



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017**

- I. **Attending:** Madison Bartlett (IUB Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Victim Advocacy), Heather Davis (MWH), Pam Gladish (BPD), Sam Harrell (MWH), Ketelyn Lipa (MWH), Precious McMillion (IUB Title IX), Debra Morrow (MWH), Gideon Porter (POP), Julie Roberston (Probation), Pamela Sojka (MWH), Jennifer Whitaker (Centerstone), April Wilson (Prosecutor),

City Staff: Michael Shermis

II. **Guest Speaker Presentation**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, Indiana University
Topic: Interventions for Intimate Partner Violence

- Review of research on interventions was for perpetrators (men), couples, survivors, and parenting.
- Interventions were mostly focused on male perpetrators and arrest.
- “Treatment” was Psychoeducational and conducted in groups.
- The two main models were Duluth and CBT (Cognitive Behavior Therapy) or both.
- Summary of Findings:
 - Small effect size regardless of type of program, type of IPV, and length of follow-up
 - “Overall, the treatment of batterers is not efficacious... the results remain inconsistent...” and “the evidence remains inconclusive”
 - New ideas include combining with substance abuse treatment, Motivational Interviewing (MI), Individual Treatment, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.
 - Summary: Not effective and continuing to try to find new ways to intervene.
- Couple Interventions for IPV are controversial and thus only tested on “situational couple violence.”
- Summary: Usually only used on mild to moderate “situational couples” violence, controversial and need more data.
- Interventions for IPV Survivors
 - Most agree that research is not strong, many different approaches, and much variability
- Interventions for Children Exposed to IPV
 - Summary:
 - Wide variety of approaches being tried
 - Need replication
- Parenting Interventions for Women
 - Summary:
 - Programs for male perpetrators have little or no effect on violence recidivism.
 - Programs for female survivors have small to medium effect on woman’s functioning and health.
 - Programs for children have small to medium effect on children’s functioning.

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- Programs for women's parenting have no strong effects overall.
- Summary: Need more and better research, to reconsider timing, and new ideas and approaches.

III. Conference Planning Evaluation

For next time:

- Be cautious of presentations so nothing political is mentioned
- Quiet Room needs to be highlighted more

IV. Staff Update (5 minutes)

- A. Stats Booklet (continuing to solicit info)
- B. Speaker Selection

V. Information Sharing

Next Meetings:

12 p.m., May 18, 2018, McCloskey Room, City Hall

Guest Speaker: Kerry Hyatt Bennett, JD, Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence

Topic: Stalking, Lobbying for Survivors, and Other Legal Issues

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