



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2017**

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

Attending: Morgan Wells (Office of the Mayor), Chris Gaal (Prosecutor), April Wilson (Prosecutor), Julie Robertson (Probation), Sally Thomas (IU), Amy Speicher (Tricoci University), Charlotte Barton Combs (DCS), Stephanie Waller (Middle Way House), Debra Morrow (Middle Way House), Pam Gladish (Bloomington Police), Ron Smith (Indianapolis Counseling Center)

City Staff: Michael Shermis, Deaven Elliott

I. Introductions (5 minutes)

Brief introductions were provided.

II. Conference Planning Stephanie provided an update.

a. Committee report:

i. Logistics

1. Date: Thursday, March 22nd
2. Time: 8am-5pm
3. Location: Potentially at St. Mark's (checking for availability)
4. Three different tracks:
 - a. brings variety
 - b. meets people's needs
 - c. an education on a variety of topics and not just one

ii. Sam Harrell will provide spreadsheets that will include tasks for summer, fall, conference, and post-conference

iii. Michael will work on a call for proposals and topics

1. Ask everyone topics they would like to discuss

iv. Coordinator positions

1. Sam and Stephanie coordinators, registration
2. Michael speaker curation/hospitality, media, and budget
3. Debra and Heather volunteers
4. Sarah Hunt continuing education
5. Still need someone for a coordinator for Food/Space

v. Meeting Discussion/preconference:

1. Topics and proposals that we would like everyone to learn about

vi. Next Meeting time and date: Friday, July 28th, 1-2 p.m., Hooker Room, City Hall

b. Planning meeting:

1. Michael met with a survivor of human trafficking who wants to make a group home for those of human trafficking in Bloomington with 20 people. This person works with ITVAP and is interested in helping with conference.

c. Ideas for Workshop discussion:

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- i. Charlotte: Strangling is dismissed too much as an idea of a wrestling move
- ii. Stephanie: Domestic Violence and Homelessness
- iii. We wouldn't want a 101 at the conference because most have already been trained
- iv. Pam: BPD is already trained in trafficking and how to question and follow up question them, but she personally hasn't dealt with a case
- v. Chris: Deputy from Marion county on trafficking to train first responders, law enforcement, etc., and on how to successfully deal with the process
 1. Providing this education to the responders helped identify and detect it, but they just still haven't seen it or haven't gotten the reports
 2. Question: What's the goal in this conference?
 - a. For Chris: cross training of what each stakeholder is doing so there's a more collaborative response to help change the culture in the community
 - i. Example: resources and further education across the stakeholders for a more coordinated approach
- vi. April: Officers on scene on how they ask questions and deal with the situation
 1. Pam: she's only 1 of 5 agencies so there are different trainings, thus different words or phrasings
 2. Initial interaction with a victim
- vii. Chris: give people a walkthrough of each stage of the pamphlet
 1. Example: IU sexual assault→Survivors Journey
 - a. Starts with a story→goes to one person→changes scenario to another stage→continues
 2. Keynote event on how each agency has a different role and then that leads into different tracks
 3. Gave Brief overview of the Sexual Assault Response Team
- viii. Charlotte
 1. Homeland Security on the Blue campaign about Human Trafficking
- ix. Debra: sees some women who are sold out by boyfriends for drug money
- x. Chris: Could get Indiana Attorney General Office on Human Trafficking and it didn't cost anything with POAP

III. Staff Update

- a. Plea for first quarter statistics for first quarter: January 1st through March 31st
- b. Half of the City display case is available October. What would we like to do with it?

IV. Information Sharing (5 minutes)

- A. Tricoci University of Beauty Culture—Amy Speicher
 - a. Based out of Chicago
 - b. Every 6 weeks they do a demo to raise awareness of sexual assault
 - i. For their upcoming event on July 27th, 6-8 p.m., they are focusing on blue on the models in hair and makeup
 - ii. Family event with door prizes
 - iii. Students will display their looks through the campaign
 - iv. There are around 50 students currently in the school, which is located behind the Colorado Steak House

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- B. Chris Gaal brief overview of Sexual Assault Response Team
 - a. 2009: Sexual assault nurse examiner program (4 nurses), adopted protocol, and more with a grant
 - b. Lost grant: trying to maintain the focus since then and find funding
 - c. 2016: Sex crimes deputy prosecutor Joshua Radicke
 - i. Since then: Individual meeting with first responders with idea of moving forward with a training on mock trial testimony
 - ii. Sexual Assault Response Team
 - 1. Meeting on an ongoing monthly meeting
 - 2. Semi-annually to talk about bigger policy issues and training component or cross training
 - d. Pediatric Sexual Assault exams are now able to be done in Bloomington

- C. POAP coordinator will be Allison Bishay and Sarah Hunt will be going to Middle Way House

Next Meeting: 12 p.m., August 18, 2017, McCloskey Room, City Hall