

Prevention Minutes 2-15-08

Attendance: Stephanie Carroll, Kristin Atkins, Charity Parker, Vicki Ventura, Joe Kennedy, & Lisa Lydston

DVCC membership & fees were discussed at this meeting for those that were not able to attend a recent DVCC meeting. I need a new membership form for every member as well as a \$25 agency fee (this fee covers as many people from your organization that wants to actively participate) OR \$10 fee for individuals willing to participate. This membership is good for one year.

- **Membership forms will be attached to this email. Please fill out and send to me at P.O. Box 220 FWB, FL 32549 or fax to 850-243-6756**
- **Also, please make payment to Shelter House with the memo filled out for DVCC membership**

Please be brainstorming a vision and mission for this committee. We will be discussing your ideas at the next meeting which is **March 26th @ 3pm at the CAC in Niceville.**

As for Prevention news, the DELTA grant was actually going to be cut the beginning of February 2008. We were given a three- week notice. Since we have had a hard time shifting the original grant limitations it has left us with our hands tied. I spoke with our rep from FCADV and it was decided the only way to keep this grant running was to petition for changes in the writing of the original draft and change our selected population. We had tried to do this before and were not allowed. The coordinator had tried getting into Walton County HS to teach 8 sessions of the Healthy Relationships Curriculum. The principle was not as receptive to our arrangement as we would have liked. He would give us two or three sessions but not the full eight. This does not qualify us to keep the grant. With less than 2 weeks left from termination, the coordinator went to Hope House in Crestview and they have agreed to let us teach 8 sessions for as long as we need to. We started January 29th 2008. The DELTA grant is safe from termination until September 30, 2008.

We also have a new Executive Director, her name is Michelle Sperzel, and she came to us from Birmingham, AL. She has had extensive knowledge in running a not-for profit since she formally came from a Breast cancer awareness facility as well as experience in fundraising. **Please come to our next DVCC meeting which is March 12, 2008 in DFS at the court house beginning at 1:30 pm** Michelle would love to meet you. This meeting is also important as we will be discussing co-chairs for the committees.

DELTA “Getting to Outcomes”

Just to keep everyone up to date we have finished Steps 1 & 2. In the beginning they had give us 10 steps to be completed by September 2008. They have re-assed the steps and decided to only give us Steps 1-6, and Steps 7-10 have been eliminated. Although Steps 3-5 are allegedly due April 30th we have not be given these steps which puts this project on hold until further notice.

Please come to our next meeting, as we will be discussing a prevention project that could possibly team us up with FFN Independent Living Coordinator Joe Kennedy. We really need your support.

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