



Okaloosa-Walton  
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council  
"Collaborating for a cause."

## DVCC Minutes: November 7, 2007

**Present:** Ginny Barr, Beth Blankenship, Rebecca Bussman, Stephanie Carroll, Agnes Coppola, Jeannette Debs, Michelle Espinoza, Kristen Klein, Tammy Matthews, Kathy Pacheco, Charity Parker, Mary Jean Peterson, Jeff Rascon, Marietta Scheer, Alicia Wardlow, and Judge William Stone.

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Minutes were approved as written

### 3. Committee reports:

- a. **Criminal Justice:** (court, le, probation, prosecution, offender treatment)  
This committee is working on protocol for the supervision of respondents in civil court proceeding. December 18<sup>th</sup> in courtroom G is there next scheduled meeting, they will be combing both criminal justice committee and victim advocacy committee for this meeting. Janet Gilbert the Family Court Manager from Escambia County is working on a power point presentation to JAG for assistance with OSI. This presentation will show the court process and how other agencies work together. This power point would be placed on a cd and left at several location on both bases. Hopefully, this will help advocates gain access to the bases more easily. It would also help in responding more quickly to victims in need.
- b. **Prevention:** The DELTA Grant was cut by \$15, 000. There was another opportunity to receive an additional grant for \$20,000. The Prevention Coordinator went to training and has written a proposal for the second grant, the proposal is due December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. The second grant is separate and has nothing to do with the original DELTA grant. The prevention committee is still working on Step 2, this is also due December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- c. **Public Awareness:** This year's conference was a success, there were 250 professionals in attendance, and this committee made \$459.90. During the month of October there was an art contest that enlisted numerous high schools to have their art students use any form of art as long as the topic was "Teens and Dating Violence should never be a couple." Laurel Hill High School and Niceville High School were the only participants this year. We displayed all art pieces and celebrated the winners, at our awards ceremony held during the November Conference. This committee was also able to hand out medical kits to over 80 different facilities throughout both Okaloosa and Walton counties. We had two winners for the Shining Light Award Lisa Liden and Mary Horwell. Finally, we had 4 Remembrance Ceremonies held in both Okaloosa and Walton counties. Please go to [www.owdvcc.org](http://www.owdvcc.org) to see pictures of all PAC events from October and November.
- d. **Steering:** Discussed the "new" brochure changes, please send all edits to Kathy Pacheco. Each company will be responsible for making their own copies and can add their own logo to it.

- e. **Victim Advocacy:** Working on the on-call emergency injunction team. Hoping to partner with Shelter House on training. This committee has 3 new members and welcomes back Kaye Petralia and Kathy Pacheco. This committee is looking into making a training video on how to fill out injunctions and of course all the frequently asked questions would be included as well.
- f. **Walton County:** Institute for seniors are still working on the assessment of their needs.

**Agency Announcements:** January 17<sup>th</sup> Dependency Training at OWC Learning Center

**4. Next meeting: Meetings for 2008 have not yet been determined.**

\*All meetings held in the respective courthouses.