



Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence

September 21, 2006 Minutes

Attendance: Annemarie Matulis, SEMA-VAV Chair; Jenn Tinglof (SEMA-VAV); Deborah Brown (Taunton Public Schools); Milly Burrows (AHS, Inc.); Rosalie Kern (DSS); Barbara Clark (Kennedy Donovan Attleboro); Nicole Correia (New Hope).

Discussion Highlights:

Announcements

- Thanks to Jennifer Tingloff for taking minutes
- Nicole Correia was welcomed as the new liaison member from New Hope.
- Janice Pothier-Pac is the acting Director at New Hope following Dianne DiPippo's move to the United Way.
- The DPH requested that New Hope do a needs assessment survey on the barriers and strengths related to sexual assault training and services for adolescent and Hispanic victims. The committee offered feedback based on experiences: education, education, education.

National Day of Unity (Oct. 2):

Members continue to circulate the flyers & encourage people to attend; the press has been notified; Rev. Rachel Tedesco, First Parish Church, will invite local ministers to participate in the bell-ringing following the vigil; volunteers will set up balloons & signs on the Church Green at 7:00 AM, Oct. 2nd, to announce the Clothesline Project. Volunteers are welcome to help at 2:30 – 6:00 PM at the Church Green and 3:00 – 7:30 PM at the Taunton Green.

Budget - The committee voted to donate \$250 from MRI funding to defray the costs of the Clothesline Project Display. The invoice to be paid from the funds set aside from the MRI funds. Funding could also cover the cost of the Taunton Green. The SEMA-VAV volunteers will

absorb the costs for printing, candles, helium, balloons, signage and use of the Church Green, which will total approximately \$350.00.

National Make a Difference Day, October 28th, 2006:

- ***Dress to Impress – A Gift of Hope*** - The “official” grand opening ribbon cutting will be part of the National Make a Difference day events. Business attire clothing will be needed year-round. A funding request was submitted to the Bristol County Charitable Fund for *Dress to Impress*. Sept. 28th, Girl Scout Troop 1017 will assist with sorting & sizing. Other organizations have contacted us to also be of help. The response has been overwhelming. The *Dress to Impress* brochure was circulated & will be emailed to all members.
- **The Garden of Hope** at Triumph Head Start project is ongoing. Donations of spring bulbs and shrubs are sought for planting on **10/28/06**, 8:30 am -2:30.
- **Verizon Wireless New England Hopeline**. SEMA-VAV continues to accept donations of no longer used cell phones for the Hopeline Fund. Buckets will be on site October 2nd & October 28th.

Bristol County Domestic Violence Roundtable. The DV Roundtable will meet quarterly. The next meeting is **12/5/06**, 2:30 PM, Fall River. Discussion focused on services available.

The quiet passing of GATHER: A structural change for GATHER DV & SEMA-VAV - Committee members reviewed their decision from the June meeting to consolidate both groups (GATHER DV & SEMA-VAV) under one blanket. SEMA-VAV has a Board of Directors and has applied for non-profit status. This was in place before the consolidation. Members stressed the point that SEMA-VAV is not now nor intends to be an “agency.” The services rendered are “public services” via workshops, events, educational materials, etc., not direct care.

Meeting Time Change – Meetings scheduled through the end of 2006 will be held 5:00-6:30pm, 3rd Thursday of the month, at Mass InfoTech, 9 Taunton Green, for more varied participation. The committee also agreed to serve pizza or other food at one of the meetings to encourage youth participation.

Next Steps:

- ☐ National Make a Difference Day (committee)
- ☐ Review the activities calendar for 2007 (committee)
- ☐ Review grant/funding options for 2007 (committee)

Next Meeting: **10/19/06**, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech

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AGENDA: 10/19/06

- I. Assignment of Minutes Taker, Set up for Phone Conferencing
- II. Announcements, Introductions
- III. Events & Updates
 - National Day of Unity
 - Candle Light Vigil
 - Clothesline Project
 - Dress to Impress Official Launch Reception
 - Verizon Wireless Hopeline Cell Phones Project
 - 2006 Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope
 - Garden of Hope – Triumph Head Start
 - National Make a Difference Day
 - Bristol County Domestic Violence Roundtable: 12/5/06, 2:30, Fall River location TBA
- IV. CHNA Annual Breakfast Meeting: Save the Date! November 21, 2006
- V. Activities Calendar Review
- VI. Grant Funding Options
- VII. Next Meeting: November 16, 2006, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech

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