

NCPAT Meeting – Minutes of February 5, 2021

*Participating: Donovan Grant of NOVA, NCPAT Chair (Mecklenburg), Don Taylor of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Lori Gerber & Gabrielle Smith, of North Carolina Council for Women (Statewide), Jimmy Hare of SHOP (Yancey, Madison & Mitchell), Tiffany Bell of Sparc (Buncombe), Bea Cote of Impact ( Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Stanly), Deborah Weissman DV Commission (Statewide), Cari Boram & Sylvester Timmons Triangle Family Services (Wake), John Williamson Pathways to Change, Partner Abuse Intervention (Durham, Orange, and Chatham). Leonard Hayes, Community Member.*

- I. **Welcome and Introduction:** Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting. He provided an explanation of what NCPAT is and the mission.
- II. **Minutes of 02.25.2021:** Approved
- III. **Budget:** No updates at this time
- IV. **DVOM Update:**
  1. Tiffany reported Leonard has joined them as well as Stephanie and they will be working on the review of best practices for DVIP and to see if DVIP is mentioned in best practice for Domestic Violence courts.
  2. New applications will be due soon. Annual certifications will also be due on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Next Commission meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - a. Priorities this year are seeking funding for a full-time oversight position for DVIP and the research of best practices and reviewing guidelines for DVIP.
    - b. Deborah reported there is a person in the Department of Administration/Regulation department who can be helpful with who has the authority to approve changes and suggestions.
    - c. Deborah stated there is an interest in funding programs and there will be strategizing around that.
    - d. Jimmy asked if DVIP's can have input into the suggested changes. Tiffany stated DVOM will solicit input.
- V. **NC Council for Women /DV Commission Update:**
  1. Lori reported renewals have begun to come in through the email. She reported many things are being updated, such as the language from BIP to DVIP.
  2. Deborah stated she plans to bring up the issue of lack of broadband in rural communities to the Commission.
  3. Lori reported the State of North Carolina is moving into a paperless system that is why renewals needed to be completed by email this year. If it was submitted by mail they will be scanned.
  4. Domestic Violence Courts are no longer able to use Zoom. They will be using WebEX and Microsoft Teams.
  5. Gabrielle sent out information on an upcoming training "Alliance in Change."
- VI. **NCPAT Conference:**
  1. Donovan reported he spoke with Terri Strodthoff and Floyd Rowell of the Alma Center and they are interested in being the speakers for this year's virtual Conference in April or May. Donovan will follow up with them and AHEC.
- VII. **Next Meeting:** 04.23.2021 virtual.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned