



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2017**

Attending:

Heather Davis(Middle Way House), Shannon McBride (DCS), Debra Morrow (Middle Way House), Molly Oliver (Connect 211), Julie Robertson (Probation), Becky Rose (MCCSC), Ron Smith (Indianapolis Counseling Center), April Wilson (Prosecutor), Michelle Gregory (Lawyer), Charlotte Barton Combs (DCS), William Herrington (Centerstone)

City Staff: Michael Shermis, Deaven Elliott

I. Guest Presentation

- a. Guest speaker: Rachel Guglielmo/Jody Madeira, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- b. Background of campaign :
 - i. This is a grassroots movement founded by an Indiana mom the day after the Sandy Hook massacre. Currently in the United States there is a chapter in all 50 states advocate for common-sense gun reforms. There are 93 people's lives lost every day because of gun violence.
- c. Action against Issues:
 - i. One of the issues they touched on is just a simple background check when applying for a gun. They talked about how this is a broadly supported idea and even Wish in Indiana did a survey saying that 86% of people they surveyed supported background checks in Indiana.
 - ii. Gun safety is another issue and they are working on helping people understand the proper ways of gun safety such as, locking up a gun.
 - iii. Jody Madeira spoke of her time at the legislature speaking up against the 1071 bill. This bill was designed to give victims of domestic violence a gun. In this there was also an amendment that says the state would give the women a voucher to buy a gun at the expense of the tax payers. Along with this there's a voucher that includes lessons to learn how to use the gun.
 1. Argument from those in favor of the bill came from people who owned gun ranges or anything of the sort. They also defended this bill by saying how it empowered women to be able to protect themselves.
 - iv. Jody Madeira also went on to talk about how the NRA is working with states to help create these bills to have states pay for guns and give them to people like victims of domestic violence. This type of bill was also seen in Virginia recently. When Ms. Madeira was asked if there's any evidence of whether or not having a gun actually does empower a women she said no.
 - v. Another issue brought up was how judges and courts don't keep record or statistics normally of times they took away guns. In civil protection orders in Wisconsin, only 12% of guns are taken away.
- d. Events in the future for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
 - i. June 2nd Courthouse Square 11 starts 12 proclamation as domestic violence prevention day

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II. Staff Update Review of fourth quarter statistics chart and summary info

a. changes

- i. Page 1: take out November
- ii. Pg. 1: victims opposed to survivor discussion → change to survivor
- iii. Pg. 3-4: first box: alleged offense is reported
 1. 3rd row boxes: No charges
 2. (*)paragraph change perpetrator (change it? but keep its frequently more complex than shown)
 3. change photo to the scales and no hands, the higher standard of reasonable doubt
- iv. Pg. 5: move the chart over, goes to pretrial
- v. Connect 211 → second paragraph name is the correct name
 1. Nonprofit agency
 2. regional
 3. "or" for 317 number because some people can't get to 211 for some reason
 4. Chart → chart for two calls but doesn't add up because those 2 calls don't just mean those many needs because there could be more than that
 - a. Michael make up a sentence to add to chart??
- vi. Middle Way House
 1. Shelter residents: 15 total to not separate them
 - a. (including men, women, and children)
 - b. statistic identifying how many children in Monroe county are affected by domestic violence
 - i. Sentence along the lines of: In this quarter(Blank)amount of children are affected
 - ii. Heather will send this sentence and number from October
- vii. pg. 13: new supervision? Data coming in?
- viii. Note:
 1. Chart sent separately to April for approval

III. Information Sharing—>William from Centerstone added to email list

Next Meeting: 12 p.m., June 23, 2017, McCloskey Room, City Hall

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