

## NCPAT - Minutes of October 19, 2012

Participants: Donovan Grant, Chair, NOVA; Mary Linker & Jo Sanders, PEACE; Bernetta Thigpen & Kathleen Balough, NC Council for Women; Abby Carlquist, DOSE; Torrie Sustice, Western NC; Larry Blount, U-CARE; Bea Cote,

I. Welcome and Introduction: Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting hosted by the PEACE program at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro on 10/19/12.

II. Approval of Minutes : Minutes of 7/20/12 were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report and membership: Treasurer Joe Marinello was not present and there was no specific report. Donovan estimated current funds at \$5000.

IV. Regional reports and program updates:

DOSE – nothing to share

PEACE – Mary reported the program is experiencing a decline in referrals.

U-Care – Larry reported he is seeing a similar decline in referrals.

Western NC – Torrie reported they have the same numbers as usual. This program covers District 30 - 7 counties including Haywood, & Jackson.

NOVA – Donovan shared that their program went through an audit over the summer and passed. They finally have a new database.

Programs are reporting hearing a concern expressed about program cost and the feeling is that this is impacting referrals. Kathleen suggested that we need to educate judges and District Attorneys about Batterer Intervention Programs. It's about accountability! Like drunk driving, you have to pay for your DWI classes.

V. Continuing Goals for NCPAT - The group discussed adding a training component to each NCPAT meeting with a goal of providing 8-10 hours of training per year to help programs meet the state-mandated 20 hours of training. This will add value to NCPAT membership.

Bea reviewed the evaluations from the 2012 beach conference. Substance abuse was mentioned as a training need. There is interest in current research of BIP. Group Dynamics is another topic for future training discussed by the group.

The group spent considerable time planning the upcoming 2013 NC PAT Conference. A training committee of Donovan, Kathleen, and Mary was formed to follow-up.

Date: Potential date is Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> with Jan 25 and Feb. 1 as back-up.

Site: Kathleen reported that the Winston Salem Senior Services Center is a possible site. Council for Women used this spot for a Displaced Homemaker Conference. Capacity is 80. Kathleen suggested box lunches. Kathleen will investigate AHEC space in Greensboro and Winston.

Registration: PEACE volunteered to handle registration for the conference. Group discussed keeping registration cost low (\$25 suggested) and including NCPAT membership fee along with conference registration.

Topic and speakers: Cognitive-Behavioral Approach for Working with Abusers. Morning focus on concepts of CBT with afternoon for exercises. Make sure there are good hand-outs participants could use with BIP group members. Donovan suggested John Basalice and Lisa Draper as speakers. We discussed paying a honorarium of \$200 and hotel/food costs for each presenter. Kathleen will set the stage at the beginning of the conference with the message that CBT as an approach can increase comprehension of BIP curriculum material.

VI. NC Council for Women/DV Commission Update:

A) Kathleen reported on a study of monitoring BIP programs around the country with the aim of figuring out a model for NC BIP programs. The project was accepted for a Dept. of Administration Internship Program. This will be operated out of Kathleen's Asheville office.

B) Best Practices Manual is at the point of final editing. It may be rolled out at our conference.

C) Three new BIP programs were approved Oct. 1, 2012. They are WIN WIN in Yancey & Madison Counties, Aricent Counseling Group in Johnston County, and Piedmont Support Services in Forsyth County (Kernersville).

D) What happens to uncertified programs? Abuser Treatment Subcommittee of DV Commission is looking at this issue. Program may re-apply based on current rules.

VII. Additional Business

VIII. Next Meeting: At lunchtime at NCPAT Conference on Jan. 18, 25, or Feb 1.

2013 meeting dates are April 19, July 19, and October 18.

IX. NCPAT Officer Positions: Tabled