



**Fourth Judicial District  
Family Violence Coordinating Council  
Serving Hennepin County**

**Present:** Katie Brey, Det. Erica Coy, Lt. Bruce Folkens, Ref. Mike Furnstahl, Elizabeth Hogan, Judge Kathryn Quaintance, Ann Kaul, Amirthini Keefe, Sarah Lockhart, Tara Lopez Ferguson, Judge Bruce Manning, Penny McTigue, Aaron Milgrom, Lidia Morales, Melynda Nelson, Judy Pilz, Rachel Ratner, Jennifer Saunders, Raschon Simmons, Jennifer Taylor, Kari Torborg, Michael Weinstein, Kate Wilson.

**Guests:** Deena Anderson, Jackie Braun-Lewis, Edith-Nicole Cameron, Melissa Giernoth, Cecilia Rude, Rachel

1. **Welcome:** Judge Quaintance and Referee Furnstahl, co-chairs, welcomed members.
2. **Minutes:** February and March minutes were approved.
3. **Fatality Review Board Annual Report:** Deena Anderson, Fatality Review Board director, presented the FRB annual report. She highlighted the process used by the committee to review cases, how cases are selected, and opportunities. Please see her power point at the end of the minutes for details. She specifically called out the following points in the opportunities:

**Data access** to juvenile records should be granted to the City Attorney to enhance their ability to charge cases.

**Relaying info** by expanding how victims can communicate with system players (Snapchat, Facebook Messenger, etc.).

**Enhance existing intervention services** and develop robust programming opportunities in the jail and workhouse, along with continuity of treatment in the community when released.

**Increase screening points** and integrate domestic violence screening questions.

**Expand the use of the lethality assessment** and address immediate safety needs.

4. **OFP/HRO Guide N File automated petition demonstration** –Melissa Giernoth, State Court Self Help Staff Attorney, walked the group through the on-line Guide N File application for HRO and OFP petitions. This application is available through the State Court Administrator’s website. Melissa received extensive feedback from advocacy agencies, stakeholders and the court when developing the on-line petition. Victims can now create and electronically file petitions from any location (safe place, home, etc.) and no longer have to come to the courthouse to receive a protection order. Melissa

handed out informational brochures (scroll down for a copy) and members are encouraged to share these with their agencies.

## 5. Committee reports:

- **Advocates:** Rachel Ratner reported the committee met multiple times in April and they have another meeting scheduled for May 17. Using the Blueprint for Safety, Homefree is working with Probation and the Sheriff to identify possible changes.
- **Criminal:** Jennifer Saunders reported the committee met on April 15 and will meet again on June 17. Members continue to work on updating the Quick Reference Guide. They are arranging three CLEs: a repeat presentation by Judges Kappelhoff and Robben on firearms; links between domestic violence and mass shootings; and the intersection of stalking and technology.
- **Civil:** Katie Brey reported on behalf of Jennifer Taylor. The committee met on April 25 and will meet again on May 23. They sponsored a May 3 advocate/bench listening session and are sponsoring a May 17 CLE with Angela Bailey on the topic of racial divide. This is the same presentation Angela made at the March FVCC meeting.
- **Juvenile:** Katie Brey reported on behalf of Lisa McNaughton. The committee met on April 9 and will meet again on June 11. They continue to discuss committee goals and review membership. They are considering holding meetings offsite so they can learn more about different agencies. They are exploring inviting speakers to a future meeting to discuss changes in the child assessment process.

## 6. Focused discussion topic – Using two questions, Referee Furnstahl conducted a focused discussion on opportunities presented by the Fatality Review Board report.

What can you take back to your agencies:

- Discussion was focused on lethality assessment training. Although used by many probation officers, the use is inconsistent. Judicial officers would appreciate a better understanding of the assessment.

Will my process or procedures change based upon what I heard:

- The City Attorney does not have access to juvenile records and is working with the county to gain access. Probation does have access and will include information in their reports. It would be helpful for the bench to know if there is a juvenile history of intimate partner violence. There is currently no treatment available for juveniles in this area or funding.

## **7. Open forum/announcements**

- Lt. Bruce Folkens introduced Cecelia Rude, Community Navigator with the Procedural Justice Unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. There are six navigators in the unit and they represent the diversity of the city. The program works with individuals to provide resources and information.
- Katie Brey announced the Executive Committee met last month and, based upon feedback from committee meetings, decide to not move forward with a Resource Fair in 2019. This issue can be readdressed in 2020.

## **Future Agendas**

**June 13** – Everything you ever wanted to know about DASC and Self Help

**July and August** – No meetings – Enjoy your summer!

**September 12** – Domestic Violence in the Native Community

## **Upcoming events**

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