



MARIN COUNTY COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK

Meeting: March 16, 2016

Time, Place: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Room 109/110, Health and Wellness Campus, San Rafael, CA

Minutes: Mira Greene, Executive Administrator, Center for Domestic Peace

- A. Kate Kain provides the opening and disclosures.
- B. Attendees introduce themselves:

Attendee	Organization
1. Kate Kain	C4DP
2. Ed Berberian	Marin County District Attorney
3. Mira Greene	C4DP
4. Jason Hight	Central Marin PD
5. Graciela Rodriguez	C4DP
6. Nick White	Sausalito PD
7. Mario Medeiros	Mill Valley PD
8. Luz Alvarado	C4DP
9. Jenna Meyers	C4DP
10. Ann Lauriks	Miller Creek Middle School Counselor
11. Kristy Treewater	Miller Creek Middle School Principal
12. Penny Tibbetts	US National Park Police
13. Jennifer Dunlap	Novato PD
14. Meghan Kehoe	C4DP
15. Angela Weikel	C4DP
16. Lisa Schwartz	Marin County Office of Education
17. Verna Adams	Marin County Supreme Court Judge
18. Felice McClenon	Health and Human Services
19. Kris Cirby	Family and Children’s Law Center

C. Special Topic **"Understanding and Addressing LGBTQ Domestic Violence"**

- Video: *"Moving Beyond the Power & Control Wheel"* Excerpt from The Northwest Network of Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse training. Discussion of how LGBTQ community is afraid of interactions with LE, due to potential for "outing" and isolation/retribution from their community.
- A Judicial Perspective on LGBTQ Family Law Cases: The Hon. Judge Verna Adams discussed progress made in the past decade, including legalization of same-sex marriage and the presence of openly gay employees in Marin County legislature and LE. Is seeing a continuing increase in court of cases between same-sex couples and LGBTQ people, possibly indicating they feel confident in the power of the courts to address their concerns.
- A Legal Perspective on LGBTQ DV Cases: Attorney Kris Cirby discussed her work at the Family And Children's Legal Center. Civil court a good option for LGBTQ communities because restraining orders can be obtained with no police action. Discussion of ways to communicate that legal options are available without involving LE, possibility that DV cases not being confidential and instead on public record also discourages seeking help.
- A Youth Perspective on Dating and Family Relationships and Coming Out: Principal Kristy Treewater and Counselor Ann Lauriks from Miller Creek Middle School discussed the work being done at MCMS to make sure all students see a representation of themselves that includes lgbtq representatives in the curriculum, with the result of reduced bias-based bullying and increased support for students questioning sexual/gender identity. Discussion of how this relates to DV by breaking down gender roles, and the connection between abusive behavior as an adult and bullying/being bullied as a child.

E. Law Enforcement Trend Report

- Mill Valley
 - Mar-May: 1 misdemeanor DV case
 - Dominant aggressor determined
 - The most effective strategies are separating parties immediately, using pocket card and focusing on risk assessment at scene with victim. To increase victim safety, they would like to get EPO for ALL DV cases and connect victim to C4DP hotline.
- Novato Police Department
 - Mar-May: 32 felony and 20 misdemeanor DV cases
 - Dominant aggressor determined in all cases, necessary for arrest, require officers to document in report
 - The most effective strategy has been following pocket card, creates thorough investigation and documentation, provides DA with all information necessary for prosecution
- Central Marin Police Department
 - March: 2 felony and 3 misdemeanor
 - New staff have not been trained on pocket card yet but training is scheduled
 - Have been successful at getting EPOs immediately
- Sausalito
 - Will bring all 2016 stats to September meeting, estimates 3 total DV cases so far
- Park Police
 - No DV incidents in jurisdiction this year

D. Closing. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm