



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.

Friday, December 14, 2007- ECCAFV Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

29 people were in attendance

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

Moment of Silence:

A poem was performed by Marquis Burton. Marquis contacted the ECCAFV to perform for the Spotlight event in October, 2007 and also performed at the HUB DV Dinner in that month.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

September, 2007—the second approval came from Ernestine Richardson

November, 2007—first: Pat Shelley, second: Ernestine Richardson—Approved.

Finance Update:

Total Amt in Bank Account:	\$11,271.81
Total Amt in ECCAFV Petty Cash:	\$53.00
Total Holdings for MDCCEA:	\$385.05
Total Holdings for LGBT Task Force:	\$791.00
Total Amt for ECCAFV:	\$10,148.76

Membership Reminder:

The ECCAFV meeting attendees were reminded of the changes in the by-laws that were passed last year. Members in good standing must pay dues and attend 3 of the last 6 meetings in order to be eligible to vote in the elections being held in May, 2008. Membership forms and a copy of the by-laws are available on the website- www.eccafv.org on the "materials" page. Contact Kristen Luppino with questions- kluppino@cfsbny.org

Update from Chautauqua County Coalition Meeting:

Kristen was able to attend this meeting to build the relationship between the ECCAFV and the Chautauqua County Coalition Against DV and Sexual Assault. The CCCADVSA has not done much with regards to legislative advocacy and might be interested in coming to Albany with us in March for Legislative Awareness Day if there is room in the van we are using for transportation to Albany. The coalition agreed that we would like to support the Chautauqua County group and suggested that the Advocacy Committee reach out to them to build the relationship and see if we might be able to work together for March, 2008. We also thought we could start to plan with them for March, 2009.

Coaching Boys to Men Initiative:

At the November, 2007 meeting, the ECCAFV decided to focus on developing a plan to implement some of the ideas from the NYS Office for the Prevention of DV Coaching Boys to Men initiative. A committee was formed and the Citizens Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect has agreed to work with us on this plan for April, 2008- Child Abuse Prevention Month. The committee was planning to meet on Friday 12/14 at 11:30a at Child and Family Services. (Update since the ECCAFV meeting- the committee meeting did not occur and another will be scheduled for after the first of the year.) Contact Brenda David (bdavid@cfsbny.org) or Kristen Luppino (kluppino@cfsbny.org) if you are interested in being a part of this planning committee.

Education and Training Institute- DV 101:

The next DV 101 has been scheduled for January 24, 2008 (snow day: 1/25/08). The training will be held on Grand Island. Seats are filling up quickly. Call Kristen Luppino at 884-6002 to reserve a seat and confirm that there is space in the training before sending in the registration form and payment. The registration form is available online at www.eccafv.org on the materials page.

Advocacy Committee Update:

The committee has completed the teams for the legislative visits planned for February, 2008. If you volunteered to do a visit, contact Da'Niel at DVAdvocate@iibuff.org for the information on your team-mate and the legislators you will be visiting. The next Advocacy Committee meeting – to be held immediately following the January, 2008 ECCAFV general meeting – is mandatory for all people doing legislative visits in February. Information about the visits and materials will be distributed at that time. If you cannot make that meeting- contact Da'Niel.

NYS Coalition Against DV- Legislative Awareness Day will take place on March 11, 2008 in Albany, NY. The group from the ECCAFV will be leaving Buffalo mid-day on March 10, 2008 and will be returning to Buffalo in the late evening on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. A sign-up sheet for participation on this trip and more details will be shared at the January and February meetings. Contact Da'Niel if you are interested in being on the committee to plan this trip.

UB Law School- DV Exchange Program:

The UB Law School has been developing an unprecedented program in which attorneys from various countries (most recently Brazil and the Republic of Georgia) come to Buffalo to study at the school and take part in a learning exchange. The program is very exciting and interesting and will certainly enhance our understanding of DV in our community as well as feed us with new and creative ways of looking at the issues. Unfortunately, Sue Tomkins was unable to attend the meeting to explain the program in detail to the ECCAFV. She will speak at the meeting in January, 2008.

CAPC- Mock Hearing:

The Community Action for Pre-Natal Care (CAPC) project of Buffalo Pre-Natal Peri-Natal has a presentation they would like to share with the ECCAFV in April, 2008. The CAPC Consumer Advisory Group, the CAPC legal services committee along with mentoring from Neighborhood Legal Services worked together to develop a mock-fair hearing. The mock-hearing is designed to train advocates and consumers to represent themselves and their clients at fair-hearings for benefits at the Department of Social Services. The group has once specific scenario in which the client is a victim of DV. The ECCAFV decided that we would like to have CAPC present this to the ECCAFV at the April meeting from 10a-11a. As the month gets closer, the ECCAFV executive committee will decide if it is necessary to move the meeting to a larger room to accommodate additional people who might be attending the meeting to see the mock-hearing. CAPC will also look into providing copies of a DVD with the mock-hearing on it to those who attend. More details to come.

Updates:Citizens Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect:

The CTFCAN has joined with the ECCAFV to plan events in April, 2008 around the Coaching Boys to Men initiative. These events will be the focus of the CTFCAN efforts for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Multidisciplinary Coordinating Council on Elder Abuse:

The group is in the process of strategic planning. The final working meeting for the strategic plan will take place on Tuesday, 12/18 at Child and Family Services- 330 Delaware from 8:30a-12:00p – all interested parties are welcomed to attend.

LGBT Task Force:

The task force has hired the first LGBT IPV advocate who is housed at Haven House- Julie Momot was introduced at the meeting. Julie will be working in the 8 counties of Western NY providing

advocacy on an individual and systems level and also working to develop a safe homes network. Julie's position is part time and she can be reached at Haven House- 884-6002. It was also mentioned that the task force is planning a press conference for January- the TENTATIVE date is 1/31/08. The press conference will announce the new position and the safe home initiative as well as recognize Sam Hoyt for his financial support for the task force and the position.

Family Justice Center:

The FJC will be having regular, structured tours at the facility- the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00am and the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. The tour is designed to not only show the facility and explain the FJC services but also to explain the issue of domestic violence. Call Christina Chapman to reserve a spot in a tour group—558-5282

Linda Ray, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center, also spoke about some issues with the December, 2007 newsletter. Linda noted that mistakes were made in the newsletter and she used poor judgment in some of the decisions she made about what was included in the newsletter. She also noted that an inappropriate amount of opinion was included in the newsletter. Linda apologized for the errors and poor judgment.

Announcements:

- CAPC is having a World AIDS Day Community event on 12/15/07 at ECC City Campus from 12p-4p. A flyer was shared.
- The UB Society of Feminists is hosting Eve Ensler to speak at UB on 3/5/07 in honor of the 10th Anniversary of V-Day. Eve Ensler will also be doing a book signing at the event.
- The director of the Catholic Charities Volunteer Corps presented information about the program. The program has a new director and is currently in its 6th year. The program places recent college graduates at an agency to work full-time (35-40 hours per week) in whatever capacity an agency chooses as long as the job has a direct service component. The volunteers are supported by the Catholic Charities program and work on the four tenants of community, spirituality, social justice and simplicity. The agency must contribute \$15,000 total to have a volunteer for the year. Much more information about the program is available at www.ccservicecorps.org
- UB Health Education and Human Services announced a date for their "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event- a national event in which men acknowledge their role in stopping violence against women by doing walking 1 mile in women's high heels. The event is done nationally and will take place at UB on 4/17/08. Contact Sasha at sm263@buffalo.edu for more information

During the announcements the group had an important discussion about technology issues and safety. All people were encouraged to learn more about how to safely use technology by using NNEDV as a resource (www.nnedv.org). The group decided that it is important to ensure that the ECCAFV website is as safe as it can be and that names of people who attend meetings are kept confidential and not posted online for safety issues. The immediate action steps that were determined are as follows:

1. Minutes posted online will no longer have the attendance list noted but will indicate the number of individuals who signed in at the meeting. Attendance lists will be kept by executive committee members for voting eligibility purposes. (see first page of these minutes)
2. Permission will be asked before a person's name and/or contact information is included in the minutes of the meeting.
3. The executive committee will make changes to the minutes already posted on the website to account for these changes.
4. The executive committee will identify any other website concerns and communicate them to the ECCAFV membership.
5. A more extensive conversation about technology and the safety of the ECCAFV website will be on the agenda at next month's meeting
6. Local training opportunities about technology and safety will be shared with the ECCAFV and the ECCAFV will look into sponsoring training if the need arises.