



Attending: Donovan Grant, Chair, NOVA; Larry Robinson, Elwood McPhail, Victoria Grey-Allen, Insight/U Care; Cynthia Arrington, Andrew Newton, CARE Family Violence; Barbara Rodriguez, DOSE; Lashaun Huntley, Time-Out/Family Services Kathleen Balogh, NC Council for Women; (Guests)Mayes, Anita Oetez, Kembrie Farrow, Sampson County DSS

## **NCPAT AGENDA**

*October 21, 2011*

### **I. Welcome**

Donavan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting held at the Sampson Co. Department of Social Services in Clinton 10/21/11.

### **II. Approval of 8/19/11 minutes**

Minutes of 8/19/11 meeting were approved.

### **III. Treasurer Report and Membership**

- Joe Marinello was unable to attend 10/21/11 meeting. NCPAT Chair Donovan Grant reported that he did not believe that there had been any changes to the budget since the August meeting, but would follow up with Treasurer Joe Marinello. **UPDATE:** Joe reported as of 10/25/11 NCPAT still maintains a current budget of \$5,175.77.
- It was decided at the 8/19/11 meeting that beginning January 2012, NCPAT would raise the membership fees based on the tier system established at previous meetings. The tier system is as follows:
  - Individual-\$25
  - Programs with 1-10 staff including contract staff- \$50
  - Programs with over 10 staff including contract staff-\$100

It was agreed that only certified BIP's will have voting privileges.

**IV. Regional reports and program updates**

- Lashaun Huntley with Time Out stated that they recently had a luncheon/DV training for the judges and court personnel in their County. Lashaun reported that the training was well attended and successful.
- Barbara Rodriguez with DOSE stated that their peer mentor aftercare program is now up to 90 participants. Barbara also reported that they are now offering a reduced rate for volunteers without any YFS or court involvement: \$250 vs. the \$500 for mandated clients.
- Elwood McPhail reported that they have increased their fees to \$60 to help cover the cost of their new pre/post test instrument.

**V. Continuing Goals for NCPAT**

- NCPAT Chair Donovan Grant stated that he had been in contact with Duluth about pursuing an NCPAT sponsored Duluth training to come to North Carolina. However, did not feel encouraged about the possibility due to the cost of the training: \$1800 per day for two speakers for 3 days=\$10,800 for the speakers and this amount does not including airfare, lodging, and meals for the speakers. Duluth would handle all of the registration and advertising, but if they did, they would need to charge a \$500 registration fee for the conference.
- Kathleen Balogh with the NC Council for Women stated that she would discuss with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence about partnering with NCAPT on this and poll BIP's to ascertain level of interest and how many BIP's could afford a \$500 registration fee. Some of the meeting participants stated that they would not be able to afford the registration. She stated that it may be worth having other nationally recognized batterer programs like Emerge or Alternatives to Domestic Aggression to come facilitate training as the training could be equally valuable, but not as costly.

**VI. NC Council for Women/DV Commission update**

- Kathleen Balogh with the NCCFW shared the draft copy of the best practices for Batterer Intervention. She will be e-mailing to certified BIP's for feedback before the handbook is finalized. The handbook will offer further explanation to the Batterer Standards in effort to

eliminate individual interpretation, and create consistency across certified BIP's in NC.

- Kathleen also reminded BIP's that we should all be assessing for lethality, not appropriateness, and discussed the liability of BIP's that "screen out" batterers for perceived inappropriateness.

**VII. Additional business**

- NCPAT Chair Donovan Grant discussed the MRS conference call meetings that are being held this month. Donovan had sent an e-mail to NCPAT members on 10/9 about the meetings, and reminded everyone of the next meeting on 10/31 and handed out the original e-mail from Crystalle Williams with detailed information about the meetings.
- Donovan Grant shared that the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services are collaborating to create work plans for (4) new approved DV Social Workers. These SW's would act as liaisons between DSS and the DV providers in Meck. Co.

**VIII. Next Meeting, date and site**

January 20<sup>th</sup> at CARE Family Violence in Cumberland Co. DOSE in Raleigh will serve as a back-up meeting site if CFV does not have conference call capability.

**IX. Adjournment**

Thanks to U Care and Sampson County Department of Social Services for hosting.