



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

Present: Stephanie Avalon, Joan Blace, Mary Black, Katie Brey, Jackie Braun-Lewis, Shiloh Bute, Patrick Chelmo, Nick Cichowicz, Melissa Fraser, Lt. Eddie Frizell, Judge Tamara Garcia, Christina Gibbons, Kristin Hays, Judge Martha Holton Dimick, Michelle Jacobson, Ann Kaul, Lisa McNaughton, Aaron Milgrom, Melynda Nelson, Erin Osborne, Rachel Ratner, Christy Snow-Kaster, Jennifer Taylor.

1. **Welcome:** Judge Holton Dimick.

2. April 13 2017 minutes were approved.

3. **Mpls Police Department Domestic Assault Unit Review**

Lt. Eddie Frizell gave a presentation on behalf of the Minneapolis Police Department Domestic Assault Unit. This included domestic assault statistics, what they are doing to hold perpetrators accountable, how they are working with victims, and new technology (body cams) and techniques they are using to be more efficient and effective in their police work.

4. **FVCC member profile: FamilyWise**

Char Johnson gave presentation on FamilyWise, a partner organization with the FVCC. They are an organization that has 6 locations where they support supervised visitation and safe exchanges. They also have parent education programs, where a family specialist visits a family for 2 hours per week to help with issues that have brought them into a child protection program to help them from having their parental rights terminated. They also offer services to youth facing mental health issues to make sure they juveniles stay out of the justice system and they run the Bright Beginnings program where teen parents are partnered with a mentor to discuss parenting issues.

5. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Committee: Stephanie Avalon reported at their last meeting they caught up with new members, discussed documenting issues that come up and collaborating on documenting, and that not everyone has an advocate when they come to court.

- b. Civil Committee: Christy Snow-Kaster reported that they met last month and worked on planning trainings for the next few months. Christy will be leaving to become a referee in Ramsey County and her place on the FVCC will be filled by Erin Osborne.
- c. Criminal Committee: Michelle Jacobson reported that they did not meet last month. They will meet on Monday April 17th talk about educational things they want to do this year.
- d. Juvenile Committee: Anne Taylor emailed the following report - At the April 11th meeting the Juvenile/Child Committee heard a presentation from Char Johnson, Parent Support Manager at Family Wise. We said goodbye to Lois Nilson, HSPHD committee member who is retiring. We welcomed new member Carrie Crook, HSPHD Supervisor in Screening and Intake. The committee began planning for the FVCC Resource Fair that will occur in October.

6. **Announcements/Open Forum:** None.

Future presentations/agenda items

Domestic Assault Prosecution in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office – May 11

Fatality Review Board Annual Report – May 11

Sex Trafficking – June 8

MCBW Legislative Update – July 13

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Next meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2017.