



Family Violence Coordinating Council

June 9, 2016 Minutes
Hennepin County Government Center
Hennepin County Government Center – C1291
Full Council Meeting 12:15 – 1:30 PM

Fourth Judicial District Family Violence Coordinating Council Serving Hennepin County

Present: Members: Stephanie Avalon, Vernona Boswell, Sarah Clyne, Judge Elizabeth Cutter, Ann Gaasch, Kristin Hays, Judge Holton Dimick, Pamela Maldonado, Lisa McNaughton, Lidia Morales, Melynda Nelson, Jennifer Taylor, Margaret Thunder-Solorzano, Amy Walsh Kern, and Angela Willms.
Guests: Olivia Bruzell-Garett, Sean Fields, and Shannon Meaders.

1. **Welcome:** Judge Holton Dimick and Judge Cutter, Co-Chairs
2. **Approve May 12, 2016 Minutes:** Approved as submitted.
3. **Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Juveniles:** Tabled for a future meeting.
4. **FVCC Update:** Shannon Meaders reported the most recent project accomplishments:
 - The domestic abuse calendar pilot has been successfully implemented. Beginning January 4, 2016 (through April 30, 2016), there have been 1,011 OFP petitions filed; with 417 filed on the new child-related calendar. This is compared to 875 total petitions filed during the same time period in 2015. Another change is that the same judicial officer is reviewing both case types whenever custody or parenting is a factor in the case. The result is a significant improvement to access.
 - Beginning in July, new judicial officers will now receive a three hour long comprehensive domestic violence training session. Additionally, the whole family court will receive training on screening tools. Outreach includes two lawyer-focused webinars; three trainings for advocates.
 - Referee Madden is working with the subcommittee to revise the ICMM sheets to provide parties to identify possible domestic violence concerns.
 - Working with Central Minnesota Legal Services and Melissa Kaster Snow to assist with the new calendar. 50 cases have been represented and they have advised on an additional 93 cases. CMLS only represents petitioners; respondents were represented only when it is determined they may be the victim. Petitioners have provided positive feedback on this service.
 - Our Native liaison, Liza Garcia, has been doing extensive outreach into the community. In May 2016, representatives presented at the Division of Indian Works and have been invited back to provide more focused information sessions. Next month, there will be another listening session within the community.

- Funding has been extended for an additional 12 months; with the goal to continue the pilot and assess for expansion into other cases.

5. FVCC Committee Reports:

Advocates: Stephanie Avalon reported the committee is continuing to address problems with the sheriff's office and members of the Community Engagement Team.

Criminal: No report.

Civil: Jennifer Taylor reported there was an update on the pilot. The committee is also working on a brownbag training for the advocates to discuss the differences between OFPs or filing in the Family Court. Timing is not determined at this time.

Juvenile: No report.

6. Announcements / Open Forum:

- Judge Cutter reported the possibility of review hearings in Domestic Violence Court and will be decided at the July 2016 Executive meeting.
- Judge Cutter is moving to the Probate/Mental Health court and Judge Jaime Anderson will take over as co-chair to the FVCC.
- There will not be a July meeting; meetings will resume in August.

Future Agenda Items

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