



FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Family Violence Coordinating Council
October 12, 2017 Minutes

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

Present: Avalon, Stephanie; Blace, Joan; Brey, Katie; Chelmo, Patrick; Conroy, Judge Lois; Coy, Erica; Furnstahl, Referee Mike; Jacobson, Michelle; Kaul, Ann; Keefe, Amirthiri; McNaughton, Lisa; Nelson, Melynda; Ratner, Rachel; Schwartz, Lori; Taylor, Jennifer; Weinstein, Michael; Wilson, Kate.

1. **Welcome:** Katie Brey welcomed the group, and introduced Referee Mike Furnstahl, the new chair of the FVCC. She also introduced new member Det. Erica Coy from Eden Prairie Police Department.
2. **Approve September 14, 2017 Minutes:** Minutes were approved.
3. **Strategic Plan Update:** Katie gave an update on the 2017 Strategic Plan. Accomplishments included the support of the Family Court Enhancement Project; multiple trainings provided by the different committees; implementation of a training survey; and expanded Council membership. The 2018 Strategic Plan will be discussed at the November meeting.
4. **FVCC Member Profiles**
 - a. Melynda Nelson, Hennepin County Probation
Melynda Nelson gave a presentation on Hennepin County Probation and what they do at their office. They work with victims to understand their safety concerns. They also collaborate with advocates from the County Attorney's office on romantic and non-romantic domestic violence cases. The turnaround time is fairly quick, usually within one to two weeks to meet with people and make recommendations.
 - b. Michael Weinstein, Hennepin County Family Court Services
Michael Weinstein gave a presentation about Hennepin County Family Court Services. They focus on a high level of service and are sensitive to the needs of victims. Family Court Services provides mediation services; custody and parenting time evaluations; and social early neutral evaluations.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Civil Committee chair Jennifer Taylor reported the committee continues to plan future CLEs.
 - b. Juvenile Committee co-chair Lori Schwartz did not meet but did report the resource fair was widely attended on October 4.
 - c. Advocate Committee co-chair Stephanie Avalon report the committee did not meet last month.

- d. Criminal Committee chair Michelle Jacobson reported there was a September brown bag lunch with Eastside Neighborhood Services where they learned about their available programs. The next lunch is with the Division of Indian Works, and the one after that is with Tubman and Chrysalis.

6. **Announcements/Open Forum** – There were no announcements or open forum issues.

Future presentations/Agenda items

Final vote on 2018 strategic plan – December 14

Upcoming events

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Division of Indian Works Brown Bag – November 16, 2017

Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Training – November 17, 2017

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