



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition  
Meeting Notes: January 20, 2017**

**Attending:**

Julie Robertson (Probation), April Wilson, (Prosecutor), Becky Rose (MCCSC), Pam Gladish (Bloomington Police), Debra Morrow (MWH), Tina Smith, Trinity Consulting and Counseling, Ron Smith, Indianapolis Counseling Center Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program

City Staff: Michael Shermis

Regrets: Andy Stephenson (IUPD), Alison Leslie (Spencer Psychology), Cindy Houston, Lindsay Potts, (Centerstone), Heather Davis, (Middle Way House), Toby Strout, Ashley Kim (POP)

**Staff Update:**

A. Coalition partner recruitment efforts

Was not able to get the IU Bloomington Hospital

B. Reviewed MCDVC stats brochure that Ashley Kim from Pop provided. Here are some of the changes discussed:

- Include September stats, too, and then it can be a quarterly publication (4th quarter, 2016)?
- Add the brief description of each organization (from the Website: <http://bloomington.in.gov/dvc>)
- Add this disclaimer to that first page:
- This information is not a true representation for domestic violence in Monroe County. It just represents that data collected by agencies under specific circumstances reporting to Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition.
- Include the Web site URL (above) and the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mcdvcoalition>.
- Change the MWH phone number and add the crisis line number, too:
- (812) 333-7404 (Adm.)
- (812) 336-0846 (24-hr Crisis Line)
- Add agency specific caveat (only Prosecutor's Office suggested they will do one at this point)

We will make these changes and send out the next draft in a couple weeks for further review.

**Educational Topic:**

Additional potential topics:

- Apps for domestic violence, i.e., bullying. Check with Cierra Olivia Thomas
- Crisis Intervention team at MWH
- Laird Law—hearing and procedures about seizing weapons (speaker tbd)



- Building Healthy Relationship (Mike from MWH)
- Heather's law (speaker tbd)
- LGBTQ interventions and barriers (Debra to ask Sam Harrell)
- Guns (Debra to ask Toby on clarification of specific topic)

**Information Sharing:**

- Molly (Connect 211): Texting 211 is now available
- Debra (Middle Way House): Volunteer Training was held of MLK Day
- Ron (Batterers Intervention Program): Is there an issue on the difference between domestic and family violence? For offenders, it is a 12 versus 26 weeks need to go through (DV going through the 26). They also have Earned Dismissal (sort of diversion program) successfully completes probation with no violation and no criminal charge, then they can have case dismissed. There is a significant percentage of people have mental health issues and sometimes they need to be dismissed until they address that issue.

**Next Meeting: 12 p.m., February 17, 21017, McCloskey Room, City Hall**

Guest speaker: Ron Smith, Indianapolis Counseling Center Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program