



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Notes
October 21, 2016**

Attending:

Coalition Partners: Julie Robertson (Probation), Pam Gladish (Bloomington Police), Heather Davis (MWH), Toby Strout (MWH), Debra Morrow (MWH), Alex Chitwood (Protective Order Program), Andy Stephenson, (IU Police), Cheryl Gafken (Prosecutor), Carol McCord (IU Student Affairs)

Regrets: Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams (ICADV), Lindsay Potts (Centerstone)

City Staff: Michael Shermis

Staff Update:

A. Coalition partner recruitment efforts

Michael has commitments from Connect 211, Centerstone, and ICADV to attend future meetings if they can make it.

Action: Staff to continue working to get involvement from the Hospital and religious leaders and will contact MCCSC.

B. Facebook page is up: <https://www.facebook.com/mcdvcoalition>.

Action: All Coalition partners, please like the page and send Michael any relevant information that can be posted.

Mission Review:

We agreed to make a change to the Mission from...

The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition is committed to improving the response to domestic violence issues through communication and coordination of services.

to...

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

Action: Staff will update the Web site and FB page.

We agreed that we would add a sentence description to each of the Coalition partner's link on the Web site.

Action: Staff will update the Web site. Partners should look at the Web site and suggest other resources that might be useful, too.

There was a request that came from someone who viewed the City DVC Web site who asked if there was a free moving service for women who are experiencing domestic violence. None of the partners had heard of any service, but a suggestion was made that maybe moving services could be contacted about that as a possibility and that they each take turns providing that service. Would any of the Coalition partners like to take the lead on this?

Information Sharing:

Bloomington Police will share how many people they have responded to.



Action: Pam to send information to Michael

Prosecutor's office provided Domestic Violence Chargings for the number of arrests, warrants, and summons.
Action: Cheryl will determine if the number of felonies/misdemeanors on the chargings and if any other more detailed accounts on each domestic violence occurrence can be provided. Send information to Michael.

Probation asked what information the Coalition would want.

Action: Julie will provide number of battered and intervention program, probationary periods, violation of probation, and if it was technical or charged with another offense. Send information to Michael.

The Protective Order Program will be able to provide a chart of open cases, rejected cases, and referrals.

Action: Alex to send information to Michael

Indiana University Police will share how many people they have responded to.

Action: Andy to send information to Michael

Middleway House provided September's statistics, which included numbers for legal advocacy, rape crisis center, shelter, type of victimization, and client's relationship to offender.

Action: Debra to provide updated statistics for just Monroe County and send to Michael.

Connect 211 was not present, but provided statistics from their organization that included the number of calls, the needs of people facing domestic violence, and the demographics.

IU Student Affairs will provide information that the IU Police doesn't have. Carol noted how the numbers from each partner are skewed because each partner has different amounts of people reporting to them that the other partner may not have.

Action: Carol to send information to Michael.

We agreed that there needs to be a statement on the website stating that there are discrepancies within the numbers because of the amount of non-police reported instances. The Coalition agreed to report only instances that occur in Monroe County.

Action: Staff will draft that statement after he has received all of the information Coalition partners are to provide.

It was requested that we know the best practices from other cities/counties who have domestic violence coalitions.

Action: Staff (Kiara, CFRD intern) to do some research on Indiana programs and bring back a summary to next meeting.

Michael noted that we need to have information in a format that can be easily uploaded each month to the Web site.

Action: Staff to create an Excel spreadsheet where each partner can input their information to be shared with the Coalition and published on the Web site.

Future Educational Topics:

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Request for someone who can explain the new law affecting how police deal with domestic violence calls (passed last July).

Action: Toby will ask Kerry Bennett from Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence to the next meeting. Asking for a 20-minute presentation and Q&A.

Next Meeting: 12 p.m., November 18, McCloskey Room, City Hall

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