

NC Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission

Quarterly Meeting Minutes NC Council for Women February 4, 2009

Location: Via Webinar

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Attendees: Sylvia Ray (Chair), Bobbie Deese, Robin Coates, Sonya Reid, Darlene Waddell, Reeta Wolfsohn, Carolyn Alford, Lynn Jenks, Mary Peterson, Peggy Hammond, Dr. Stephanie Deese, Jenny Sliker, Executive Director Mel Chilton, Robin Colbert, Patti Kelley, Jackie Jordan, Elaine Smokes, Tanya McGuire, Bernetta Thigpen, Linda Murphy, Kathleen Balogh, Leslie Parker, Courtney Watkins

- I. Chair, Sylvia Ray called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - Sylvia Ray asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and asked the Council for approval of the minutes. Sonya Reid made a motion to approve the minutes, Robin Coates seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- III. Directors Report- Mel Chilton
 - McKinley Wooten has resigned as Deputy Secretary for DOA and is now the Deputy Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts. Previously serving as the Director of State Property, Mrs. June Michaux is now serving as the Deputy Secretary for DOA.
 - George Millsaps has resigned from the Council for Women Board as he is being deployed by the military.
 - Mel reviewed the proposed recommendations from the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence. Patti will email the Council members a copy of the recommendations.
 - A concern was raised about the make up of the Council for Women Board. Many of the members are state employees, making them limited in their ability to advocate. Maybe this should be addressed before the next appointments.
- IV. Region Director's Report- Robin Colbert
 - Robin discussed RD's work in various areas (program development, assessment of needs, info collection and analysis, advocacy efforts, and public awareness).
 - Currently RD's are conducting annual site visits and working with grants administration to make sure paperwork is being filed and funds are being utilized appropriately.
- V. Program Presentation
 - A. Buncombe County- Jenny Sliker
 - Jenny is the YWCA of Asheville New Choices Director and she is also the Vice President of NC Women Work
 - Her program consists of four main components:

- 1) One-on-one case management and assistance
 - 2) Circles of Hope support group- Jenny facilitates, they meet twice a month from 6-8pm. She invites guest speakers to present.
 - 3) Drop in child care program- they have provided over 4000 hrs of care in 2007 at no cost to the participants. There is a strict intake process to determine eligibility and parents must provide documentation of where they will be.
- Patti will email the Council a copy of Jenny's power point presentation.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Reception Committee- Patti Kelley
 - Patti reviewed the committee minutes
 - Committee is asking every Council member to contribute \$100 for the reception. Email Patti if you are willing to contribute that amount or if not, how much you are willing to contribute.
 - Council members should be thinking about ideas for favors to hand out at the reception
 - Voted to have the reception—it was unanimously approved
- B. Status on Women Report Committee- Darlene Waddell
 - Darlene reviewed the committee minutes
 - Tara Minter has agreed to write the grant application for the Z. Smith Reynolds Grant
- C. Grants Committee- Bernetta Thigpen
 - Bernetta reviewed the committee minutes
 - Sylvia Ray was interested in knowing which DH clients are just DH and not also DV victims.
 - Robin stated that the RD's could add this question to their monitoring forms.
 - Patti will email the draft copy of the DH grant to Council members and they need to respond with any questions or concerns they have about the application ASAP
- D. Women and Money Committee- Reeta Wolfsohn
 - Reeta asked if there were any other volunteers who wanted to serve on this committee with her, Bobbie Deese, and Carolyn Alford.
- E. Standardization of Services- Sonya Reid
 - Reviewing the final grant application for each program would be a good starting point for the committee to evaluate how each program is providing services and the level of community involvement.
 - Once the grant applications are completed and reviewed by CFW/DVC grants staff, the committee would like to set up a time to meet with Jackie to review the applications.

VIII. New Business

- Next meeting date will be Friday, May 8th.
- Mel has been invited to speak to the Women's Giving Circle of Fayetteville on Feb. 19, 2009
- As a way to get the message out about the Council, Reeta recommended inviting other organizations to a Webinar that outlines what the Council does.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.