

NCPAT Meeting – Minutes of July 24, 2020

Participating: Donovan Grant of NOVA, NCPAT Chair (Mecklenburg), Lea Glaze of NOVA, NCPAT Secretary, Doris Bienz of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Lori Gerber & Gabrielle Smith, of North Carolina Council for Women (Statewide), Bea Cote of Impact (Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Stanly), Jimmy Hare of RHA Behavioral Health (Yancey, Madison & Mitchell), Tiffany Bell of Sparc (Buncombe), Larry Blount of Alamance County DV Prevention (Alamance), Sylvester Timmons of Triangle Family Services (Wake), Caitlyn Hannah of Pitt County Center for Family Violence Prevention, John Williamson of Pathways to Change, Partner Abuse Intervention (Durham, Orange, and Chatham).

Welcome and Introduction: Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting.

I. Minutes approved

II. Domestic Violence Offender Management & North Carolina Council for Women Updates:

1. Tiffany sent a formal letter requesting a for a full-time position for oversight of DVIP's.
2. Three new programs have been approved how do we support programs and providing best info for them to use.
Forsyth County-HOPE Domestic Violence Intervention Program Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Granville County-Higher Aspiration Behavioral HealthCare Creedmoor, NC 27522
Person County-Rehabilitation Support Services, PLLC Roxboro NC 27573
3. SPARC has been doing virtual for about four months, with face to face intakes. For those with technical/connectivity difficulties they are offering support through asking more in-depth questions. Individuals who have made no contact have been terminated. To increase accountability, the enforcement of rules is in place (absences, payments, etc.), offering PayPal as an option for payment.
4. Lori is working on updating the website with the DVIP's and will send a list to judges.
5. Tiffany reported that there will need to be a discussion regarding incorporating accountability back into the DVIP's.
6. DV Commission meeting scheduled in August to discuss what are the standards for virtual and the concerns.
7. DG discussed the payment collection for NOVA, reporting credit card payment options are coming soon. Some clients cannot do virtual and are looking at in person. Considering termination for those who have not responded. Probation has been assisting in the rising response rate.
8. John-Pathways is totally virtual. All accountability standards are in place. Payments are made via CashApp, Venmo, credit/debit card through our website donation portal or money order mailed to the office. No completion letters are offered until all requirements are met including any balance paid in full. Pathways has received 7 referrals to Partner Abuse in July. Two of our groups are full. The referrals are coming from DSS, Probation, Public Defenders, and ADA's. We are considering opening another group and starting a female based group in the next year.
9. Bea of Impact reported clients can only be one week behind with payment. They are completely virtual. Payments coming mostly virtual with Venmo, been a little more flexible, rural counties not having as much access to technology. Social Workers and Probation have been more willing to assist with get clients workbooks needed for class participation. Three clients they have not been able to get in.
10. Bea asked about referrals since the courts have been closed. Is there a group of people who want survivors NCCDAV should be looking at that. Have not been to their conference calls. Lori

will invite someone from NCCDAV to the next NCPAT meeting to discuss, cash bonds. Also someone from NCAOC to invite. Lori and sandra

III. NCPAT Continuing Goals

1. NCPAT Conference will be held on October 15 & 16th. Donovan will be looking to lower the price of the event due to the format change. He will discuss with AHEC.

IV. Program Updates:

1. Tiffany reported on feedback from surveys regarding the use of telehealth was mostly in favor of continuing. Tiffany stated that the results revealed that client felt more comfortable sharing in virtual classes, with the consistent negative being technology issues.
2. Bea requested that virtual groups may need to continue to be a consideration for participants who cannot attend in person and does not see a need to go back to an in-person format only.
3. Larry stated that he wanted to continue offering virtual classes until there was a vaccine for COVID.

V. Next meeting, date, and site: August 21st 1:00 Virtual via Zoom.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned