



Attending: Donovan Grant, Chair, NOVA Ellen, Elliott, Co-Chair. Life Skills Counseling; Ruth Phelps Secretary, First Step Domestic Violence Program; Joe Marinello, Treasurer, NOVA; Bea Cote, The Be There Group/IMPACT; Kathleen Balogh; Fred Barnes, Maria Hinton, SLIDES; Larry Blount; Tim Bradley, NOVA; Carol Davis, Lindsey Rierson, Genesis; Lisa Draper, Dose; Michael Lewis, Temple Heggie, Outer Banks Hotline; Elwood McPharl, James Robinson, Insight; Victoria Carter, Susan Osterhoat, DV and SA Center; Frank Pizzardi; Sue Proctor, SAFE-MIT; Helen Varnadore, NOVA/Bears; John Williams, Mars Hill Counseling; Cheryl Wright, Family Crisis Center; Jim Wylie, Family Services

I. Welcome and Introduction

Donavan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT conference meeting held at the Carolina Beach on 01/21/2011.

II. Approved of Minutes

Minutes of 10/15/10 meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's report and membership.

Report was not made due to the inability to calculate conference registrations, membership fees, and conference costs paid at the conference on this date. There will be a Treasurers report at the April meeting.

IV. Regional reports and program updates

- No specific regional reports were made but all attendees participated in a discussion regarding maintaining strong participation in the NCPAT meetings and various ideas were submitted. The idea of "Conference Call" was made; Donovan will check into this in preparation for the April meeting. A "back-up" physical site for the meeting was determined to be held in Greensboro, NC. Kathleen Balogh suggested those who could attend would be joined via conference by those who could not. An hour long training would be the conference call purpose, as well as any pertinent business. Details will be worked out and communicated by Donovan via e-mail.

- Kathleen also reminded the members that, as a group NCPAT has lobbying powers. Therefore each BIP's participation in NCPAT is important as a "Coalition" of members is stronger than an individual's concerns.
  
- The attendees were reminded of the on-going legislative effort being made to change the name from Abuser Treatment Program to batterer Intervention Program. It was suggested that NCPAT compose a letter following the meeting to the relevant commission to be signed at the last conference session the following morning by all the present NCPAT members. (This was done.)
  
- Hot topics for the future. NCPAT meetings were discussed and a common interest involved how most effectively to have some influence in the judicial system. Various ideas around this were discussed.
  
- Julie Owens, NCCADV Regional Director, was present at the NCPAT meeting and presented a Faith based training idea to the members. Julie has personal contacts/relationship with a couple who has pioneered a BIP from a "Christian" perspective and has been in a discussion with them about bringing the training to NC. Ty is a former batterer and worked in developing the regular "Duluth" model of intervention with batterers. He now works only with the Christian model.
  
- Julie was confident of their interest and desire to make this training available in North Carolina for a reasonable cost. NCPAT members expressed interest. Julie will pursue this discussion with them and obtain answers to the raised concerns:
  1. Time (Confident would be a 3-day training)
  2. Cost
  3. Possibility of offering a regular Duluth training on a different tract
  4. Ability to purchase actual material at a later date to off-set initial expense as individual or agency could afford.
  5. Distinctions between the "Christian-Based" and regular Duluth training.
  6. Would NCPAT be able to make money for training if Duluth handles the registration?

The above questions and others will be asked and Julie will provide this information to Donavan. NCPAT would be responsible for providing the site.

- Julie also announced a training to be held in British Columbia "Emergency from the Shadows: Information about this is on Julie's website: [www.peaceandsafety.com](http://www.peaceandsafety.com). Another website of interest was mentioned. [www.theraveproject.org](http://www.theraveproject.org), members were encouraged to check the other sites.

## V. Continuing Goals for NCPAT

Discussed in the Regional reports and program updates

- Duluth training in North Carolina (Christian Focused)
- Named changed to BIP from ATP
- Letter prepared at conference meeting to send to appropriate commissions
- Possible future letter from NCPAT to the Judges meeting to continue appropriated education input and influence.
- Beat Cote readdressed the issues of NCPAT fees (as a follow-up to prior NCPAT meeting). It continues to be an ongoing discussion nothing is changed at present NCPAT fees remain at \$25.00

## VI. NC Council for Women update (presented by Kathleen Balogh at final conference session).

- D.V. subcommittee of the DV Commission meets quarterly (8-9 people to talk about issues in early years, there was such a disconnection between abusers treatment and domestic violence work. The BIP's need to be visible in the community – making it known of holidays and being accountable, etc.
- Best Practices Manual is still being worked on. ATP Handbook is almost completed. The purpose is to take the rules and expand on them. An example from the handbook includes differentiation between anger management/abuser treatments.
- New statistical numbers for 2009-2010 are online. This will help to compare your program to others.
- Probation & parole is the only referral number which has increased.
- Abuser Treatment Programs have to submit statistics quarterly. If numbers don't "add up", please write a note of explanation. These numbers are look at online by multiple sources.
- ATP's are required to report "victim contact". If there are 10 referrals, then 10 victims need to be contacted. (The main thing is to convey that that ATP's is making contact with victims.) This is a critical piece!
- A new data base at the state level is a potential help for ATPs statistical reporting.
- The Spanish speaking section is designed to record numbers of Spanish speaking referrals. If you offer a Spanish speaking group, records those numbers separate.
- Memorandum of Understanding was looked at. The goal is to have each ATP using the same one. (ex., MOU between Meridian Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is REACH of Macon County, Inc. is being looked at the preferred MOU for each ATP to use.
- Letters of support will not be "standardized". These need to be more personalized.
- February 20, 2011 is deadline for re-certification. (This year, any programs approved in April 2005 – are being asked to provide your program manual with all policies, procedures, forms, etc. Information can be obtained at North Carolina Council for Women's website.
- Targeted areas are:
  - Philosophy

- Curriculum (syllabus)
- Lethality Assessment (Forms used)
- Intake & Assessment (+assessment tool)
- Rules of Provision of Direct Services
- ATP's will be receiving something in the mail from D.O.C. – a form that any person working with offender)
- Kathleen Balogh will facilitate sending this out. (Next 3-4 months)
- Council for women does want to see something in ATP's policies that "ex-d .v. offenders" are not facilitating groups alone or unsupervised – without a co-facilitator. A minimum of 3-5 years post offense is needed. But, if an "ex-offender" is co-facilitating, he may never facilitate a group alone (too early to collude or lapse back into such behaviors).
- New "proposed" standardized M.O.U. can be used interagency between ATP and victim services also.
- Last issue addressed by Kathleen was to remind that ATP's are not "mental health" programs –with diagnosis – and can not be billed to Medicaid or other insurance. If any program is doing that, please stop.
- Members raised the issue of ATP fees across the state. Kathleen would encourage programs to complete a "survey monkey" on intake and group fees... which will be sent via e-mail within the next couple of weeks.

#### VII. Additional Business – no additional business.

- VIII. Next meeting date and site – April 15, 2011 (possibly to start at 1:00am), Greensboro, NC; "Conference Call" may be an option also for the meeting. One hour of training may be offered.
- Details for the April meeting will be finalized and e-mailed by Donovan to all programs.
- Participation in future NCPAT meetings is strongly encouraged as each member brings fresh ideas, resources, and input.

#### IX. Adjournment

- Thanks go to our Chair, Donovan Grant, and Vice-Chair, Ellen Elliott, for coordinating and leading such an awesome NCPAT Conference (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual). Attendees expressed the impact that this conference has made – both emotionally and in new information.
- Each presenter did an awesome job, beginning with the Pre-conference session: Bean Cote, Ellen Elliott, and Crystalle Williams.
- The keynote speakers, Ben Atherton – Zeman, Dr. Nkrumah Lewis, and April Burgess-Johnson were exceptional. Their "hearts" were certainly poured out to those who attended. What an impact! {If you missed this conference – you missed out!}
- A special thank you to Kathleen Balogh for her on-going support of NCPAT and her consistent efforts to join us at the NCPAT meetings! Kathleen, we appreciate you!