



# 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, May 9, 2008

### Welcome and Introductions: 29 people were in attendance

(Attendance list from the meeting is available to meeting attendees. Contact Kristen Luppino ([kluppino@cfsbny.org](mailto: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 minutes was tabled until next regular meeting in July.

### Treasurer/Finance Update

- The ECCAFV has **\$9,499.23** in the account. Of that amount, the CEA (formerly MDCCEA) has \$369.02 and the LGBT Task Force has \$791.00. Including petty cash of \$38.25, the ECCAFV has **\$8,300.96**
- Pat Shelly noted that the LGBT DV Task Force may be asking for nominal support from the ECCAFV in the future as they attempt to apply for more funding to make the LGBT IPV Victim Advocate's job a full time position.
- The 2008-2009 Budget was presented for review/questions.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Anticipated Outcomes (Expenses and Income)</b>	<b>Income Received</b>
Advocacy Committee	\$1000.00	Legislative Visits, Letter Writing Campaigns, Legislator Outreach, Legislative Awareness Day Trip to Albany	----
Education and Training Institute	\$1000.00	Two Domestic Violence 101 trainings Two Advanced Domestic Violence trainings	\$2100.00
Awareness / Media Campaign/ Other Educational Programs	\$800.00	October- Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Speakers, Media Campaigns, Participation in Other Community Events	----
Annual Meeting	\$3000.00	Invitations, Mailings, Member Gifts, etc. Food/Location, Speaker/Entertainment, Awards	\$2700.00
Executive Committee	\$500.00	Website, Member Outreach, Coalition Mailing, Refreshments, Coalition Supplies, Membership Dues (income), Donations (income), Items for Sale (income)	\$2000.00
Community Sponsorships	\$500.00	Sponsorships requested by members of the community for events, trainings, etc.	----
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6800.00</b>		<b>\$6800.00</b>

- Kristen noted the addition of a line item in the budget for sponsorships.
- Remla inquired about monies for bringing in speakers (the response was that those monies would fall under the Awareness line in the budget).

## **Elections**

- Those members who were nominated and accepted nominations (Kim Siejak, Communications Chair; Remla Parthasarathy, Community Relations Chair; William Zelazny, Finance Chair) gave short presentations on their qualifications for their positions and ballot s for Elections and the proposed budget were then distributed to eligible members.

## **Award Nominations Update**

- Sue reminded all members that awards will be given out at the Annual meeting in June. Nominations were due earlier this week and the Awards Committee will meet after this meeting to determine the winners.

## **Education and Training Institute**

- There was a reminder of the upcoming Legal Services training that will take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at the Catholic Center at 795 Main St. (*location change!!*). It will be aimed toward service providers and attorneys and is a ½ day training. Please contact Stacie for more info.or to register ([sdopko@cfsbny.org](mailto:sdopko@cfsbny.org)).
- Next DV 101 is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2008.

## **Annual Meeting Planning Update**

- The annual meeting will be held on Thurs, June 19, 2008 from 5:30- 8 p.m. at Harry's Harbour Place Grille.
- Tickets will be \$30.00 each for members and \$ 35.00 for non-members. Scholarships will be available for survivors. Reservations are due by June 9, 2008.
- This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ECCAFV and of the battered women's movement- looking back at the movement will be the theme of the event.
- Flyers were distributed to attendees about the meeting and with registration information; entertainment will include a performance by Theatre for Change, emphasizing the effects of family violence on children.
- Sue, Kristen, and Stacie were able to look at the space and finalize some details with the Harry's staff and Darlene from Theatre for Change recently. It is a beautiful space and everyone should register to come!

## **NYSCADV Conference – Report**

- Kristen reported that the NYSCADV conference and the ECCAFV workshop were very successful. The conference was well-organized and grounded in the Battered Women's Movement. Other workshops included, for example, "Organizing in the Digital Age" and "Trafficking and the Link with Domestic Violence". Materials from the event were passed around for attendees to peruse.
- About 15 people attended the workshop put on by ECCAFV members. Remla reported that the attendees were very attentive and contacts and sources for information were given during the presentation.
- The conference also honored those active in the 30 year history of the movement in New York with a 30 Leaders in 30 Years award ceremony. Sue Tompkins from UB Law School was one of these 30 leaders honored at the conference.
- The group was ~ \$350 under the original budget approved by the Coalition; they were able to negotiate discounts on conference fees, etc. Approved amount was up to \$1284; only \$935 was spent.

## **NCADV Conference – Washington, DC**

- Greg spoke about the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV); the organization will also be commemorating 30 years in Washington, D.C. with a conference in July. Both Greg and his colleagues as well as the ECCAFV group that presented in Albany have workshops that have been accepted for the conference. It is a very difficult task to have a workshop accepted to this national conference.
- Remla proposed a budget for herself, Kristen, Amy, and Diane to travel to Washington, D.C. to present their workshop "Back to Our Roots: A Community Coalition's Recommitment to Social Change". Remla's costs would be covered by UB Law School and Kristen is willing to use her \$500 training award money to help cover her costs as well. Conversation began about adding more to the amount due to the high expense of the area.

- Pat Shelley made a motion that the group approve **up to \$1300** for the group to attend and present at the NCADV conference (due to the elevated costs of Washington, D.C. and the savings from the NYSCADV conference) - Da'Niel Rowan seconded the motion and it was passed by the group.

**Updates:**

- **FJC-** No one from the FJC was present to report.
- **CEA-** The strategic plan is moving forward and committees have been established; the organization voted to change their name to the Council on Elder Abuse (CEA). A planning committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day has been developed; flyers for the event on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> were distributed to the attendees today. It will be a bilingual event and there also will be outreach with palm cards over the following weekend at the Allentown Art Festival. Contact Kristen at [kluppino@cfsbny.org](mailto:kluppino@cfsbny.org) if you are interested in being a part of it. Next CEA meeting will be on June 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. at Meals on Wheels.
- **LGBT Task Force-** The LGBT IPV Advocate is working on providing some services to clients and spending a great deal of time doing outreach. Plans are in the works for outreach at PRIDE events in June. Julie and other volunteers will be tabling on Sunday, the day of the parade. They are looking for support and funding to make Julie's position full time and also have been developing a logo.
- **CTFCAN-** There will be a meeting next Friday, May 16, 2008 at 844 Delaware.

**Announcements:**

- The Membership Committee has been working on reaching out to past members and formulating a list and letter for this purpose as well as outlining the framework for requesting waivers of membership fees for individuals and agencies. The brochure also has been updated.
- It was announced that Assemblymember Sam Hoyt and UB President would be present at a joint event at the Gloria Parks Recreation Center on May 17, 2008 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**The Annual Meeting will be held at Harry's Harbour Place Grille on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.!!!!**