



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Notes: December 12, 2016**

Attending:

Kerry Bennett (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Toby Strout (MWH), Heather Davis (MWH), Cheryl Gafken (Prosecutor), Jackie Dakich (Prosecutor), April Wilson, (Prosecutor), Heather Davis (MWH), Penny Caudill (Monroe County Health Department), Becky Rose (MCCSC), Lindsay Potts (Centerstone), Elizabeth Bullock (DCS), Pam Gladish (Bloomington Police), Debra Morrow (MWH), Penny Caudill (Monroe County Health Department)
City Staff: Michael Shermis

Regrets:

Alex Chitwood (Protective Order Program),
Ashley Kim (Protective Order Program),
Carol McCord (IU Student Affairs)

Staff Update:

- A. Coalition partner recruitment efforts
Staff still working on IU Bloomington Hospital involvement.
- B. Facebook and Website are up
Check to make sure your organization's entry is correct.

Educational Topic:

Kerry Bennett, legal counsel, from Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) spoke about the 2016 Domestic Battery Statute. It came out of Hendricks County from a small coalition, IPAC (Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council) and ICADV didn't know it and it wasn't done with stakeholder involvement.

ICADV is reaching out to see how it's being implemented and asked Coalition members if they could provide feedback in terms of potential changes that might be needed. They are working with IPAC to see what changes need to be made, too. She especially would like to hear to from judges, public defenders, and prosecutors.

Spouse, or living as if spouse, has been changed to "family member," which greatly expands the definition. Family violence is not the same thing as intimate partner violence. IPV is much more lethal. Situational violence is different that intimate partnership violence.

The rest of the discussion ranged from gun violence issues, the challenges that the statute brings for DCS to do their work, trying to move the conversation away from lethality, how domestic violence is a gender-based crime, and how specialized courts have proved successful.



Information Sharing:

DCS is looking to hire a domestic violence specialist. Let Elizabeth know if you have any thoughts on potential candidates.

Centerstone continues to see DV as a problem because of lack of knowledge of what it is.

Health Department has partnered with a variety of people do a community health assessment. They will try to pull some relevant data for us.

MWH would like to coordinate more with Centerstone. Staff forgot to prepare MWH stats for distribution.

MCCSC tries to refer people to community services in cases of domestic violence.

COB Police offered stats.

Prosecutor had stats to share.

Next Meeting: 12 p.m., January 20, 21017, McCloskey Room, City Hall

Attempt to be made to have IU Bloomington Hospital talk to us about the protocols they use in cases of domestic violence.