

## **Fulton County Family Violence Task Force Meeting Minutes February 15, 2017**

### **New Task Force attendees:**

Donna Kimbrell, FCDA; Jamarri Rollocks and Terica Culver, Road to Recovery; Richard Highland McCoy, Associated Counseling Inc.; Tierra Benn, VWAP (intern); Jennifer Hunter, Hunter Law LLC; Taylor Chastain and Jordan Foster, AHIMSA HOUSE; and Paloma Baldovinos, Caminar Latino.

### **Welcome/Introductions:**

Co-chair Amanda Planchard welcomed everyone.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Moment of silence for Shaleka Spoon, former Fulton County sheriff's deputy killed outside of Walmart.

Discussion of current website domain (fultonfvtaskforce.com) and possibly getting an agency to donate the cost to maintain domain name.

### **Elections**

Amanda announced that executive committee members (2 Co-Chairs and 1 Secretary) are elected every other year and an email to the Task Force requested nominations for these.

Only one nomination was received.

Co-chair Lori Anderson has decided to step into another role in the Task Force.

One collective vote for all 3 positions:

- Amanda Planchard for Co-Chair
- Samantha Macedo for Co-Chair
- Laura Holland Sclafani for Secretary

All in attendance voted "aye" for the positions and Amanda confirmed that those positions are elected and filled.

### **Presentation on Lundy Bankroft's Work on the Effects of DV on Families**

#### **By: Jewel Wakefield, Intern at Fulton County Solicitor General's Office**

Informative presentation with handout and extensive commentary and engagement from the members.

### **Discussion of Agenda for 2017**

Task force discussed plans for the year and committee updates. Members were given an opportunity to express interest in serving in committees. More information will be disseminated at each committee.

**\*New\* sub-committee:** Court Watch Program – members of the community will be trained on how to watch cases at the courthouses and report back to the Task Force about what they observe, both in civil and criminal cases. Will need to decide how many hours members will observe and how training will work. Ebony Russell, Dr. Terry Parks, Omega Angell, and Pam Harris are interested in serving on this sub-committee.

#### Existing sub-committees:

1. Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP) Sub-committee: explanation of FVIP; David Tillis to continue as Committee Chair.
2. Firearm Protocol: before 2017, this was part of Fatality Review Sub-Committee, but now will be its own. Laura Holland Sclafani and Amanda Planchard are interested in serving on this committee.
  - a. Formulation of protocol for law enforcement to have guns relinquished per the law if someone is convicted of family violence misdemeanor or has a TPO ordered against them
  - b. While federal law provides for the guns to be relinquished (temporarily), no sister statute in Georgia exists for local law enforcement and federal law not being enforced; Georgia state legislators may be introducing and passing a bill to make this state law
3. Fatality Review: full review not conducted since 2015, and in 2016, review was more of an informal discussion with all members; all members agreed to continue the informal yearly reviews similar to 2016.
4. Community Outreach – plans to focus more on **faith community** in 2017. Members asked questions about what this would involve and Amanda stated that it doesn't need to be that formalized, can be as easy as discussing the Task Force with people members meet in the faith community, acknowledgement that members are already likely doing this work. Irma Walker volunteered to serve on this committee.

#### Announcements

National Crime Victim's Rights Week will be April 2-8, 2017 and throughout March 2017, Amanda will be collecting shoe donations from members to display at the Empty Shoe Ceremony and One Mile Walk event on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fulton County Courthouse steps.

**Next Task Force meeting is May 17, 2017.**

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