**Minutes for Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task**

**March 19th 2019**

Chair: Bobbie Hodson- **Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office**

Vice Chair: Christine Warwick- **Retired (Haven)**

Location: Juvenile Welfare Board

14155 58th St. N. \*\*Room 191\*\*

Clearwater, FL

Time: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

**VISION:**

To have a peaceful and just community;

**PURPOSE:**

1. To promote the prevention of domestic and sexual violence.

2. To enhance victim safety.

3. To hold batterers accountable.

**GOALS:**

1. To develop and implement primary preventative strategies.

2. To facilitate and implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence,

3. To provide ongoing education and assessment of the coordinated community response.

The Task Force agrees to use the principles of **Trauma Informed Care** in conducting our meetings by creating a safe, trustworthy, collaborative and empowering environment. This supportive culture of shared decision making and choices for all involved will enhance our advocacy efforts.

Chris Warwick called the meeting to order by reading the Vision, Purpose and Goals of the Task Force at 2:03 PM.

David Swindall proposed approval of the minutes seconded by Melissa Andress.

1. **Chair’s Report** – Bobbie Hodson [bhodson@pcsonet.com](mailto:bhodson@pcsonet.com) (Frieda Widera)

- In February the Steering Committee met twice with the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg to look at how the Foundation’s mission and task force efforts might intersect. Future meetings will include looking at strategic planning. The Foundation shared what they might be able to assist us with (data research, gathering what the community needs, possible focus groups, survey of community and possibly hire consultant to gather data and/or help with strategic planning).

- Next Planning mtg will be on April 3rd at David Swindall’s office at 9:30. Topics will include planning a DV event in October.

1. **BIP Committee Report**– David Swindall, swindall.david@gmail.com

-Nothing to report at this time. Meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 10:00

1. **Education Committee Report** – Melissa Andress, [ANDRESSM@pcsb.org](mailto:ANDRESSM@pcsb.org)

Melissa is actively seeking a sponsor for the ‘Be A Better Bystander’ training which can be tailored to any audience and has no cost. At this time a group showed interest but not enough time to do the panel. Instead will provide DV 101 in May. Neighborhood Family Center SPC Clearwater campus event planned in July with youth-may be possible to do one as well as the Primary Prevention Committee may be able to help with a presentation.

1. **Fatality Review** **Committee Report** – Frieda Widera, [fwidera@largo.com](mailto:fwidera@largo.com)

-Reviewed minutes from February 7th meeting and next meeting is April 4th.

- Frieda shared that a small committee is working on the annual report that will be presented at the May meeting.

1. **Primary Prevention Committee Report** – Jennifer Saulpaugh, Chair

-Continuing to work on revamping the “**Say This, Not That**” booklets and brochure on talking to your teen about dating violence. They will have one more meeting and then booklets will go to printing.

-Next meeting April 9th at Largo Library

-Next event Largo Playing Unplugged Touch a truck April 6th 11-3 at Largo Central Park. All interested in participating email Frieda Widera at [fwidera@largo.com](mailto:fwidera@largo.com)

or Jennifer Saulpaugh at jennifer.saulpaugh@rcspinellas.org

1. **Steering Committee Report** – vacant

-No report at this time

1. **Presentation – Sergeant Doug Gettmann, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Alternative Sentencing Unit**

-Sergeant Gettmann presented 5 programs for pre-trial court sanctions

1. Day Reporting - Do community hours instead of jail time. Every 8 hours of service takes a day off their time.
2. Cam Unit - Continuous alcohol monitoring, it is worn on the ankle and picks up excretions from skin.
3. Remote breath- They blow in machine and it takes pictures of them doing it for verification.
4. GPS – Tracking device used so they stay away from certain zones (victim home, school, work). Officers can call the device if needed.
5. Supervised ROR (released on own recognizance) – Check in process.

* Programs help with jail overcrowding and expense to the community.

If you have any requests for the education piece in the coming months, contact Bobbie.

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Next Meeting: 5/21/19 @ the Juvenile Welfare Board

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Please contact Bobbie Hodson if you wish to be on the agenda

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Melissa Andress