**Minutes for Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task**

**September 18th, 2018**

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

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

Location: Suncoast Hospice

The Gathering Place (room B)

5771 Roosevelt Blvd.

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.

Bobbie Hodson called the meeting to order by reading the Vision, Purpose and Goals of the Task Force at 2:06 PM.

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

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

-Introduce Ellen Woll of JAEDV announcing the ‘Yellow Dress’ performance will be given at Seminole High School. Date to be announced. Also JAEDA is putting together panel/dinner regarding DV-it can happen here.

-Paint Pinellas Purple will be 2 days to coordinate with the National Domestic Violence Day of Unity on October 1st and CASA Day of Unity October 25th.

-**Next meeting on November 13th at the St.Pete College EpiCenter on 58th St.**

1. **BIP Committee Report**– David Swindall, Chair

-Organizing monitoring of programs, need new people to monitor, review written materials, 4-5 programs for 1hr each and along with training. It’s probably a 6-8 hour commitment - send email if interested

-Strength at Home Program – Maria Taylor from Veterans Administration reported on the program. 12 week program, 2 hour sessions each week to eliminate and reduce verbal/physical violence and reduce PTSD symptoms. Mandated by Congress and a few courts accept this treatment. Maria is working with Judge Farnell to accept Strength At Home program. First class is set for October 22nd with no more than 8 participants with a goal of 5 per class. Veterans can miss up to 3 classes but must do the work to make up missed material. Cost is co-pay of benefit plan and looking for referrals.

1. **Education Committee Report** – Melissa Andress, Chair

Melissa has nothing new to report.

1. **Fatality Review** **Committee Report** – Frieda Widera, Chair

-Reviewed notes provided from August 2nd meeting and next meeting is October 4th.

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

-Hannah reports they are continuing to work on revamping the “**Say This, Not That**” booklets.

-Prevention committee has National Night Out on October 2nd 4:30-8:30pm at Target on Gulf to Bay. Looking for volunteers for set up starting at 3:45pm, please contact Frieda [fwidera@largo.com](mailto:fwidera@largo.com) or Jennifer [jennifer.saulpaugh@rcspinellas.org](mailto:jennifer.saulpaugh@rcspinellas.org)

1. **Statistics Committee Report**  – Ruth Whitney , Co-Chair

-Ruth gave a history of the Statistics Committee and understanding that their report is not always appreciated.

-The Statistics Committee does not agree with having to ‘vet’ the report to the Steering Committee and claim they have been delayed 2 months due to this review process which has not been required in the past. This review process has prevented the Statistics committee from presenting their report to Chiefs of Police in upcoming meetings.

-Ruth attempted to present the 1st page of the Statistics Report, Bobbie objected and there was discussion from the floor where members requested the report be reviewed as agreed upon and presented in a collaborative manner.

1. **Steering Committee Report** –Alexis Upton, Chair [hokieupton@gmail.com](mailto:hokieupton@gmail.com)

Alexis has nothing new to report.

VIII. **Advocacy Committee Report** – Ambee Stephens, Chair [astephens@casa-stpete.org](mailto:astephens@casa-stpete.org)

-The committee met 9/11/18 where Sgt. Webb spoke about GPS/CAM monitoring.

-CASA event 10/25/18, flyers available and other events by email.

IX. **Announcements:**

Haven FACES luncheon 10/16/18

CASA Peace breakfast 10/23/18

Alexis requested assistance with prevention classes with PCSB and Lacey with Suncoast and Hannah with Haven both are approved presenters and will coordinate with Alexis.

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

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Next Meeting: 9/18/18 @ Suncoast Hospice 5771 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater

and future meeting:

11/13/18 (early due to holiday at SPC Epi Center 13805 58th St. N)

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

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Alexis Upton