

Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Time: 11:00 am

In Attendance:

Janine Greaves

Ilana Gerjuoy

William (Wid) Perry

Katie Rosewarne

Megan Cloutier

Amanda Sanderson

Scott Smith

Jeff Trant

Mary Kociola

Call to order

- 11:15 Janine called to order

Review minutes and approve

- Janine moved to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2024
- Seconded: Ilana
- All in favor

New business:

1. Vote on Chair/Co-Chair

- Chair prepares the agenda, and sends emails to the group, co-chair can fill in when the chair can't make it
- Appointed members:
 - Chair: Janine Greaves
 - Co-Chair: Katie Rosewarne
 - Secretary: Amanda Sanderson

2. Guest, Mary Kociela, to speak on the MTFADV's previous vision

- Task force started with Mayor Chris Forgey
- Focus: education in Greenfield for Greenfield Citizens

- DV free zone signs one of the first projects, Flag raising, public forums with speakers on IPV, coercion, etc., high school presentations, community forum on issues pertinent to citizens, billboards on social norms, care packages with onesies about healthy relationships with educational materials & referrals, successful diaper drive
- Municipal Group taking a Lead Role on domestic violence
 - Members of the committee can identify gaps
- In later administrations formalized the committee and created designated positions for people in the community
 - Elected a chair
 - Role: be responsible for calling the meeting, prepare and sharing the agenda (the Mayor's office always posts for open meeting law)
 - Monthly time commitment is minimal with more time dedicated leading up to events
 - Committee sometimes meets more than 1x per month in preparation for events/ campaigns
 - This committee is unique because it is specifically for Greenfield and Greenfield citizens.

Ideas on how to get the MTFADV out into the community

Discussion on having a table at the Juneteenth Celebration

- Information needed on timing
- Sheriff's office do banners?
 - Seal or logo for dv task force?
 - Pens / Swag
- Wednesday, June 19th at Beacon Field from 1-5pm

4. Old business

1. Review the draft of the walking map
 - Adding a date to the map (e.g. last updated June 2024)
 - Salasin Project will have a new location
 - Email/ Call 3-4 agencies of the agencies
 - Everyone will confirm their agency one-liners
 - Ilana: email agencies to the group to do outreach
2. UMass Translation quotes regarding the walking map of services
3. Discuss Flag Raising Ceremony; Any suggestions/improvements for next year

- Future events to consider engaging with:
 - Annual Mental Health Fair third week of May
 - Resources and focus on the impact of DV on all genders and relationship orientations

- To do:
 - Find past DV task force minutes for the committee members to review
 - Documents for the Task force
 - Find the original mission statement and adjust it according to the current needs of the community
 - Reiterate that people can come to these meetings - the objective is transparency and engagement
 - Invite the public when we unveil the walking map
 - Write down the description of the DV task force Chair responsibilities

- Committee Members:
 - Will commit to calling/reaching out to agencies about walking map agencies

- Future discussions: increase in child exposure to problematic sexual behavior/content
 - Connect Communities that Care school coalition to DV task force / CAC to discuss

Motion to adjourn:

First: Janine 12:15

Seconded: Megan

All in favor

