Fourth Judicial District
Family Violence Coordinating Council
Serving Hennepin County

Present: Hon. Shereen Askalani, Lila Bolke, Amirthini Keefe, Referee Holly Knight, Rachel Kraker, Jacob Kraus, Lisa McNaughton, Melynda Nelson, John Phung, Jessica Rahier, Rachel Ratner, Cecilia Rude, Jennifer Saunders, Brittany Seidel, Grace Spearman, Elsa Swenson, Anna VonRueden, Michael Weinstein, Kate Wilson

1. **Welcome**
    Committee Co-Chair Referee Holly Knight welcomed the group.

2. **Approve September 2021 Minutes**
    Minutes approved as submitted.

3. **Strategic Planning – All**
    Council members were distributed into three breakout groups for a strategic planning brainstorm session. Below are group summaries from their discussion:

    Group 1:
    - Expand trainings through stakeholders and members of the community
    - Coordinate trainings for system providers
    - Create a resource guide that can be accessed by all stakeholders and providers
    - Host speakers at full Coordinating Council meetings to address lessons learned from the pandemic and operational plans for transitioning to a post-pandemic world
    - Provide training to community agencies and law enforcement
    - Improve connections/partnerships with the medical community regarding DV issues

    Group 2:
    - Coordinated community response – there is not a space specifically designed to look at the ways stakeholders/partners/systems are coordinating their work to respond to DV. This work is done in pockets and there is no centralized method for capturing this work or organizing a holistic response
    - Subcommittee setup/how to do the work – re-envision the way subcommittees operate and examine how work is delegated and reported (often only reporting up)
    - Create measurables for 2022
    - Continue trainings, which have historically been strong and very helpful

    Group 3
    - Improve consistency across the bench within family court due to turnover, and evaluate whether we want to establish best practices for family court so JOs are more consistent and parties know what to expect; offer a more formalized and mandatory OFP training for JOs; bench cards for juvenile court judges on emergency protective care hearings may be doable for family court as well

- Improve law enforcement training to make sure processes are being done consistently; provide additional support for trainings for law enforcement on the full OFP process and when enforcement is appropriate, often issues with a delay in service causes problems and a valid order is not enforced; there are some provisions in the protective order tab that can provide additional information but that LE does not always look at that
- Change the protective order tab so that law enforcement has clearer information and has more options (will need to speak to court admin)
- Lack of understanding across agencies on OFP processes and systems and gaps in the service system that neither LE or victims understand what the problem is when they believe they have a protective order in place and served when the court system does not show that

Group leads will share their notes with Council Director Lila Bolke, who will partner with the Executive Committee to draft objectives and action items for the Council's review at its next meeting.

4. **Committee Reports – Chairs**
   Committee reports were not shared verbally during today's meeting, but committee chairs provided the following written updates:
   a. **Juvenile Committee**: Lisa McNaughton reported
   b. **Criminal Committee**: Jennifer Saunders reported
   c. **Civil Committee**: Michael Weinstein reported
   d. **Advocate Committee**: Rachel Ratner reported

5. **Open Forum – All**
   No updates were shared.

   Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Future Meetings and Presentations

December 9 – Family Violence Coordinating Council

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