



## Family Violence Coordinating Council

March 10, 2016 Minutes  
Hennepin County Government Center  
C1291 Executive Conference Room  
Full Council Meeting 12:15 – 1:30 PM

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

**Present: Members:** Stephanie Avalon, Joan Blace, Katie Brey, Sarah Clyne, Judge Elizabeth Cutter, Lt Eddie Frizell, Judith Hawley, Kristin Hays, Judge Holton Dimick, Michelle Jacobson, Pamela Maldonado, Lisa McNaughton, Aaron Milgrom, Lidia Morales, Melynda Nelson, Torrie Schneider, Lori Schwartz, Christy Snow-Kaster, Amy Walsh-Kern, Michael Weinstein, Sandra White. **Guests:** Christine Eyal and Ellen Sackrison

1. **Welcome:** Judge Holton Dimick and Judge Cutter, Co-Chairs
2. **March 10, 2016 minutes:** Minutes approved as submitted.

3. **Family Court Child Related Domestic Abuse Calendar:**

The Family Court Child Related Domestic Abuse Calendar is a pilot recommended by the Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP). One domestic abuse calendar on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday is dedicated to domestic abuse cases that contain child-related relief, including: child support, temporary custody, parenting time and supervised visitation. In February, of the 83 hearings held, 30% of the cases were continued, 25% were dismissed, and 23% resulted in actual orders for protection. Of the cases where an actual order was issued, 14% included non-protection issues. Currently there are 10 cases assigned per calendar with four judicial officers rotating through the calendar assignment. Since these cases are long and intense, beginning in May, additional judicial resources (if available) will be assigned to assist with the calendar.

As a part of the pilot, Central Minnesota Legal Services (CMLS) is available to provide legal advice and representation to petitioners appearing on the calendar. Between January 7 and March 31, 2016, CMLS provided full representation to 29 individuals. These are complicated cases that can include criminal charges, custody issues and child protection involvement. Because CMLS is being paid with federal funds through the FCEP VAWA grant, individuals receiving CMLS services through this pilot program are not income screened for eligibility.

The Domestic Abuse Child Related Calendar pilot supports better quality hearings, increased use of programming, and it impacts how cases are presented. Advocates are encouraged to reach out with feedback and concerns.

#### 4. Minneapolis Police 2015 DV Statistics Report

Lt. Eddie Frizzel reviewed the Domestic Assault Unit's 2015 goals, resulting restructure and statistical data. Presentation is attached.

#### 5. FVCC Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

**Advocate** – Stephanie Avalon presented. The Committee met and discussed service issues, especially in relationship to in-custody litigants; and lack of enforcement of no-contact orders in the courtroom, which sends the wrong message to victims and offenders.

**Civil** – Christy Snow-Kaster presented. The March meeting's primary focus was on the final planning of the roundtable held with the judges and advocates regarding the OFP pilot. April's meeting will focus on trainings that address emergency relief and custody or dissolution cases as opposed to OFPs.

**Criminal** – Michelle Jacobson presented. The Committee is working on future training.

**Juvenile** – Lori Schwartz presented. On March 28<sup>th</sup> the Minneapolis Attorney's Office presented on their Hotspot project and it was well attended. The Committee has started planning for the fall Resource Fair.

#### 6. Announcements / Open Forum - All

- Michelle Jacobson announced the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office is sponsoring a criminal professionals training day on April 21, 2016. Issues include mental health court, general mental health issues, and sex trafficking.
- Michelle Jacobson also announced that a follow up to the Minnetonka seminar, the next round of trainings beginning in May 2016 to cover domestic risk assessment, judicial orders, and batterers' intervention programming.

#### Future Agenda Items

Fatality Review Board recommendations – May 12, 2016

Sexual exploitation and trafficking of juveniles – June 9, 2016

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