



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, February 8, 2008

Welcome and Introductions: **33 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 January Meeting Minutes

- First- Pat Shelly, Second- Ruth May Kane

Treasurer/Finance Update

- As of 2/22/08, the ECCAFV has \$11,517.06 in the account. Of that amount, the MDCCEA has \$369.02 and the LGBT Task Force has \$791.00. Including petty cash of \$38.25, the ECCAFV has **\$10,395.29**.

FUNDING REQUESTS:

- UB Speaker: Eve Ensler- \$1000.00 request
- NYSCADV conference fees for 4 presenters on behalf of the ECCAFV- \$1284.00
- Jessica Zimpfer from UB SoFem spoke about Eve Ensler coming to speak at the University at Buffalo on March 5th and requested \$1000 toward her honorarium for this event. The money would go towards her expenses and back to the V-Day Foundation. There was discussion about the event and several attendees spoke in support of the event; others opposed the amount. The coalition had never given so much to one event before and some were wary of the high standard it would set. It was also noted that there would be another request for funds and the discussion was tabled to hear that request so the group would be better informed.
- Remla Parthasarathy relayed to the group that a training that had been submitted to NYSCADV for their annual meeting had been submitted. Remla, Diane Bessel, Kristen Luppino, and Amy Fleischauer would be running the workshop. The workshop was designed to discuss and teach the process that the ECCAFV has gone through in re-building and refocusing the organization. Remla presented the budget and there was discussion about reducing the amount of presenters, but the presentation was designed with all of the individuals included. Remla's conference costs are being covered by UB, but not travel or lodging expenses. There are also other factors in play that may reduce the cost such as a discount on the conference fee. After discussion, the full amount requested (amount not to exceed **\$1284.00**) was approved with it noted that costs will be attempted to be reduced wherever possible. The full budget follows:

Travel: 560 miles (roundtrip) x \$.40/mile	\$224
Lodging: \$115/night x 2 rooms x 2 nights	\$460
Conference Fees: (2 ½ day conference)	\$600
\$150/ non-member (1)	
\$225/ member (2)	
Total Amt Requested:	\$1284.00

- The group then re-visited the request for the Eve Ensler event. It was motioned upon and passed that **\$250** be given to the event. The ECCAFV will also provide volunteers and resources for a table at the event. Juan Torres offered staff to work at this table- Kristen Luppino will coordinate the table resources and staffing. This amount is similar to amounts given to other requests of this type.

Education and Training Institute

- January DV 101 hit the ideal target number for this type of training. Space was very amenable for what our needs are (kitchen, table space, etc.). Kristen reported that the overall number for ETI trainings is over 400

people since it began. ECCAFV made about \$250 profit on this DV 101 training after costs were paid. Kristen thanked all of the volunteers that helped the day of the training.

- Based on evaluations from the January DV 101 there is a high need in the community for a legal services training similar to one that the ETI has done in the past. Kristen will contact the presenters that were involved with this in the past to see if they are interested in presenting again. A sign up sheet was sent around for a committee to work on planning this training.
- There also seems to be a high need for training on the effects of DV on children- this may be the advanced training for the spring.
- The ETI will probably try to complete at least two more DV 101 trainings this year along with two advanced trainings.

Coaching Boys to Men Update

- Flyer for screening of “Wrestling with Manhood” was distributed with meeting materials. The event is being set up for April 3, 2008 at the Olmstead Center. The committee will be meeting again next week on Friday, February 15th to finalize this event and to discuss other opportunities.
- A community planning process will take place starting in late April/ May, 2008 to see how this initiative might be most effective for our local area. All interested parties are encouraged to attending the planning sessions— details will follow.

Advocacy Committee Update

- All local visits are scheduled and under way with legislators and will be completed before Legislative Awareness Day (LAD) – March 11th, 2008 in Albany, NY.
- There is a great amount of interest in going to LAD this year. A new sign up was sent around for anyone else interested and it was noted that those who were survivors and advocacy committee members would be given priority. Planning will begin soon and the committee would like to solidify the list by the end of next week to begin making teams and travel plans, etc. Due to budget concerns and a discussion about efficacy of visits, the ECCAFV will limit the participants to one van- 10 people.
- There was discussion about the Fair Access to Family Court Coalition and updates about its progress. This is the first year it has a Senate sponsor and it is the main focus of LAD for NYSCADV and ECCAFV. If you are interested in getting more information on the Statewide Coalition for Fair Access to Family Court, contact Kristen Luppino at kluppino@cfsbny.org.

NNEDV Report Release

- The report summary was distributed with meeting materials- the full report is available at nnev.org
- Information from the “Break the Cycle” report was also shared. New York received a failing grade around a state wide response to teen dating violence due to the lack of Fair Access to Family Court.

Updates:

- **MDCCEA**- The MDCCEA is working on developing a final strategic plan and is working on creating a committee structure. The MDCCEA strategic plan should be finalized sometime this spring. The ECCAFV’s strategic planning process from 2005 has served as a working model for the MDCCEA.
- **LGBT Task Force**- Press conference on 1/31/08 to honor Sam Hoyt and introduce Julie Momot, LGBT advocate was very successful although no press attended.
- **CTFCAN**- Meeting next week, Coaching Boys into Men initiative events.
- **FJC**- Continuing with formal tours- two dates in March given- 3/5 at 8 a.m. and 3/19 at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

- V-Day: Vagina Monologues at Unitarian Universalist Church on Elmwood- 2/13 & 2/15- proceeds to benefit Crisis Services Advocate Program

Next Meeting is Friday, March 14, 2008 at the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County – 9:00 A.M.

An ECCAFV Orientation was held after the meeting.