

# NCPAT Minutes

July 20, 2007

NCPAT met on Friday, July 20, 2007 in Fayetteville, NC. The meeting was hosted by the CARE Center for Domestic Violence in Cumberland County.

Attendees: Bea Cote (IMPACT – Charlotte), Edward Clark, Lyndelia Wynn, and Debra Colon (CARE Center – Fayetteville), Bernetta Thigpen (NC Council for Women – Greensboro), Diane Castellow (NC Council for Women – Raleigh), Joe Marinello (ACTTI), Ellen Elliott (LifeSkills Counseling Center).

- I. Introductions and Housekeeping:** Bea Cote called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked the host and Edward Clark familiarized the group with the facilities and explained the building rules. Everyone present introduced themselves.
- II. Review of 1/19/07 minutes:** Minutes from the January meeting were passed out, reviewed and approved as written.
- III. Treasurer's report:** Joe Marinello (treasurer) reported that NCPAT has an account balancer of \$5,602.84, which includes income from membership dues paid and a payment to Michael Green for the design of the new NCPAT website. There are currently 22 core NCPAT members.

The website can be accessed at [www.NCPAT.net](http://www.NCPAT.net) and will be hosted for a fee of \$15.00 per month. Additional costs for the website will include \$8.95 per year for the domain name and a charge for any changes made to the site. Diane Castellow suggested the domain fee be paid several years in advance to ensure it could not be sold, but the discussion was tabled pending a decision regarding a name change.

- IV. Region reports:**
  - Southwest:** Bea Cote chaired a meeting that included 7 attendees and 2 guests, including Tony Porter from A Call to Men. Meeting focused on issues related to stand-alone programs securing a MOA, including ways for victim services programs to feel comfortable with programs. The suggestion was made for stand-alone programs to reach out to victim services programs, to join in trainings, participate in local meetings, and to create opportunities for dialogue. NCPAT members were encouraged to contact NC Council for Women regional directors for issues related to victim services programs. Joe Marinello discussed his presentation on the comparison of BIP and Anger Management and reported his willingness to share related PowerPoint information. In addition, both he and Tony Porter (working with men) expressed a willingness to volunteer their expertise for training. Julie Owens

(CfW/DVC) also agreed to conduct trainings on communicating with victims. It was suggested that any presenter be reimbursed for mileage and expenses if invited to train. The issue of CEU credit was discussed and Ellen Elliott agreed to look into the process of obtaining credit for training attendance for facilitators who need credits for licensure.

**Western:** Kathleen Balogh assisted Don Houts in chairing a meeting that included 6 attendees. The region is in need of a new chair as there have been some changes since Don Houts and Ruth Richardson agreed to chair this region.

**Northwest:** Ellen Elliott reported there was no meeting due to a lack of response. A fall meeting will be scheduled in October.

**Central:** No meeting. At least one of the two chairs (Joyce Curry and Jacqueline Sills) withdrew and the region is in need of regional leaders.

**Northeast:** Leslie Parker led a meeting with 2 people in attendance.

**Southeast:** No report was given for this region and a chair is needed.

Due to the grim turnout in both the regional meetings and state meeting as well, the group brainstormed possible ways to generate interest for NCPAT. Ideas included attaching the meetings to conferences or trainings (such as the Outer Banks Conference in October), changing the biannual meetings to March and September and establishing a March training, or to pair membership with program certification. Ellen Elliott provided information related to the Friends of DV caucus through the NC Coalition Against DV. Joe Marinello proposed a retreat for regional chairs to discuss this issue further. A retreat may be planned by e-mail pending chairs and a location being established. It is noted that several regions are still in need of chairs and those persons will make up the training committee as well.

- V. NC Council for Women/DV Commission update:** Diane Castelow introduced Bernetta Thigpen, the new director for the Northwestern region. She reported that the state director position was lost due to the time it remained unfilled, but asked that NCPAT support efforts were being made to reinstate the position and help push it through the legislature as a more qualified position with a greater salary potential. Bea Cote mentioned that Jo Liles had volunteered to assist with legislative issues and may be an excellent resource for the Council. No one at the meeting volunteered to write a letter to the DV commission before the August session, but Bea agreed to write a letter to Mr. Wooten requesting information to distribute to NCPAT members. The Council is currently in jeopardy of losing funding and the Governor's Crime Commission is working to keep it. Diane will continue to update on the status of this situation. Diane provided the new address for the council at 430 Penmark Drive, Suite 110. The mailing address will not change.

## **VI. Surveys:**

- **Alison Snow Jones (last meeting presenter):** The study results were marginally inconclusive and ultimately only substantiated the need for further research. Members were discouraged from using results of the survey to aid in funding efforts.
- **BIP student curriculum survey results :** Ten programs responded to survey related to curriculum survey. Four programs use Duluth, 2 use ADA, and others were mixed curriculums.
- **Distribution of Texas survey:** Bea Cote shared information from a Texas survey on BIP certification. Only eighteen states questioned currently have BIP certification and half are required to submit a fee ranging from \$100-450(Alabama), as well as a renewal fee. Nearby states include SC which has no certification fee, VA has voluntary certification and a \$250 fee, and Tennessee does not require certification, but does provide funding for the certification process.

## **VII. Report from Barry Bryant, Deputy Director, Governor's Crime**

**Commission:** Barry Bryant was unable to attend the meeting, but did e-mail Bea with information about GCC funding related to BIP and block grants for new programs. He wrote that it is unknown whether batterer's intervention will be a funding priority this year, but that reducing violent crimes against women is a core mission of the Crime Victims' Services Committee. Anyone interested in applying for funding must attend a GCC statewide grant writing workshop in October/November. Bea Cote will respond to Barry's e-mail and ask for information regarding these trainings, as well as how NCPAT members can receive e-mails related to funding opportunities from the GCC.

## **VIII. Bylaws:** Copies of the Bylaws were distributed to core members and proposed changes were discussed. The following proposed changes voted on by attending members.

1. Term limits will be extended by vote. (Approved)
2. Bylaw changes will be approved by a 51% quorum vote by attending members rather than 2/3 vote. (Approved)
3. Positions will be extended through election. (Approved)
4. NCPAT name will be changes to NCBIPP. (Tabled for further discussion)

Executive positions were also discussed. Due to lack of attendance, it was determined that positions will be voted on via e-mail. Lyndelia Wynn agreed to create a ballot for nominations and Joe Marinello will provide names of core members.

**IX. Additional business:**

1. Joetta Sheppard emailed an inquiry regarding a Duluth training in NC. Ellen Elliott also inquired about a Men Stopping Violence training. Members are encouraged to submit proposals to NCPAT for assistance with upfront costs for a training, as well as training ideas for a possible March 2008 training.
2. Members were also reminded that DSS uses Title IV monies for various projects and encouraged to contact their local DSS to inquire about funds.
3. Bea Cote and Sandy Walker will be conducting a training on DV and Substance Abuse at the Addictions Summer School for addictions professionals in July.

**\*\*Next Meeting: TBA**

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