

DHS DV Council Minutes  
October 19, 2010

**Present:** Mickey Serice, Choya Adkison-Stevens, Karen Collette, Rhonda Culley, Jayne Downing, Julie McFarlane, Chantell Geels, Carol Krager, James Koo, Verona Turner and Rose Wilde.

**Absent:** Mary Ann Christian, Susan Hughes, Therese Hutchinson, Nanci Jarrard, Jodi Jostmeyer, Audrey Konold, Dustina Haase-Lanier, Ralph Lewis, Cheryl O'Neill, Richard Ott, Linda Pursell, and Robert Salinas.

**Introductions:**

Choya Adkison-Stevens volunteered to be the substitute facilitator for Ralph Lewis. Introductions and the ice breaker were dispensed with.

**Updates and follow-up:**

Jayne Downing stated that she tentatively would like to have the November DHS DV Council meeting at her home. She will provide lunch and parking passes.

Carol Krager advised the DHS DV Council members on the \$800 thousand dollar grant awarded to DOJ. The grant is a collaborative grant and the grant money will be distributed to local non-profits through a competitive process to hire domestic violence advocates who will work out of the Department of Human Services offices. The funding is intended to support out-stationing as many as 13 advocates in DHS Child Welfare & Self-sufficiency offices. The advocates will be trained to work specifically with pregnant and parenting teens and women who have children less than 12 months old who have been victims of domestic and sexual violence. The Oregon Violence in Pregnancy and Parenting Intervention Project is based on a proven model of intervention for victims of intimate partner violence. The Oregon grant was part of \$27 million in competitive grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Affordable Care Act.

Carol Krager drafted a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month; this document was changed to an announcement. The announcement was signed by Dr. Bruce Goldberg, Director of Department of Human Services and The Oregon Health Authority and sent out as a web link so local offices could print it and hang it up in the branch offices during the month of October.

Carol Krager reported that she received several resignations from members of the DHS DV Council.

- Ardy Birkmeyer resigned her position as an ADHOC member of the DHS DV Council.

- Melissa Erlbaum resigned her Community Partner member position on the DHS DV Council.
- Brielyn Akins resigned her Community Partner member position on the DHS DV Council.
- Therese Hutchinson requested a four month leave of absence (for October, November, December and January) from the DHS DV Council.
- Rhonda will check with her manager to obtain permission to attend the DHS DV Council meetings quarterly.

The DHS DV Council members decided to recruit two Community Partner positions for the DV Council. The recruitment process plan is detailed below.

DV Council recruitment time line:

- Carol Krager will review the archived applications we received from the last recruitment within one week.
- Carol Krager will check with the selected applicants to confirm that they are still interested in becoming a DHS DV Council member.
- If there are not any applicants selected, then we will send out the full recruitment request by Tuesday, October 26, 2010. The deadline for response is Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
- Send the applications to the DHS DV Council review committee by Monday, November 15, 2010.
  - The DHS DV Council review committee is as follows:
    - Chantell Geels
    - Jayne Downing
    - Karen Collette
- Have the selected applicants approved by Mickey Serice ASAP.
- Request the new members attend the January 11, 2011 DHS DV Council meeting.

### **HR Emergency Desk Manual:**

Rose Wilde stated that she completed all of the edits to the DV Procedures for the HR Emergency Desk manual and sent the document to Robert Salinas. Rose will contact Robert and request a finalized version of the DV Procedures for the HR Emergency Desk manual be sent to the DHS DV Council when he receives it.

### **DHS/OHA Domestic Violence Council Award of Excellence for 2010:**

Mickey Serice presented Vic Todd with the 2010 Award of Excellence from the DHS/OHA Domestic Violence Council. Vic was surprised and extremely appreciative of the award. Jane Downing, Chantell Geels and Carol Krager attended the award presentation.

Two more DHS/OHA Domestic Violence Council 2010 Award of Excellence will be presented in November. Choya Adkison-Stevens will coordinate the presentation of the 2010 Award of Excellence to a member of the FVCC in Multnomah County. The award is to be presented on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 12:00 pm– 1:30 pm at the FVCC Council meeting. Located in Downtown Portland at 1150 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Portland, OR.).

Choya Adkison-Stevens will present Linda Pursell and her team with the 2010 Award of Excellence and will advise everyone on the DHS DV Council when she has confirmed “when and where” the Award will be presented.

**Invitation to speak with the DHS Cabinet:**

DHS DV Council has been invited to speak with the DHS Cabinet on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Human Services Building, room 160 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Mickey Serice suggested we have an agenda of two or three things to discuss with the cabinet.

Mickey suggested giving the cabinet documentation on the following:

1. History of the development of DHS DV Council
2. Copy of the Strategic Plan (even if in draft form).
3. Transformation to represent DHS/OHA
4. Ask what the cabinet can do to lend support to the mandatory training.
  - a) Be sure the exact title and course number of the training is on the information sheet.
  - b) Responses of the people who have taken the mandatory training.
  - c) State we have no funds to pay for the training.

Mickey would like to approve the agenda before we make the presentation to the cabinet.

The DHS/DV Council members that will meet with the DHS Cabinet on Monday, October 25, 2010 are:

- o Carol Krager
- o Jayne Downing
- o Rose Wilde
- o Richard Ott

**Presentation: Eric Mankowski:**

Eric Mankowski presented research information on the survey of the Batterer Intervention Programs. Eric has twelve years of research experience with the BIP programs. The researchers do not ask “do BIPs work?” but develops more understanding regarding how they work and how well they work. BIP receive referrals from court-mandated orders (about 85% of participants are court-mandated). 13% of the participants are mandated by DHS Child Welfare or other sources. Research studies suggest the BIPs effectiveness may be increased by:

- Monitor attendance
- More and quicker criminal justice consequences
- Ongoing coordinated community response
- Match programs to offender characteristics
- Address diverse characteristics of abusive men
  - Severe mental disorders
  - Alcohol abuse
  - Men of color

Batter Intervention Programs are only one piece of the domestic violence intervention system. The programs may not be a “cure” in themselves, but a reinforcing component to a coordinated community response.

Jayne Downing was surprised with a recognition and thank you open house celebration on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. She has contributed outstanding work related to the statewide Domestic Violence training initiatives. Given Jayne’s dedication to service, DAS felt that a presentation of thanks by DHS and DAS agency would be a great idea. A certificate was presented by DAS. Carol Krager presented Jayne with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding contribution of training for all DHS staff and managers in compliance with the Governors Mandated training on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in the workplace.

**Planning for the next meeting :**

- Strategic Plan
- Action Steps
- Request Jodi Jostmeyer to report on lunch with Dr. Goldberg
- Jayne Downing tentatively requested the November 16, 2010 meeting be held at her home. She will provide lunch and parking passes.

**Facilitator:** Ralph Lewis

**Team Building:** Rose Wilde

**Snacks:** Audrey Konold

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 – From 8:00-3:30

**THE LOCATION OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2010 DV COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AT JAYNE DOWNING’S.**