



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Notes: February 17, 2017**

Attending:

Jordan Smith, (POP), Kayala Maloian, (POP), Molly Oliver (Connect 211), Alex Chitwood, Pam Gladish (Bloomington Police), Heath Adkins (Probation), Julie Robertson (Probation), April Wilson, (Prosecutor), Debra Morrow (MWH), Heather Davis, (Middle Way House), Shannon McBride, (DCS), Elizabeth Bullock (DCS), Brittani Evans (Bloomington Police), Tina Smith, Trinity Consulting and Counseling, Ron Smith, Indianapolis Counseling Center Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program

City Staff: Michael Shermis

Regrets: Alison Leslie (Spencer Psychology), Ashley Kim (POP), Adrian Polit, (District 10 Pro Bono Project), Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Lindsay Potts, (Centerstone)

Staff Update:

Review 2016 4th Quarter Stats booklet. Discussed:

- Issue of domestic battery versus domestic violence
- Focus on intimate partner violence
- Issue of numbers from each organization could be confusing to readers because of lack of context
Action: Each organization will provide a paragraph with information about their statistics
- Need more statistics
Action: Indianapolis Counseling Center Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program and Department of Child Services will provide statistics
- There is a need for a further explanation of how a person who has committed domestic violence goes through the criminal justice system
Action: Staff will work on organizational chart and accompanying explanation

Guest Presentation:

Ron Smith, Indianapolis Counseling Center Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Program

- Clients come because of physical assault; referred by Probation
- Program teaches and expands domestic violence beyond physical, to economic, psychological, etc.
- Utilize best practice most effective method
- Evidence based
- Client evaluation/interview
- Goal, stop being abusive
- Groups are open ended



- Curriculum based, can come and go at any time.
- Treatment plans: accountability and responsibility are important aspects of treatment, taking responsibility for actions
- Intent is to equip people with tools

Hope to be able to post the handout soon.

Information Sharing:

- None this month.

Next Meeting: 12 p.m., March 24, 21017, McCloskey Room, City Hall

Guest speaker: Sam Harrell, Middle Way House