

NCPAT Meeting – Minutes of September 25, 2020

Participating: Donovan Grant of NOVA, NCPAT Chair (Mecklenburg), Doris Bienz of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Don Taylor of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Lori Gerber & Gabrielle Smith, of North Carolina Council for Women (Statewide), Jimmy Hare of RHA Behavioral Health (Yancey, Madison & Mitchell), Sara Jablonski of DV Offender Program (New Hanover), Panthea Holley of G.R.E.A.T Program (Pitt), Pamela Gonzalez and Sunny of U Care-INSIGHT (Pitt).

- I. **Welcome and Introduction:** Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting.
- II. **Governors' Crime Commission Grant Applications**

Mary Williams-Stover, Executive Director for NC Council for Women provided an update on the workshop held by the GCC for grant applications. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2020. One of the categories for the federal grants is through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). One of the categories are for a STOP grant which gives priority service areas which fund partnerships/collaborations, best practices, and the needs of crime victims. There is a discretionary category which has been designated to include DVIPs'. Applicants must be certified programs and for this year and moving forward it can be completed by region as well. This will give an opportunity for increased partnerships and to serve more people. The GCC has individuals available to assist with questions about the application. The details should be available online soon.
- III. **DVOM Update**
 1. Donovan provided an update on the Oversight position and the request for extension of virtual groups post COVID which has been requested. He stated he wrote a letter on behalf of NCPAT supporting the request for Oversight position and will write another for the virtual group extension. Tiffany will be presenting in October to the Commission. The job description has been written as well.
 2. There was a second survey sent regarding the virtual groups and the synopsis included the following:
 - a. Most programs surveyed are offering virtual as an option and half of the programs are also offering in person group as well.
 - b. It is not clear how many programs are currently closed due to the pandemic.
 - c. Programs mainly using Zoom. Technology was an issue in the beginning, however rarely now.
 - d. Overall participants have a positive view of virtual, although there are those who prefer in person. There are more that feel more comfortable participating virtually vs in person.
 - e. Programs report participation has remained the same or has increased.
 - f. Funding continues to be an issue and it is not yet clear how to combat this with impact of the pandemic.
 3. UNCC is also conducting a survey on best practices with DVIP and virtual programs. Donovan will send the information out to members of NCPAT.
- IV. **Program Updates:** None
- V. **NC Council for Women /DV Commission Update**
 1. Lori reported they received two applications for new programs, however the applicants had not submitted the complete packet. They are on hold until they provide the documents and move forward. The applicants are looking to support Cumberland and Hoke counties.
- VI. **NCPAT Conference:** 10/15/ & 10/16/2020- virtual

- VII. Next Meeting:** 10/16/2020 during the conference.
- VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned