



# Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence

November 16, 2006 Minutes

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Attendees: Annemarie Matulis, Lorraine Rosa (Via internet)

## Discussion Highlights:

**Dress to Impress** – A Bristol County Savings Bank grant of \$3,000 will cover 7 months rent, and \$900 for renovations. The incredible response to the program requires having a storage unit outside the room. The May Institute request for appropriate attire continues. A volunteer orientation day will be held in next 2 weeks to coordinate opening the room and assisting in outfit selection. Jen, Tracy, Girl Scouts and many others have volunteered. Local cleaners donated men's suits, and most donors want to remain anonymous. More funding is needed for after June 2007, more The response has been that such a program is long overdue. Possibly there can be a partnership with the Americorp Attire for Hire program next year.

**Verizon Wireless Hopeline** Cell Phones Project continues.

**2006 Through My Eyes:** Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope has received manuscripts and poetry.

**Garden of Hope** – The Triumph Head Start National Make a Difference Day gardening project has been put off until spring the garden. The 10/28/06 event brought in 337 outfits. Press coverage included articles in the Taunton Daily Gazette and the Enterprise. A report was also sent to the National Make a Difference Day Foundation with press clippings and photos.

**Bristol County Domestic Violence Roundtable** is scheduled for 12/5/06, 2:30, Fall River location TBA

**Budget** – The Committee paid New Hope \$250 to defray Clothesline Project expenses at the National Day of Unity. The CHNA Steering Committee will revisit funding requests and distribution.

## **Goal setting**

Obtain local statistics and police data  
Representation from the Police and District Attorney's Office  
Assault data  
Involvement of Dr. Elizabeth Englander  
HOPE grant funding for a DV newsletter.

**Focus Group Meetings** – SEMA-VAV issues will be represented at the 12/7/06 United Way Children, Youth and Family Focus group.

**CHNA Kick-Off Meeting** will be held 11/21/06. An information sheet about SEMA-VAV will be distributed to the membership.

## Next Steps:

☐ Prepare an information sheet for distribution at the annual meeting

Next Meeting: **12/21/06**, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech

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# AGENDA

- I. Assignment of Minutes Taker, Set up for Phone Conferencing (Please mark Lorraine as present over internet)**
- II. Announcements, Introductions**
- III. Events & Updates**
  - 2007 National Crime Victims Rights Week- April 22-28
  - National Day of Unity & Clothesline Project in Attleboro and Taunton
  - Dress to Impress
  - Verizon Wireless Hopeline Cell Phones Project
  - 2006 Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope
  - United Way Needs Assessment Focus Group Meetings
  - CHNA Annual Breakfast Meeting and Steering Committee Spoke Assignment
- IV. Activities Calendar Review**
- V. Grant Funding Options**
- VI. Next Meeting: January 18, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech**

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