

Family  
Violence  
Coordinating  
Council

2011

Annual report of the Fourth Judicial District  
Family Violence Coordinating Council serving  
Hennepin County.





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Chief Judge James T. Swenson  
Fourth Judicial District Court  
300 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Dear Judge Swenson:

The FVCC was co-chaired by Judge Susan Robiner and Referee Timothy Mulrooney. The FVCC's Executive Director is Nancy Peters, whose hard work and excellent work product keep the Council operating smoothly and effectively.

Although much of the good work of the FVCC takes place at the committee level, the FVCC had a productive year as illustrated below:

- The FVCC continued to focus upon the work outlined in its Strategic Work Plan, which it updated in early 2011. While much of that work takes place at the committee level, the FVCC as a whole uses its monthly meetings to provide a valuable forum for all of its members to share expertise from their respective fields and identify how or whether the FVCC should become involved to effect positive change in the Domestic Violence community or regarding issues that impact the Domestic Violence community.
- The Council co-sponsored (with Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women) a forum in April, 2011 entitled "Examining the Impact of Joint Custody on Children" which examined the findings of the study of Dr. Jennifer McIntosh (of La Trobe University in Australia) on joint custody arrangements.
- The Council continued to update its membership roster in order to achieve full compliance with its bylaws which require that there be council representation across our community including the courts, prosecutors, public defenders, the advocacy community, educators, the medical community, law enforcement, and corrections.

- The Council implemented a “member highlights” element to each monthly meeting to further develop members’ understanding of other members’ roles and experiences so the Council can better operate as a team of shared resources.
- The Council followed and shared information about the State shutdown and its impact on operations and services in the area of domestic violence.

There were several new appointments and resignations from the FVCC. We thank those who are no longer on the FVCC but who provided valuable service during their appointments, and we heartily welcome our new voting members.

Throughout the year, the FVCC welcomed guest speakers at many of our monthly meetings. David Hough, Deputy County Commissioner, presented on budget issues impacting Family Court Services, as a division of the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation. Marna Anderson, Executive Director of WATCH, and Kate Hovde, WATCH’s Suburban Court Project Coordinator, discussed domestic abuse cases in Hennepin County’s suburban courts and presented WATCH’s 2011 report entitled Promoting Victim Safety and Offender Accountability: Improving the Response to Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Cases. Anne Gilmore, a seasoned social worker at Hennepin County Medical Center, presented on domestic abuse screening and services at HCMC. Michelle Fournier, of OutFront Minnesota, presented on the services of OutFront Minnesota in the area of domestic violence and discussed issues of domestic abuse in the LGBT community. Judge Gina Brandt, Chair, and Deena Anders, Project Director, presented on the structure and practices of the Fourth Judicial District Domestic Fatality Review Team. Nancy Halverson and John Staloch gave a presentation on probation and parole supervision of domestic abuse cases. Finally, Judge Charles Porter gave a compelling overview of Veterans Court.

The FVCC Executive Committee (EC), comprised of all committee chairs and the FVCC co-chairs, met regularly through the year crafting agendas for the Council, identifying speakers for the full council meetings and overseeing adherence to the by-laws and the FVCC strategic plan.

The Civil Committee (CC) met regularly in 2011. This committee’s membership includes staff from Family Court Services, District Court, Central Minnesota Legal Services, Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project, WATCH, the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office and various agencies for battered women, including: Cornerstone, Domestic Abuse Project, Home Free, Project P.E.A.C.E. and Tubman. In 2011 the committee explored how Family Court Services addresses domestic violence in evaluations and through screening; examined child support issues in the context of Order for Protection proceedings; and sponsored training for advocates and court personnel on how to prepare clients for evidentiary hearings in Orders for Protection and Landlord/Tenant issues.

The Criminal Committee (CrC) met monthly in 2011. This committee’s membership includes prosecutors, public defenders, probation officers, domestic abuse advocates and staff from district court administration and community based organizations. The committee regularly discussed current issues, new initiatives and developments in criminal laws regarding domestic

violence. In 2011, this committee reviewed many subjects including enforcement of orders prohibiting contact between persons; implementation and enforcement of gun prohibitions; DV Court best practices and feasibility of “export” to suburban jurisdictions; WATCH report on suburban court practices in domestic violence cases; victim notification of Defendant incarceration status; the State shutdown and its implications for domestic violence issues; and police use of lethality screening devices. The committee heard a presentation on Minnesota Choice, the victim notification website ([minnesotachoice.com](http://minnesotachoice.com)) for persons under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. The committee sponsored several new and existing workgroups, including on revocation issues, no contact orders, conditional release violations, best practices export to suburban courts, and an ad hoc workgroup on gun issues. Finally, this committee co-sponsored four educational presentations on domestic violence issues.

The Advocates Committee (AC) met periodically in 2011. In 2011, this committee hosted a speaker on domestic violence screening; served as a vehicle for sharing resources between advocacy agencies; participated in advocacy training; worked on a safety planning tool; met with Hennepin County Victim Witness staff; heard a presentation on prosecution and law enforcement trainings regarding strangulation and federal and state prohibitions of firearms; reviewed DV Court Best Practices and made comments; discussed the DANCO “knock and talk” grant; and discussed agency policies on working with battered women arrested for domestic violence.

The Child/Juvenile Committee (C/JC) met monthly in 2011. The membership includes representatives of child protection, adult and juvenile probation, advocacy agencies, county attorney, and community based organizations. In 2011, this committee focused on issues affecting children and juveniles whose lives are touched by domestic violence. The committee discussed current issues, shared information about participating members’ organizations and programming, and worked toward the goals established through group agreement. The committee attempted to identify gaps in no contact orders as they relate to juveniles. They also heard presentations on child protection involvement where children have witnessed domestic abuse, the SAFE pretrial domestic abuse intervention program, and the work of the Bikers Against Child Abuse organization. The committee also again hosted a robust Resource Fair in October.

The Community Outreach Committee (OC) met periodically in 2011. This committee worked to increase FVCC visibility as a resource on issues of domestic abuse. The committee also worked on development of an online media kit and media terminology materials.

After four years of dedicated service, Judge Robiner transitioned off of the FVCC at the end of 2011. The FVCC is very grateful for her service and wishes her the best as she continues to serve the bench and the citizens of Hennepin County in other assignments.

Judge Fred Karasov joins the FVCC as co-chair beginning in January, 2012. Judge Karasov comes to the Council with decades of experience in the criminal justice system and as a judge since 2008. The FVCC welcomes him and looks forward to carrying on its mission with the benefit of Judge Karasov’s ideas and enthusiasm.

The FVCC believes that its efforts reported here are significant. As co-chairs, we extend our appreciation to all of the FVCC and committee members for their dedicated efforts during 2011. As the FVCC continues its work in 2012, its members remain true to its mission of enhancing system accountability and fostering innovative approaches to prevent and address domestic violence as a public policy priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

/s/Timothy Mulrooney

Referee Timothy Mulrooney  
FVCC Co-Chair

/s/Fred Karasov

Judge Fred Karasov  
FVCC Co-Chair

cc: Assistant Chief Judge Peter Cahill  
FVCC Members

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### Acronym Key

AC	Advocates Committee
BWJP	Battered Women’s Justice Project
BWLAP	Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project
CC	Civil Committee
C/JC	Child / Juvenile Committee
CrC	Criminal Committee
DAP	Domestic Abuse Project
DASC	Domestic Abuse Service Center
DV	Domestic Violence
EC	Executive Committee
FVCC	Family Violence Coordinating Council
GOA	Gone On Arrival
HRO	Harassment Restraining Order
HSPHD	Human Services and Public Health Department (Hennepin County)
MCBW	Minnesota Coalition Battered Women
OC	Community Outreach Committee
OFFP	Order For Protection

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Civil Committee

The Civil Committee (CC) of the Family Violence Coordinating Council met regularly in 2011. Our meetings were the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Our membership includes staff from Family Court Services, District Court, Central Minnesota Legal Services, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, WATCH, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and agencies for battered women, including: Cornerstone, Domestic Abuse Project, Home Free, Project P.E.A.C.E. and Tubman.

This year CC began to explore how Family Court Services addresses domestic violence when it is identified as a factor in their cases. We endeavored to increase our knowledge of child support and how we might assist clients in receiving child support in OFP hearings. We also provided training to the larger community of advocates and court personnel on how to prepare clients for evidentiary hearings in Orders for Protection and Landlord/Tenant issues.

Goals for 2011:

- Evaluate the risk assessment tools in both custody evaluations and social early neutral evaluations
- Training – host in-services relevant to OFP court
- Compile a list of meetings that committee members attend to fulfill the action step in the FVCC Strategic Work Plan.

Evaluate the risk assessment tools in both custody and social early neutral evaluations (ENEs)  
Carol Tellett from Family Court Services was a guest speaker at our January meeting. She addressed how risk assessment tools are used in both custody and Social Early Neutral Evaluations (ENEs). She told us that for the past year, Family Court Services (FCS) has been focusing on screening for domestic violence. Nancy Ver Steegh provided three hours of training to FCS staff about dealing with domestic violence throughout the family court process. In addition, Carol Arthur, director at Domestic Abuse Project, put together a focus group about Domestic Violence (DV) issues for FCS. FCS came up with a plan for the screening process which included more expansive questions about domestic violence on their intake form. If a party indicates there was a previous OFP or Harassment Restraining Order (HRO), a volunteer pulls that file and a copy of the order is included in the file. Ideally, FCS staff would like to move toward a face to face, as opposed to a paper, intake process. The plan in January was to implement DOVE (a DV screening instrument) on a pilot basis early in 2011.

CC members felt it would be a good idea to look at the Initial Cases Management data sheet and add more questions regarding DV for the judges' information. Carol suggested that judicial officers meet with Family Court Services staff to specify what they are looking for in factor 12 of the best interest analysis (whether DV is present).

### Trainings provided by the Civil Committee this year

The committee identified a need for training on landlord/tenant issues. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Christy Snow-Kaster, an attorney with Central Minnesota Legal Services and Referee Labine gave an in-service on these issues for 1 ½ hours. They focused on topics such as emergency calls, breaking a lease, Safe at Home, federal law about subsidized housing and who is responsible for damages. Fifteen people attended.

There was also a suggestion that advocates could benefit from training on how to help petitioners in OFPs better prepare when representing themselves at an evidentiary hearing. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Michelle Thompson, a staff attorney at Tubman, provided training for legal advocates to help prepare their clients who are unable to secure pro bono representation for their Order for Protection or Harassment Restraining Order evidentiary hearings. The training included tips on how to help clients tell their stories, identify other evidence they may have (witnesses, physical evidence) as well as impeachment evidence on the abuser, helping clients understand the legal trial process and helping clients identify and request all the relief they need.

Twenty-three advocates, Guardians ad Litem and other court personnel attended the presentation. At our October meeting, Susan Hanstad, of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office Child Support Division came to educate us on various child support issues. Her presentation was thorough and addressed a number of issues which are pertinent to our work. One important piece of information is that OFP petitioners who are granted child support in the OFP hearing should take their orders to the Child Support Office at Family Justice Center immediately after their hearing to ensure their case is opened. Also, if a petitioner is having difficulty obtaining a current address of a respondent and there is an open child support case, a judge can issue a court order giving the Child Support Division the authority to serve the respondent by completing the mailing and then the affidavit of service.

### Meetings that Civil Committee Members Attend

An action step for FVCC was to compile a list of meetings that members attend. The following is the list for the CC Members:

- FVCC Advocate Committee Meeting
- FVCC Criminal Committee Meeting
- DV Law Meeting
- Domestic Fatality Review Team
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program (through HCMC)
- Domestic Violence Court Steering Committee

### Other

The CC was approached by Laurie Kusek regarding a new process for advocates to evaluate Guardians ad Litem in the OFP hearings. The Guardian ad Litem Program had begun a new process titled "Collaborative Reviews," as a method to receive feedback from other members of the system. Laurie created a survey for advocates to fill out online after working with a GAL in an OFP proceeding. Our committee gave our feedback and Laurie designed and implemented the survey. The survey became available on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The FVCC Criminal Committee invited our committee to work with them on the gun issue, i.e. how to get guns out of the hands of abusers. Judge Bernhardson offered to address this at the bench meeting in March. At our May committee meeting, the advocates present agreed that their experience is that judges in OFP hearings are consistently telling respondents that they may not have guns during the time the OFP is in effect. We concluded that, at this point, we do not see the need to address focus on this.

Katie Brey arranged a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> for advocates who use fax filing to meet and review the process. The feedback on fax filing has been very positive. DASC does not do fax filing due to the number of OFPs generated there. In preparation for this, a new list of email addresses for advocates from all of the Hennepin County domestic abuse agencies was created. Erin Wacker resigned from her position at Tubman and from the FVCC at the end of May. Carol Tellett then volunteered to become the co-chair of CC.

In addition to agenda items, CC discussed individual problems as they occurred including respondents' behaviors in the waiting rooms, issues in OFP court, language in OFPs and violations that were not acted upon by law enforcement. We attempted to problem solve as these issues arose.

**Goals for 2012:**

1. Continue in-services for committee members and brown bag trainings for larger audiences. Topics may include:
  - a. Economic assistance
  - b. Child Protection
  - c. Child Support
  - d. Co-Parenting Court
  - e. How does having an OFP against you impact your life (housing, employment, data privacy, etc.)?
2. Examine common service issues and problem solve.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Fite and Carol Tellett, Civil Committee Co-Chairs\*

Committee Members: Judge Ivy Bernhardson, District Court; Katie Brey, District Court; Sharon Brice, Domestic Abuse Project; Sarah Coulter, WATCH; Sue Fite, Hennepin County Attorney's Office/DASC; Gloria Fressia, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project; Lynn Fuchs, District Court; Rana Fuller, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project; Aleisha Kruck, Project P.E.A.C.E.; Laurie Kusek, District Court; Sue Lantto, Project P.E.A.C.E.; Brenda Magoba, Harriet Tubman; Judy Mathison, District Court; Laura Mitchell, HomeFree; Elizabeth Plummer, Harriet Tubman; Jen Randall, Domestic Abuse Project; Christy Snow-Kaster, Central Minnesota Legal Services; Debra Swaden, District Court; Carol Tellett, Family Court Services; Michelle Thompson, Tubman/Chrysalis; Erin Walker, Tubman/Chrysalis; Beth Wolhart, Cornerstone

\* Co-Chairs: Erin Wacker, Esq. and Sue Fite (January – May); Sue Fite and Carol Tellett (June – December)

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## Criminal Committee

The Criminal Committee (CrC) of the Family Violence Coordinating Council met monthly in 2011 and its members consisted of representatives from prosecutor's offices, public defenders, advocacy agencies, probation, district court administration and community based organizations. A list of persons who were active members of the CrC during 2011 is included at the end of the report.

The CrC is pleased that during 2011, this multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional group of professionals continued to hold lively discussions about issues arising in the criminal courts, and that the committee make-up allows for a broader analysis of the impact of changes in the law and to the way that domestic violence criminal cases are handled in Hennepin County because of the many perspectives and jobs of those serving on CrC.

The CrC spent time at each meeting discussing current issues, new initiatives and developments in criminal laws regarding domestic violence. Issues discussed included: enforcement of orders prohibiting contact between persons; implementation and enforcement of gun prohibitions; DV Court best practices and feasibility of "export" to suburban jurisdictions; WATCH report on suburban court practices in domestic violence cases; victim notification of Defendant incarceration status; the State shutdown and its implications for domestic violence issues; and police use of lethality screening devices.

The CrC invited Lydia Newlin, the victim services coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Corrections, to present to the group regarding Minnesota Choice, the victim notification website for persons under the supervision of the DOC. The website is [www.minnesotachoice.com](http://www.minnesotachoice.com) and is accessible for victims who wish to receive information about offenders in prison and as they begin planning for release/reentry.

The CrC continues to sponsor and form workgroups tasked to take on specific issues within the larger criminal system. The following is a list of workgroups formed from within CrC:

A **Revocation Issues** workgroup which was formed in 2008 continues to work to identify ways that the revocation process can be improved for each of the committee members' areas of practice and by identifying ways that the processing of revocation matters can be standardized across the different divisions of the court. This workgroup is headed by Nancy Halverson.

The **No Contact Orders** workgroup which was formed to prepare a chart analyzing the four main types of No Contact Orders which exist in Minnesota continues to educate and inform interested parties and groups. That workgroup consisted of Jennifer Inz and Gretchen Zettler. A copy of the chart is attached to this report.

A **Conditional Release Violations** workgroup which was formed in 2010 and headed by Kim Johnson has prepared documents detailing protocol for presenting conditional release violations to the court. Those documents are being considered for use within the probation department.

A **Best Practices Export** workgroup was formed at the end of 2010 in concert with the Domestic Violence Court steering committee. The goal of the workgroup is to examine the feasibility of exportation of Minneapolis Domestic Violence Court Best Practices to the suburban Hennepin County jurisdictions. That workgroup continues to meet.

An ad-hoc workgroup focused on implementation and enforcement of domestic violence gun issues has begun work in these areas, and the Committee receives regular reports on this workgroup's progress.

The CrC also sponsored or co-sponsored four educational presentations on issues of domestic violence during the year of 2011. Those presentations were well attended and well received, and the CrC plans to continue sponsoring these types of presentations in 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Inz, Chair, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney and Anna Krause Crabb, Vice-Chair, Assistant Minnetonka City Attorney

Committee Members: Marna Anderson, WATCH; Carol Arthur, Domestic Abuse Project; Bob Cameron, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation; Carol Engel, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation; Nancy Halverson, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation; Michelle Jacobson, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office; Kim Johnson, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation; Ann Kaul, Assistant Bloomington City Attorney; Brenda Langfellow, District Court; Mary Moriarty, Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender; Robert Olson, Cornerstone; Vicki Riven, District Court; Maya Sheikh-Salah, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney; Bob Sorenson, Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender; Lauren Teetzen, Home Free; Gretchen Zettler, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office

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## Advocates Committee

The Advocates Committee (AC) of the Family Violence Coordinating Council meets the fourth Thursday of most months at 2:30 p.m. at the Domestic Abuse Project, 204 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis. The AC has evolved to be a place where advocates can exchange information, problem solve about difficult or unusual cases, support each other, and get information directly from local practitioners. Fewer meetings were held in 2011 than in 2010 and attendance was generally low due to the demands of advocates' court schedules.

### Goals for 2011:

- Follow-up on 'resource sharing' between advocacy agencies
- Create an informative packet for pro se clients who are involved with family court ("How to prepare pro se clients for family court"), a tool to help clients understand the family court process if they do not have an attorney
- Gather resources for HRO clients who don't meet the domestic criteria
- Look into the enforcement of OFPs that were served by SAMs (why law enforcement is not enforcing these orders)
- Updating and sharing safety planning worksheets amongst advocates
- Gather multiple different risk assessment tools and use them to create a tool that can be used by advocates
- Research the coercive control assessment being used in Phoenix to see if it would be helpful to advocates
- Gather housing resources from around the metro area that we can refer clients to
- Possible In-Service Trainings:
  - Liz Richards- to talk about family court matters for pro se clients
  - Inspector Kris Arneson (MPD) - to talk about enforcement of OFPs (SAMs order and custody/parenting time provisions of the OFP)
  - Joint training with civil subcommittee FVCC on economic assistance in Hennepin County

### Goals accomplished in 2011 include:

- Heard Nancy Halverson on how probation uses the Domestic Violence Screening Instrument (DVSI)
- Shared resources between advocacy agencies
- Attended advocacy training provided by Praxis International
- Created an email address list for a contact person at each domestic violence agency in Hennepin County to facilitate information sharing.
- Discussed and develop of a safety planning tool
- Met with Hennepin County Victim Witness staff
- Heard presentation from MCBW's Shellene Johnson on prosecution and law enforcement trainings regarding strangulation and federal and state prohibitions of firearms.
- Reviewed the DV Court Best Practices document and added suggestions to present to the committee
- Reported on and discussed the DANCO grant ("Knock and Talk") that DAP and MPD are partnering on. An investigator and an advocate are going to addresses where there is a

current DANCO and/or stay away to see if the defendant is abiding by the DANCO and giving advocacy support to victims.

- Discussed agency policies on working with battered women arrested for DV.

**Goals for 2012:**

1. Continue discussion focus on various topics
2. Address issues that are brought to the committee
3. Follow up on some of the unfinished goals from 2011
  - a. Possible In-Service Trainings:
    - i. Liz Richards- to talk about family court matters for pro se clients
    - ii. Inspector Kris Arneson (MPD) - to talk about enforcement of OFPs (SAMs order and custody/parenting time provisions of the OFP)
    - iii. Joint training with civil subcommittee FVCC on economic assistance in Hennepin County
  - b. Gather housing resources from around the metro area that we can refer clients to
4. Increase attendance

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Avalon, Chair

Committee Members: Stephanie Avalon, BWJP; Vanessa Foster, Tubman; Rachel Hawkins, Sojourner; Cindy Lyons, DAP; Janelle O’Brian, Cornerstone; Rachel Ratner, Sojourner; Jen Randall, DAP; Lisa Smith, FBI; Sue Lantto, Project P.E.A.C.E.

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## Child / Juvenile Committee

The Child/Juvenile (C/JC) Committee met monthly in 2011 and currently meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:15 p.m. at the Health Services Building, Suite 1100, 525 Portland Ave. S. The members consisted of representatives of child protection, adult and juvenile probation, advocacy agencies, county attorney, and community based organizations. During the monthly meetings, the diverse group of members focused on the issues affecting children and juveniles whose lives are touched by domestic violence. The C/JC discussed current issues, shared information about participating members' organizations and programming, and worked toward the goals established through group agreement.

### Goals for 2011:

- Identify gaps in the area of No Contact Orders as they relate to children and juveniles, either in juvenile, adult or family courts. Talk within our own committee about the gaps, and brainstorm solutions. Bring the gaps to the attention of the FVCC and/or other committees and work together to create and suggest solutions;
- Invite speakers to our committee to discuss specialty areas as they relate to children and juveniles and domestic violence;
- Diversify our membership;
- Host a domestic violence event in October, 2011.

### Progress on Goals

The C/JC discussed the first goal by obtaining input from different members with diverse experience with no contact orders. The C/JC identified as a gap the enforceability of no contact orders in the juvenile court. As it now stands, juvenile court no contact orders in the delinquency court consist of a one page document (with three carbon copies underneath) ordering no contact. The juvenile court does not use the DANCO forms that adult criminal court uses. The only examples of enforcing no contact orders in juvenile court came from the county attorney/victim advocates, who reported that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to enforce the no contact orders based on the document filled out in court. These documents are not added into any law enforcement database and are not used by law enforcement to enforce no contact or to bring new charges. The C/JC suggested that, at least in a situation of domestic violence, the juvenile court use the approved DANCO forms. The committee chair brought this gap and the committee's suggestion to the attention of the executive committee.

With respect to the second goal, the committee heard from several different speakers this year. Oan Vo, a child protection investigator spoke about child protection investigations that include allegations that children have witnessed domestic violence. Jill Stricker of the SAFE Program, a juvenile court pre-trial domestic abuse intervention program spoke about the program and what it entails. The Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) group spoke to the committee about their work with abused children.

The C/JC added several new members to its roster this year, including Jill Stricker of the SAFE program, as well as Amy Kondziolka and Zach Lien of Cornerstone.

The C/JC successfully met its goal of hosting a Resource Fair in October, 2011. This year, the C/JC teamed up with the Criminal Committee to host a CLE following the resource fair. The resource fair was held on the public service level of the Hennepin County Government Center on October 7, 2011. Approximately 20 community organizations staffed booths. The Resource Fair was followed by a presentation in the Auditorium in the Government Center by Dr. Jeff Edleson, Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work and Director of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse. Prof. Edleson spoke about some of the basic research on children's exposure to adult domestic violence, recent trends in legislation, programs responding to these children and their families and presented recommendations from a recent national round table meeting to develop services that attend to children's needs. The event was well attended, and the feedback from the participants was very positive. The resource fair was an opportunity for the community organizations to provide information to the public and domestic violence professionals about their services, as well as to connect with each other.

**Goals for 2012:**

1. Promote changes in the juvenile court to address gaps in the area of No Contact Orders by advocating for the use of a DANCO form in juvenile court domestic violence cases;
2. Invite speakers to C/JC to discuss specialty areas as they relate to children and juveniles and domestic violence;
3. Meet with other committees in the Fourth Judicial District FVCC to learn about their work;
4. Investigate whether there is a role for the C/JC to give input in the Cornerstone Blueprint project;
5. Clean up the membership roster, continue to recruit new members;
6. Host a domestic violence event in October, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Morgan, Chair

Committee Members: Shannon Alexander, Juvenile Probation; Jessica Belland, HomeFree; Carlein Cloutier, HomeFree; Lisa Eder, County Attorney Victim/Witness; Nancy Halverson, Adult Probation; Mohammed Hassan, Somali community volunteer; Tim Horita, Juvenile Probation; Andrea Jegede, County Attorney Victim/Witness; Gary Keifenheim, Family & Children's Service; Amy Kondziolka, Cornerstone; Michelle Meyer, Adult Probation; Aaron Milgrom, DAP; Stephanie Morgan, County Attorney; Judy Nelson, Sojourner; Jen Polzin, Tubman Family Alliance; Anthony Scott, HSPHD; Jessica Sonnek, Adult Probation; Tamara Statz, Headway Emotion Health Services; Jill Stricker, SAFE Program; Nancy Van Thorre, Cornerhouse; Debra Wenlund-Glaser, HSPHD

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## Community Outreach Committee

Within the 2011 FVCC Strategic Work Plan (Appendix B) the Outreach Committee (OC) had two action steps assigned:

- To increase visibility as a resource of talent regarding domestic violence issues: Add content to FVCC web page including committee contact information, links to and from relevant organizations and annual reports. For this goal, OC met with the FVCC ED (as Fourth Judicial District web page content manager) to establish the links.
- Prepare online media kit using Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women's Information; terminology for media; and contact list for statement from the Council. OC worked on Action Step 2 of Goal 1 throughout the year and developed a document that would aid the media in viewing their reporting a little differently. The product was presented to the Executive Committee which was then approved for presentation to the full council for their approval. The full council had some feedback for the OC and that is what the OC is working on now. The next step will be to bring it back to the full council. This task has been continued to 2012 for completion.

Respectfully submitted by Deirdre Keys, Chair

Committee Members: Deena Anders, DAP; Michelle Fournier, OutFront; Anne Gilmore, HCMC; Deirdre Keys, BWLAP; Cheryl Kolb-Untinen, Cornerstone Advocacy Service and OC co-chair

**APPENDIX A**

**COMPARISON AND CONTRAST OF  
ORDERS PROHIBITING CONTACT IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
SITUATIONS**

June 2011

Prepared by Jennifer Inz, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney,  
and Gretchen Zettler, Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney

	<b>ORDER FOR PROTECTION</b>	<b>RESTRAINING/HARASSMENT ORDER</b>	<b>DOMESTIC ABUSE NO CONTACT ORDER</b>	<b>PROBATION NON-DANCO</b>
<b>WHO MAY GET AN ORDER</b>	Any family member, spouse/ex-spouse, anyone who victim currently lives with or lived with in the past, has a child or unborn child in common with, has a significant romantic or sexual relationship <b>and</b> who is a victim of at least <u>one</u> act of domestic abuse.	Anyone who has been physically or sexually assaulted <u>one</u> time; <b>or</b> anyone who has been stalked, threatened or harassed on <u>two</u> or more occasions regardless of their relationship to the perpetrator	The victim in a criminal case who is a victim of domestic assault, harassment/stalking, OFP violation, or victim of a prior violation of a DANCO (domestic abuse no contact order).	Anyone the court orders.

<p><b>HOW ONE IS ISSUED</b></p>	<p>Victim must file a Petition requesting an order. An ex-parte order may be signed by the judge and will immediately go into effect without a hearing.</p> <p>Final orders may require a hearing.</p>	<p>Victim must file a Petition requesting an order. An ex-parte order may be signed by the judge and will immediately go into effect without a hearing.</p> <p>Final orders may require a hearing.</p>	<p>Issued in domestic violence related criminal court proceeding by a judge with or without the knowledge or consent of the victim.</p>	<p>Issued in a non-domestic violence related criminal court proceeding by a judge with or without the knowledge or consent of the protected person.</p>
<p><b>LENGTH OF ORDER</b></p>	<p>Typically 2 years, but subsequent orders can be up to 50 yrs.</p> <p>Always refer to individual order.</p>	<p>Typically 2 years, but subsequent orders can be up to 50 yrs.</p> <p>Always refer to individual order.</p>	<p>For duration of criminal case and/or terms of probation, unless the conditions are modified by the judge.</p>	<p>For duration of criminal case and/or terms of probation, unless the conditions are modified by the judge.</p>
<p><b>PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER MAY:</b></p>	<p>Prohibit domestic abuse against the named Petitioner;</p> <p>Prohibit in-person contact, or contact via phone, mail, email or through third parties;</p> <p>Prohibit Respondent's presence at the Petitioner's residence or future residences, place of employment and/or other locations as ordered by the</p>	<p>Prohibit harassment of the Petitioner by the Respondent.</p> <p>Prohibit contact by the Respondent with the Petitioner, either in-person, via phone, mail, email or through third parties.</p> <p>Prohibit Respondent's presence at the Petitioner's residence or future residences, place of employment and/or other</p>	<p>Prohibit contact either in-person, via phone, mail, email or through third parties.</p> <p>Prohibit presence at the victim's residence or other locations as ordered by the court, to include a specified surrounding distance.</p>	<p>Prohibit contact either in-person, via phone, mail, email or through third parties.</p> <p>Prohibit presence at the victim's residence or other locations as ordered by the court, to include a specified surrounding distance.</p>

	<p>court, even if Respondent is there at the request of Petitioner; and</p> <p>If necessary, address temporary custody, parenting time, child support and spousal maintenance.</p>	<p>locations such as work or school as ordered by the court, but this prohibition will not be in all orders.</p>		
<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER</b>	518B.01	609.748	629.75 (fka 518.01, subd. 22)	609.135
<b>POLICE ARREST AUTHORITY</b>	<p>518B.01, subd. 14(e)</p> <p>Police <b>shall</b> arrest without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe that the Order has been violated <b>and</b> that the suspect knew about the Order. Police do not need to witness the violation and the arrest may take place in the suspect's home.</p>	<p>609.748, subd 6(e)</p> <p>Police <b>shall</b> arrest without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe that the Order has been violated <b>and</b> the officer has verified the Order.</p>	<p>629.75, subd. 2(b)</p> <p>Police <b>shall</b> arrest without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe that the Order has been violated, even if the violation did not occur in the presence of the officer.</p>	<p>R 6.03, subd.2</p> <p>Allows arrest without warrant if a danger exists and the Order is pre-disposition. If the Order is post-disposition, probation may issue an Arrest Detention Warrant.</p>
<b>VERIFICATION OF ORDER</b>	Officer will verify Order by checking NCIC or MNCIS systems. A copy should also be on file at the	Officers will verify Order by checking NCIC or MNCIS systems. A copy should also be on file at the	Officers will verify Order by checking NCIC, MNCIS systems and/or calling Hennepin County Probation's	Officers will verify Order by checking MNCIS system and with the supervising probation officer

	<p>Precinct/Dept in the city where victim lives.</p> <p>Note: May be possible to search by either party's name.</p> <p>*Orders are presumed valid even if from other jurisdictions within or outside Minnesota.</p>	<p>Precinct/Dept in the city where victim lives.</p> <p>Also may be verified during regular business hours by contacting District Court.</p> <p>Note: May be possible to search by either party's name.</p>	<p>Pretrial Release Office at 612.348.7444 (600 - 1800 hrs).</p> <p>Note: May be possible to search by either party's name.</p> <p>*Orders are valid even if from other jurisdictions within or outside Minnesota.</p>	<p>or Pretrial unit of Probation.</p>
<b>POTENTIAL CRIMINAL PENALTIES</b>	<p>Misdemeanor.</p> <p>Enhanceable to Gross Misdemeanor or Felony based on prior convictions.</p>	<p>Misdemeanor.</p> <p>Enhanceable to Gross Misdemeanor or Felony based on prior convictions.</p>	<p>Misdemeanor.</p> <p>Enhanceable to Gross Misdemeanor or Felony based on prior convictions.</p>	<p>May be charged as Misdemeanor Contempt of Court.</p> <p>Sentencing judge may revoke all or part of original sentence.</p>

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## APPENDIX B

### 2011 FVCC Strategic Work Plan

#### Goal 1: Increase visibility as a resource of talent regarding domestic violence issues

Action Step	Baseline	Timeline	Measurement	Responsible Party
1. Add content to FVCC web page including committee contact information, links to and from relevant organizations and annual reports	Data missing on web page located on 4 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District website under "Initiatives"	Q1 & as needed	Completion of added content: -committee contact information -links to and from relevant organizations and annual reports	Community Outreach Committee Chair (Deirdre Keys) and FVCC Executive Director (Nancy Peters)
2. Prepare online media kit using MN Coalition for Battered Women's Information; terminology for media; contact list for statement from the Council	No media kit available online	Q1-2	Completion of media kit: - MN Coalition for Battered Women's information -terminology for media -contact list for statement from the Council	Community Outreach Committee Chair (Deirdre Keys)
3. Expand Resource Fair to be FVCC inclusive; other committees may expand representation by hosting a table or booth at other events	In the past participated in one event/year coordinated by Child/Juvenile Committee	Q2-3	-Completion of Resource Fair -Host a table or booth and/or participate in other events	Create Ad Hoc Committee

#### Goal 2: Increase role in decision making process for domestic violence policy/protocol changes

Action Step	Baseline	Timeline	Measurement	Responsible Party
1. Committees will identify system gap(s) in Hennepin County government and nongovernment services / agencies to address and facilitate improvements and work towards a solution with progress to be documented in a work plan	Committees do not have their own work plans	Q1-4	Committees to report periodically to FVCC about progress with management action (work) plan	Each committee
2. Spotlight member each month to share role in DV community and reach to maximize potential for FVCC to tap into their sphere of influence	No monthly member spotlight	Q1-4	Monthly member spotlight	Each committee
3. Compile list of meetings that members attend; coordinate participation; identify missing presence where DV occurring (i.e. schools, military (VA))	"Heard on the Street" Wear FVCC "hat" at DV related meetings	Q1-4	-Meeting list -Identify missing presence	Each committee

#### Goal 3: Adhere to FVCC Bylaws

Action Step	Baseline	Timeline	Measurement	Responsible Party
1. Initiate timely filling of vacancies on Council and Committees immediately	Membership full, pending educator vacancy	As needed (w/in 3 months)	Educator vacancy filled	FVCC
2. Comply with timelines for planning and reporting	2010 report distributed 3/10/11	Q1	Submit 2010 annual report initial draft by 2/28/11, final draft by 3/10/11, and final report distributed by 3/31/11	Committee chairs, FVCC co-chairs, FVCC ED
3. Increase number of speakers in 2011 and January 2012	Three speakers in 2010	Q1-4	Speakers at 2011 FVCC meetings:	Executive Committee

## APPENDIX C

### 2011 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. **Judge Susan Robiner (FVCC co-chair)**, Fourth Judicial District, Family Court
2. **Referee Timothy Mulrooney (FVCC co-chair)**, Fourth Judicial District, Family Court
3. **Lieutenant Cliff Ahlgren**, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
4. **Deena Anders**, Domestic Fatality Review Team Project Coordinator
5. **Marna Anderson**, WATCH
6. **Inspector Kristine Arneson**, Minneapolis Police Department
7. **Carol Arthur**, Domestic Abuse Project, Executive Director
8. **Stephanie Avalon**, Battered Women's Justice Project
9. **Chere Bergeron**, OutFront
10. **Janice Blackmon\***, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation
11. **Katie Brey**, Fourth Judicial District, Family Court Operations Manager
12. **Sharon Brice**, Domestic Abuse Project
13. **Susan Carstens**, Crystal Police Department
14. **Anna Kraus Crabb**, Suburban Prosecutor
15. **Lt. Ken Crouch**, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
16. **Liz Cutter**, Hennepin County Attorney's Office
17. **Rosario de la Torre**, Casa de Esperanza
18. **Lea De Souza\***, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Domestic Abuse Service Center
19. **Sue Fite**, Legal Services Specialist Supervisor, Domestic Abuse Service Center
20. **Vanessa Foster\***, Tubman
21. **Michelle Fournier**, OutFront,
22. **Rana Fuller\***, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
23. **Mike Gephart**, Adult Probation, Investigations
24. **Roberta Gibbons**, Metropolitan State University
25. **Anne Gilmore**, Hennepin County Medical Center Sr. Social Worker
26. **Nancy Halverson\***, Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation
27. **Jennifer Inz**, Hennepin County Office of the County Attorney, DASC
28. **Michelle Jacobson**, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
29. **Judge Fred Karasov**, Fourth Judicial District, Juvenile Court
30. **Deirdre Keys**, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
31. **Cheryl Kolb-Untinen**, Cornerstone
32. **Laurie Kusek\***, Fourth Judicial District, Guardian ad Litem
33. **Laura Landis**, Home Free
34. **Sue Lantto\***, Project P.E.A.C.E.
35. **Judy Mathison\***, Fourth Judicial District, Domestic Abuse Service Center
36. **Lisa McNaughton**, Hennepin County Public Defender, Juvenile
37. **Aaron Milgrom**, Domestic Abuse Project
38. **Judy Miller-Thomas**, Phyllis Wheatley Comm. Center, DASC Legal Advocate
39. **Stephanie Morgan**, Office of the Hennepin County Attorney, Juvenile
40. **Mary Moriarity\***, Hennepin County Public Defender
41. **Bob Olson\***, Cornerstone

42. **Nancy Peters\***, Fourth Judicial District, FVCC Executive Director
43. **Rachel Ratner**, Sojourner Project
44. **Tracy Reid**, Cooper & Reid
45. **Vicki Riven**, Fourth Judicial District, Criminal Court Operations Manager
46. **Anthony Scott**, Human Services and Public Health Department
47. **Nancy Seger\***, CornerHouse
48. **Maya Sheikh-Salah\***, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney
49. **Jane Sherman\***, St. Anne's Place
50. **Lisa Smith\***, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Domestic Violence Unit
51. **Bob Sorensen**, Hennepin County Public Defender, Adult
52. **John Staloch**, Adult Probation, Supervision
53. **Carol Tellett**, Family Court Services
54. **Thompson, Michelle**, Tubman
55. **Lolita Ulloa**, Asst. Hennepin County Attorney, Domestic Abuse Service Center
56. **Nancy Van Thorre\***, CornerHouse
57. **Erin Wacker\***, Tubman
58. **Tsippi Wray\***, Fourth Judicial District, Family Court
59. **Linda Wold**, Minnesota State Bar Association, Family Law Section
60. **Gretchen Zettler\***, Asst. Minneapolis City Attorney

\* Non-voting member