



**NCPAT MINUTES
4/30/10**

Attending: Donavan Grant, Chair, NOVA; Ellen Elliott, Co-Chair, Life Skills Counseling; Ruth Phelps, Secretary, Family Guidance Center; Kathleen Balogh, NCCFW/DVC; Janice Miller, SLIDES; Theresa Thomas, Mainstay; Ginny Rittenhouse, Mainstay; Tonya B., Mainstay; Gary Maxwell, Summitbound.

I. Welcome and Introductions – NCPAT meeting was called to order by Donavan Grant, Chair, following the morning training session presented by April Burgess-Johnson. The training topic was “Domestic Violence Affecting LGBT Communities”.

II. Regional reports and program updates

• Donavan reported on-going progress with the new initiative through NOVA to provide an alternative way men can access the abuser program. This initiative continues to coordinate services through NOVA, the courts, Probations, D.A.’s office, etc.

As explained in the last NCPAT meeting, the plan allows men to work 24 hours per month doing the monthly fee. Men, initially participating under a fee base may be allowed to switch to the Community Service Option. However, once this option is chosen, it is fixed.

The collaboration between the community pieces appears to be positive.

**III. Best Practices (NCCFW/DVC)
Kathleen Balogh**

• Kathleen encouraged all BIP’s to watch for and complete a survey which will help the courts to work better with the abuser’s

programs. Identifying best practice for the courts in handling D.V. cases is being addressed.

Although reviewing new applications for abuser programs is currently the focus, Kathleen assured work on "Best Practices" is continuing and will be "back on track".

- * Haywood County has a new BIP, Life Counseling.**
- * Provision of policies/procedures is now being requested on the new application to assure appropriate understanding. (3 recent BIP applications were not approved).**

IV. Treasurer's report: correction to be made in the balance reported in the last NCPAT meeting minutes. Full report to be available at the July NCPAT meeting.

V. Continuing Goals for NCPAT

- * Fall conference at the beach discussed (greater number of training hours would be more easily obtained)**

VI. Afternoon training

- * Guy Maxwell led a presentation "Agency Collaboration in the the Judicial System"**

VII. Next meeting date and site

- * Set for July 16, 2010 (later changed to July 30, 2010)
Place - NOVA - Charlotte, N.C.**

VIII. Adjournment

- * Conference planning for NCPAT fall beach meeting/training will be a focus of the next meeting. A tentative date for the fall meeting - 9/24/10.**