey for judicial officers and family law attorneys is in development. This survey will gather information about training needs for these groups and provide instruction on new training initiatives. In December, the survey draft was edited and distributed. The next step is for the Committee to review the survey after which it will be uploaded and tested in Survey Monkey. Ellie Torres (Chair) suggested that we get in contact with the Department of Justice if we would like to include defense attorneys in this survey.

Center for Court Innovation/ Family Court Staff Training Update

Ava and Eric Stephenson (Family Court) reported that they are working with the Center for Court Innovation to provide a training to Family Court security officers, intake staff, and records staff that focuses on trauma-informed responses to litigants who disclose domestic violence. The training will be on May 7-8, 2020 in Dover. Ava will continue to review the Center for Court Innovation's curriculum and report back at the next meeting. As an enhancement to the domestic violence mediation pilot project, Family Court mediators in Sussex County will participate in a full day training on intimate partner violence with Dr. Amy Applegate from Indiana University, Ava reported.

Other Recent Training Updates

Amanda stated the DVCC has had a few training requests from other state agencies and some interest from other DVCC Committees. Trainings were requested by Housing Alliance Delaware/Centralized Intake, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health, Department of Justice Juvenile Division, The Delaware Law Clinic at the Delaware Law School, and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Amanda spoke with Dayna Belfiore (DVCC staff), who staffs the Elderly Committee and Medical Committee. Those committees are interested in trainings for partner agencies. Specifically, Adult Protective Services said they would be open to a staff training in the second half of 2020. The Medical Committee may request agency trainings as they roll out the new Medical Provider Manual.

New Business

Establishing a Shared List/ Calendar for Domestic Violence Trainings

In the past, the committee identified a need for a central online calendar that lists DV-related trainings. The membership discussed previous attempts at calendar creation and how the calendar should function as a resource for the larger professional community. Erica Davis (Child, Inc) said that the Delaware Domestic Violence Task Force discussed the need for this resource, but the Task Force did not have resources to move forward on the project. Amanda and Maureen stated that the DVCC developed a relationship with the Government Information Center (GIC), who could provide tech support for this project. Amanda suggested the training calendar should be on the DVCC website and will begin the process of designing it with GIC. The membership agreed that agencies can use an online submission form to add their training events to the calendar. The information on the form would be sent to a DVCC staff member, who would vet each event according to set standards then post events accordingly. The membership created a list of essential fields for the submission form. Amanda will work with GIC to get this process started.

Identifying Other Training Needs in the Community

No updates at this time.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting Date: March 2020. Day, Time, and Location TBD. Amanda Alcaraz will schedule meetings for the remainder of the year and send notice to committee members.

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