



ERIE COUNTY COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE ... founded 1978

The ECCAFV is a member-driven organization which engages in social change activism to dismantle the root causes of domestic violence at the individual, organizational, and institutional level. Our goal is to end domestic violence.

ECCAFV Meeting Minutes - Friday, July 11, 2008

Welcome and Introductions: 16 people were in attendance

(Attendance list from the meeting is available to meeting attendees. Contact Kristen Luppino (kluppino@cfsbny.org) for a copy.)

A Moment of Silence was held in honor of victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Acceptance of April Meeting Minutes

- Approval of April (First- Ernestine Richardson, Second- Ruth May Kane) and May (First- Kathy Rockey, Second- Brenda David) minutes.

Treasurer/Finance Update

- Bill was noted to be on vacation so there was no detailed finance report.
- Kristen did report that the Annual meeting budget was over by ~ \$ 44.
- A donation to the ECCAFV from a United Way Donor in New York City of ~ \$ 34 was noted.
- A proposal for an additional financial pass through was tabled as meeting was not fully attended.

Feedback on Annual Meeting

- A correction to the Annual Report was noted for last year's award winners.
- Many noted that the play was very powerful.
- Gratitude to Haven House and the play's organizers was expressed along with thanks for Haven House sponsoring the play.
- It was noted by a member that the event was well-organized and timed.
- Some issues with food service from Harry's were noted and discussed briefly.
- Award winners and speeches were discussed.

Elections

- Stacie Dopko reported that 29 ballots were received out 31 eligible members. All voted for the nominees presented; there were no write-ins. All voted yes for the budget.
- Sue Kelley noted that nominees for Communications Chair have been received; so far Safiyya Hunter and Greg White have been nominated and accepted their nominations. Elections for the vacated post will take place at the August 8, 2008 meeting. Annual meeting attendance will count for voting eligibility. All people eligible to vote at the time of the May elections will be eligible to vote in the special election in addition to any others who are now eligible.

08-09 Membership

- Sue reminded the attendees that it was time to renew membership for the new membership year. Updated brochures were distributed and attendees were reminded of the rate change.
- It was also noted that the waiver procedure is set for survivors and organizations with financial hardships; those needing an application can contact anyone on the Executive Committee.
- Outreach mailing to former member organizations have gone out; the Membership Committee has a goal of 50 paid members for this membership year.

Website Proposal

- Kristen noted that as the Council on Elder Abuse and other partners are going through strategic plans, they are looking to get their names out on websites, but can not afford their own currently. The attendees were presented with the idea of the ECCAFV providing pages off of the main website which would not cost the ECCAFV any additional money.
- Members wanted to ensure that content would be checked before posted under ECCAFV page; it was proposed that an agreement letter be formulated for organizations to sign for website use. Ruth May Kane volunteered to work on this. A draft will be ready for next meeting. Kristen will forward the documents used for pass-through organizations if that may be helpful for this project.
- It was asked if the organizations could contribute to the website somewhat or at the least, that those organizations who are linked on the website need to be paid members of ECCAFV. It was noted that this does not happen currently for those that the ECCAFV serves as a financial pass-through and thought should be given for those organizations to be paid members as well.

Advocacy Committee Update

- Kristen noted that there will be a chairperson change as today is Da'Niel's last meeting. Her successor at the International Institute attended the meeting with her.
- It was noted that the next MSW intern and also a Law School intern from the Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic at UB Law School would be coming on board soon. Kristen proposed that leading the Advocacy Committee would be very relevant for these students; those in attendance agreed.
- Stacie presented about the language changes/additions that came about with the passage to the Fair Access to Family Court Act and some discussion around details took place. The powerpoint is available as well as the full text of the bill, if needed. Contact Kristen or Stacie.
- Da'Niel spoke about the bill currently being proposed to allow emergency domestic violence housing without regard to immigration status. It passed the Assembly and the Senate, but is back in the Assembly for revision and is expected to become law. Federal Law mandates that these services be rendered but NYS has not reimbursed for those clients. This would correct that imbalance.

Education and Training Institute

- The next DV 101 will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at St. Stanislaus' Adamski Social Center from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The brochure was distributed to those in attendance.
- The LGBT DV Committee and the ECCAFV are working together to bring in a speaker from NYC who specializes in LGBT DV issues. There will be at two different specialized sessions with the speaker on October 15th and 16th. Save the dates and more information will follow.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee

- The committee for planning DVAM will meet for the first time on Tuesday, July 29th at 3:30 p.m. in the basement conference room at the Child & Family Services office @ 330 Delaware Ave. Please bring anyone wanting to get involved and your ideas!

Summer 2008 ECCAFV Quarterly Update Distribution

- The second edition of the update was distributed to those in attendance and the contents reviewed briefly.

CASH Coalition Announcement

- Diane was unable to attend the meeting but will come to the meeting in August to talk about taxes and ensuring that all who are eligible get their Economic Stimulus payments.

Updates

- **FJC-** No one from the FJC was present to report.
- **CEA-** The strategic plan is moving forward and committees continue to work. The community engagement committee is working on a Public Forum to take place in September, most likely at the St. Rose of Lima Church in North Buffalo to be able to reach city and suburban parties. Contact Kristen at kluppino@cfsbny.org if you are interested in being a part of it. Next CEA meeting will be on September 2, 2008 at 9 a.m. at Meals on Wheels; there is no August meeting.
- **LGBT Task Force (submitted by e-mail and reported out)-** Tabling at PRIDE parade went well. There is a new pamphlet listing the LGBT Advocate's services that will be distributed to the ECCAFV in August or September. Pencils with the advocate's number have also been made and distributed. Safe Home recruitment continues and what this service included was discussed briefly. Outreach to gay bars is being planned. The LGBT advocates services are now listed with the Pride Center and the "Gaywatch" section of Artvoice. Next meeting is July 17, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at 330 Delaware Ave.
- **CTFCAN-** There was a successful brainstorming meeting in June and an action planning meeting will be coming up in September.

Announcements: no announcements were made.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the United Way, 742 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.