

NCPAT Meeting – Minutes of April 23, 2021

Participating: Donovan Grant of NOVA, NCPAT Chair (Mecklenburg), Lea Glaze of NOVA, Secretary (Mecklenburg), Joe Marinello of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Gabrielle Smith, of North Carolina Council for Women (Statewide), Tiffany Bell of Sparc (Buncombe), Bea Cote of Impact (Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Stanly), Cari Boram & Triangle Family Services (Wake), Erik Vallejo of G.R.E.A.T. Program (Martin, Pitt, Washington), Sara Jablonski of Domestic Violence Offender Program (Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, & Pender), Thomas Wyatt of Alternatives (Davie, Rowan), Leonard Hayes, Community Member

- I. Welcome and Introduction:** Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting.
- II. Minutes of 02.05.2021:** Approved
- III. Treasurer Report:** Joe stated the balance is \$16, 189.63
- IV. DVOM Update:**
 1. Regarding HB 33 Tiffany reported there is going to be a call between Lori Gerber, Deborah Weissman, Katie Hall, some of the legislators, and herself next week. She reported a lot of work went into the last 48 hours providing a PowerPoint and research on DVIP to educate the legislators. The next legislative committee meeting may be on Wednesday. She reported A.W. Burgess of Family Mankind went to Raleigh to speak on behalf of DVIP's as well. Tiffany reported this is only one step in the process and even if it is passed in the House it still must pass in the Senate and the governor would have to sign off.
- V. HB 33:**
 1. Donovan gave a brief overview of HB 33 and the objectifications. He reported in the bill it states the court can order individuals to therapy or treatment programs not specifically a mandate to DVIP.
 2. Bea reported she wrote a letter to all the legislators who sponsored HB 33. She reported some were no answers which included Mecklenburg County. She did hear from Rowan County, the representative was interested, and Bea sent him the link to resources in Rowan. She also heard back from Yadkin County and the representative is a writer of the bill. He was in full support of HB 33.
 3. Donovan wrote a letter on behalf of NCPAT. There is push back based on availability of DVIP to all (which virtual group has eliminated this barrier) and efficacy for DVIP. Deborah Weissman of the DV Commission is working on supporting data.
 4. Donovan reported due to the amount of advocacy the vote was tabled for another date.
 5. Cari raised the question of beginning a discussion on how to avoid this kind of thing in the future and being proactive especially being able to answer questions as provider. Such as getting the Administrative Code updated and best practices.
 6. Gabby asked if there is a way to track clients after group? Each program tracks in their own way, and the need is for a statewide uniform tracking system.
 7. Leonard asked if there was a step-down program or a curriculum that is shorter? Donovan reported there would have to be research into this.
 8. Joe asked if there could be a presentation to judges to show the difference between anger management and domestic violence? Bea reported training is offered to judges each year if they are available.

9. Bea discussed the Legacy program she offers at Impact. It is a long-term interaction between those who have completed the program and those who are currently in the program.

VI. NC Council for Women /DV Commission Update:

1. Gabrielle stated they are looking to expand to counties that do not have programs. They are now allowing any agency to expand even if it is not in their court district, with virtual classes. She reported after the pandemic is lifted, they would like the DVIP to have a physical address in those expanded counties.
2. Tiffany stated if a program is looking to expand, they do not have to go through the full application process. There must be a MOU from victim services and letters of support in the new county. Cari asked about the requirements of expansion and how to pull back when/if pandemic ends. In addition, how to ensure providers are complementing each other instead of competing. Bea stated there must be support from the courts as well. Tiffany reported many of the requirements were set before COVID. Tiffany stated some of the groundwork may be able to be completed by interns. Joe asked if the sheriff could be the primary contact in each county to advocate. Thomas recommended working with direct service providers.
3. Joe mentioned honoring a judge for their support of Domestic Violence and invite other judges to celebrate. Tiffany suggested to partner with NCCDAV in this effort.

VII. NCPAT Conference:

1. Donovan reported he spoke with Terri Strodthoff and Floyd Rowell of the Alma Center and they are on board to be the speakers for this year's virtual Conference in June.

VIII. Next Meeting: At the NCPAT conference July 2021

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned