

DHS DV Council Minutes
September 21, 2010

Present: Choya Adkison-Stevens, Rhonda Culley (attended via telephone), Julie McFarlane, Chantell Geels, Jodi Jostmeyer, Carol Krager, Audrey Konold, James Koo, Ralph Lewis, Richard Ott, Robert Salinas, Verona Turner, and Rose Wilde.

Attending Diversity Conference: Karen Collette, Therese Hutchinson, Jayne Downing,

Absent: Brielyn Akins, Ardy Birkmeyer, Mary Ann Christian, Melissa Erlbaum, Susan Hughes, Nanci Jarrard, Dustina Haase-Lanier, Cheryl O'Neill, Linda Pursell and Mickey Serice.

Introductions:

Choya Adkison-Stevens facilitated the meeting. Choya opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, she requested that everyone introduce themselves and give a description of their position.

Updates and follow-up:

Choya stressed the importance of attendance, she asked Richard Ott to update the DV Council Members of the responses to the emails he sent to members who have been absent from the DHS DV Council meetings.

- Richard reported Pam Briggs stated she will resign her position as an ADHOC member.
- Chris Silickey did not respond to Richard's email; the council decided to resign his ADHOC position by default.
- Ardy Birkmeyer expressed the desire to stay involved and she will continue as an ADHOC member.
- Rhonda will check with her manager to obtain permission to attend the DHS DV Council meetings quarterly.

DV Procedure for the HR Emergency Desk Manual:

The DHS DV Council members discussed and suggested several edits be made to the draft of DV Procedure for the HR Emergency Desk Manual.

- Rose Wilde will make the edits and send the draft to the DHS DV Council members by Friday, September 24, 2010.
- All DHS DV Council members will review the draft and send comments to Rose Wilde by Friday, October 1, 2010.
- Rose Wilde will make any edits; send an affirmative email (reply to all) if they approve of the draft, then Rose will send the document to Robert Salinas.
- Robert will send the HR Emergency Desk manual document to Communications and Publications.

Awards:

Richard Ott discussed purchasing plaques for the DHS DV Council Award of Excellence with Mickey Serice. We were advised that we cannot purchase plaques. The DHS DV Council members decided to present framed certificates to each of the award recipients.

Letter to Dr. Goldberg:

The DV Council decided to place the letter to Dr. Goldberg on hold. Richard will email Mickey Serice stating the training can be done – free with webinars. The statistics Mickey requested are not available. The Council would like Mickey to come to our meeting to help us strategize how to foster compliance with our goal of obtaining DHS staff attendance at the DV Training for all Staff and Managers. Or could Mickey meet with the DHS DV council Chair persons to form a strategic plan?

Appointing New Chairs and/or Co-Chairs and a Facilitator:

Richard Ott and Rose Wilde have been appointed as the new DHS DV Council Co-Chairs. James Koo will substitute for Rose Wilde when she is unable to attend the meetings.

- Rose Wilde/James Koo will create the meeting agenda and will send it out one week before each DHS DV Council meeting, along with a reminder notice of the meeting place, time and date.
- Richard will continue to handle the large challenging items.

Ralph Lewis was appointed the new DHS DV Council facilitator.

- Ralph stated he has a conflict with the October 19, 2010 meeting. Choya Adkison-Stevens volunteered to substitute for Ralph for the October 19, 2010 meeting.

Presentation: Debbie Fox from OCADSV

Debbie Fox explained that the meaning of Economic Justice is a situation in which people have adequate access to basic resources. Such as: housing, childcare, transportation and education which allow the freedom to make decisions about their intimate relationships without regard of the financial impact of those decisions. Due to the depressed economic crisis that the State of Oregon is experiencing this year, studies show this is reflecting the highest record of requests for food and a 2 year wait list to get into affordable housing. We are facing an Economic reality for the United States, an Economic reality for Oregonians and an Economic reality for survivors. In Oregon over 506,000 people live in poverty, about 13.6% according to the figures of a 2008 census. Twenty nine percent of female headed households are living in poverty. By 2011, Forty-eight percent of U.S. homeowners will owe more on their homes; than their homes are worth. Most

survivors are dealing not only with intimate violence but they are targets of multiple oppressions including: racism, sexism, homophobia, language oppression, immigration issues and classism. The recession raised the 2009 percentage of Americans struggling below the poverty line to the highest it has been in 15-years. And the numbers could have climbed higher; one of the ways people avoided destitution is sharing homes with siblings, parents or even non-relatives, sometimes resulting in frayed nerves but holding down the rise in the national poverty rate. They combined their incomes to pay the rent and the bills; if they were living alone they would not have been able pay the rent. Studies reported more younger people are coming in for assistance because they don't have any food or anywhere to stay. The unemployed people over 50 are also struggling and desperately want or/need to work to pay for retirement and they are starting to worry that they may be discarded from the work force – forever. Being unemployed at any age can be crushing and many had anticipated working past conventional retirement ages to gird themselves financially for longer life spans, expensive health care and reduced pension guarantees. The recession has increased the need for people to extend their working life. Home values, often a family's most important assets, have been battered and many people have lost their homes. IDA is an Asset Development Resource, incentive savings plan for eligible low-income individuals:

- It is a state and federally funded matched savings program targeting low-income individuals.
- This savings plan is tied to saving for a major life goal, such as a college degree, first home or small business.
- The goal is aimed at building self-sufficiency through positive behavior (goal setting, financial planning, personal savings, etc.)
- Participants attend goal-specific training and financial literacy classes – tailored to particular constituencies.
- Some states match the monthly custodial funds 2 to 1; however, Oregon matches the funds 3 to 1; starting after six months and for up to thirty-six months.

Facilitator: Choya Adkison-Stevens

Team Building: Rose Wilde

Snacks: Carol Krager

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 – From 8:00-3:30

775 Summer St., NE – Salem, OR

State Lands Building – Mill Creek Conference Room

VERY IMPORTANT:

THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION APPLIES TO THE OCTOBER MEETING ONLY.