

**Okaloosa Walton DVCC
Victim Advocate Sub Committee
Minutes: July 6, 2011 1:00 p.m.
Fat Clemenza's Uptown Station**

Present: Jeannette Debs, Balon Loften and Beth Robertson.

Absent: Patti Abraham, Fiona Boss, Elaine Brewer, Kerri Lewis, Elizabeth Lockhart, Beth Marks, Mary Jean Petersen, Becki Pence, Brenda Porter, Aimee Tabb and Rebecca Zoeller.

Update on Projects of Subcommittee

1. **Going away luncheon for Beth Marks**, who was unable to attend due to a last minute physical required by the Air Force as part of her husband's PCS!
2. **Fall DVCC Conference: Beth** did arrange for the conference to be at Niceville United Methodist Church possibly Oct. 13 & 14 or 20 & 21. We suggested Jackson Katz (but he's probably too expensive) for his MVP work. Jeannette said that he reduces his rates when he works for DV Centers. Talked about break out for law enforcement with at state attorney explaining injunctions, Human Trafficking and the Safe & Together Model that DCF is promoting. DCF is pushing their Safe & Together as a possibility for conference. Jeannette suggested Terry Thomas as another possible speaker.
3. **Shining Light Award:** this award is given out at the conference each year to recognize someone who's done a lot for the field. We recommend Judge Heflin who's due to retire at the end of the year. **Balon** will talk to Michele Sperzel about this.
4. **Criminal Justice Committee: Balon** attended and learned they are taking the new brochure to each LE group. **Pat Franklin** is working to get a Spanish version of the brochure. **Beth** reported that Walton Co. is close to printing because they're running out of old one.

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Next Regular Meeting: August 3, 1:00-2:00 at Judge Ben Gordon, Jr. Family Visitation Center.

Recorded by Jeannette Debs