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## **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**

September 8, 2016  
Family Justice Center  
600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 500  
Rockville, MD 20852

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Purpose of Meeting:** Sixtieth meeting to review the County's response to domestic violence and present committee reports. William Sollod, DVCC Vice Chair, convened the meeting at 5:35 PM.

**In Attendance:** William Sollod, DVCC Vice Chair (Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Parole and Probation); The Honorable Sidney Katz (Montgomery County Council); Debbie Feinstein (Montgomery County Office of the State's Attorney); Rebecca Smondrowski (Montgomery County Public School – Board of Education); Angela Talley (Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation – Pre-trial Services); Eshigo Okasili (Community Member); Resa Levy (Community Member); Cheryl Kravitz (Community Member); Ngozi Obineme, DVCC Staff Substitute (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff)

**Guests:** Lisa Mandell-Trupp (Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz); Tina Michaels (Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation – Pre-trial Services); Michael Subin (Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission); Vania Brown (Montgomery County resident)

**Absent:** The Honorable Karla Smith, DVCC Chair (Circuit Court for Montgomery County); Sheriff Darren Popkin (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff); The Honorable John Moffett (District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County); Teresa Bennett (Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services); Dorothy Fait (Community Member); Tom Manion, DVCC Staff (Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff)

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

William Sollod welcomed all members and guests.

#### **II. Approval of May Minutes**

The minutes from May 12, 2016 DVCC meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes without revision, and the motion was seconded.

#### **III. Announcements**

Resa Levy reported that the MCFJC Foundation's Annual Benefit will be held on October 30, 2016.

#### **IV. 2016 Annual Report**

Ngoyi Obineme reported that the DVCC Annual Report for 2016 is due to the County Executive. Tom Manion is currently drafting the report and will send copies to all DVCC members early next week. Committee Chairs should review their sections and provide feedback at their earliest convenience, in addition to any recommendations for any new goals or objective for 2017.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Education and Outreach Committee**

Debbie Feinstein reported that the 2017 Choose Respect Conference, will be held at Richard Montgomery High School. The date is to be determined, either in March or April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Montgomery County Public Schools will partner again with Choose Respect this year. There are meetings set in place to enhance and expand the relationship with MCPS. Toby Knapp will be the MC for the upcoming conference. Toby Knapp has also connected the committee to the IHeartRadio network. Debbie Feinstein, Cheryl Kravitz, and Tom Manion met with the network, and they would like to contribute to the Choose Respect Conference, including promotional materials and donations. It is anticipated that IHeartRadio will be added to the list of sponsors for the upcoming conference.

Debbie Feinstein also reported that the Choose Respect Healthy Teen Dating Curriculums, now called Expect Respect, will commence soon. Tom Manion is putting together the schedule for the upcoming year. Debbie Feinstein and Tom Manion will be presenting at the SCUP conference, and are hoping to garner more interest for the presentations. The MCFJC Foundation gave a grant to Chesapeake Counseling to cover fifty percent of the in-class presentations. The Chesapeake Counseling therapist have been trained on the Expect Respect presentations, and Dr. Mindy Thiel is in the process of updating the presentation.

Debbie Feinstein also reported that the three schools that have been participating in the Coaching Boys into Men program are currently participating in the program this year. One of the attorneys from the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office has given presentations at Richard Montgomery High School, Montgomery Blair High School, and Springbrook High School to kick off their football seasons. Donna Rismiller is spearheading this program and looking to expand the program to additional schools.

Debbie Feinstein also reported the committee is working with the Commission for Women to develop a countywide campaign on domestic violence. Jodi Finkelstein is spearheading the project, and is working with the Montgomery County Public Information Office to create the ads that will be placed on bus shelters, and, with the help of Cheryl Kravitz, public service announcements in English and Spanish. It is anticipated that the campaign will be ready in October. Jodi Finkelstein has also spearheaded working with Washington College to put together maps to observe where domestic violence related 911 calls are prevalently made throughout Montgomery County.

A question was brought up by William Sollod on the status of advertising for the DVCC's student member. Debbie Feinstein reported that the position has been advertised. Resa Levy reported that high school students participating in Club P.R.O.V.I.D.E may be interested in applying for the position.

### **B. Offender Program and Policy Committee**

Angela Talley reported that the committee has reviewed the recommendations from the DV Offender Program Roundtable, and will create initiatives in the coming year based on some of the recommendations. For example, the committee would like to clarify procedures on database sharing, ensure that pre-release residents are required for treatment orders, and do research on whether there will be a need for a coherent risk assessment tool.

### **C. MCFJC Foundation Update**

Resa Levy reported that the MCFJC Foundation 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit will be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. If anyone who has not received an invitation should let Resa know. County employee tickets are \$75 each. Tickets can be purchased on the MCFJC Foundation website.

### **VI. Adjournment**

William Sollod adjourned the meeting 5:53 PM.

**The next DVCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Family Justice Center**



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