



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2019**

Mission: The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition is committed to improving our community's response to domestic violence issues through communication and coordination of services.

Attending: Heath Adkins, Jean Capler, Heather Davis, Pam Gladish, Debra Morrow, Melissa Stone, Sally Thomas, Jennifer Whitaker, Apple Muncy, Barnett Jill, Michael Diekhoff

City Staff: Morgan Allen (OOTM), Michael Shermis (CFRD)

I. Introductions

A. Brief introductions

II. Domestic Violence, Protective Orders and Guns: Sheriff Brad Swain

A. Firearms in Indiana

1. ATF national database is used to track stolen firearms
 - a) Most gun owners do not track serial numbers, so it is difficult to keep this up to date
2. State legislation
 - a) Bill to prevent open carry of rifles
 - b) Bill to remove fees associated with purchasing a permit
3. Brady Law
 - a) Through the Brady Law, courts can require people to hand over firearms, ammunition, swords, etc to the Sheriff's Department
 - (1) Sheriff's Department cannot destroy weapons, they have to auction them off
4. Laird Law
 - a) Mechanism to petition the court to attain the authority to collect firearms

B. Domestic violence and firearms

1. Common occurrence for firearms to be used in domestic situations
 - a) Typically a legal handgun
2. Courts can require people receiving protective orders to hand over weapons

- a) This can be given to a responsible family member, friend or the Sheriff's Department
- 3. If people protect themselves with a firearm during a domestic situation then they can be charged with a crime
 - a) There are many people serving life in prison for killing their attacker

III. Staff Update

- A. Need to start collecting statistics for the next booklet
 - 1. Expect an email from Michael's intern in the next few weeks

IV. Information Sharing

- A. Rehab Hospital of Indiana will be hosting a conference on brain injuries October 9th and 10th in Indianapolis. Jean Capler will bring more information to the next meeting.

Next Meetings:

12 p.m., June 21, 2019, McCloskey Room, City Hall

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Waller

Topic: Domestic Violence and LGBTQ+ Community

12 p.m., July 19, 2019, McCloskey Room, City Hall

Guest Speaker: Catherine Stafford, Judge, Monroe County Circuit Court, Division IV

Topic: Domestic Violence and the Courtroom