



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.

November 9, 2007- ECCAFV Meeting Minutes

Present: 34 people present

Introductions

Moment of Silence

Acceptance of September 2007 minutes

Pat Shelly and _____(unknown)

Acceptance of October 2007 minutes

Pat Shelly and Lauren Walker

Treasurer's Report

\$10,181.04 in ECCAFV Account

\$ 385.05 MDCCEA

\$ 791.00 LGBT Task Force

NYS Coalition for Fair Access to Family Court

A copy of the Sanctuary for Families letter was shared with the Coalition. The goal of this group is to expand the definition of family used by Family Court. The Coalition will be working on this issue and has been advocating for this at previous legislative awareness days for years. Kristen Lupino asked coalition if the coalition as a whole could sign up in support. A suggestion was made to modify letter and include the coalition logo on it. The group decided that the ECCAFV would join as an organization and that each member could sign up individually and/or share the information with their organization to see if their organization would like to sign up. Contact Kristen Luppino for more information- kluppino@cfsbny.org.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Events Re-Cap

* Spot Coffee Poetry Event was a great success. There was an amazing turnout and everyone seems to have a nice time. SPOT generously donated the room and it was packed with people ranging from teens to grandparents. A big thank you to UB law school and Task Force volunteers for your help.

*UB Law School Documentaries were also a great success. There were 5 documentaries in all, each very interesting and with its own spin. One will be used as a clemency video to the Governor. All of the documentaries are on reserve and the UB Law School Library and are available for public use.

*Girls Night Out hosted by Crisis Services sponsored a mini fashion event. It was well attended and a lot of fun!

*Call to Men Training by Tony Porter was an excellent. Tony Porter is a dynamic speaker and it is recommended that all take advantage and attend a future training if possible.

*Coaching Boys to Men kicked off in Buffalo. It was held at a Buffalo Public School and several dignitaries, the community at large and 20 young men attended the event.

Peggy McIntosh Presentation

The presentation was about an article she wrote "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack". Ms. McIntosh talks about her own self awareness of privileges she herself is awarded (unearned) due to being white. Greg White will give a free copy of the article to anyone in the coalition who would like one. Everyone should take the time to read this. We applaud Hilbert College for sponsoring this event.

Advocacy Committee

The committee will be organizing visits to the local legislatures before legislative awareness day. Anyone who is willing to help can sign up. Da'Niel Rowan is the committee chair and can be reached at DVAdvocate@iibuff.org.

Training

The National Training Institute, NY Model for Batterers Program hosts 2 trainings a year in Rockland County. Greg White suggested that perhaps we can offer the training here in Buffalo. Is there enough of an interest? The coalition thinks that there is. If we did offer it here there would be only a \$250 fee for the 2 day training and local participants would not have to pay for hotel and food. A committee will be created to plan this event with regards to outreach. Greg White has agreed to be the committee chair.

Updates

MDCCEA

Progressing well, they had a presentation in Fredonia on 11/7 and are going through strategic planning within their committee.

LGBT Task Force

Still interviewing for the advocate position.

CTFCAN

No update other than the next meeting will be on Friday, 11/16 at 9:15a at 844 Delaware Ave. The coaching boys to men ideas from the ECCAFV will be shared with them at that meeting.

FJC

Tours will be given at the FJC- call 558-SAFE for specific dates and times.

Announcements

- International Institute needs to speak to community people for 10 minutes to gather information for their Human Trafficking Program. Also, contact Amy Fleischauer at 883-1900 if you would like her to share information about human trafficking with your staff or organization—she does ~20 minute presentations.

New member orientation will be held after this meeting.