

Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council
Community Support Services, 218 SE 24 St, Gainesville, FL 32641
June 17, 2021
Minutes

Member present in-person: Commissioner Alford, Rita Lawrence, Zahira Tucci, Capt. Robert Fanelli, Mary Ann Burg

Members present on Zoom: Robert Edelman, Maddy Coy

Members absent: None

Staff in-person: Laura Kalt, Cassandra Moore, Brittany Coleman, Tia Cox (intern)

Staff on Zoom: Courtney Wilson

Guests: None

There was a quorum

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm with quorum present in-person

Motion to approve May 2021 minutes: Rita Lawrence

Seconded: Mary Ann Burg

Motion Carried

New Business:

- I. Bylaws Review
 - a. Discussion about the bylaws. Overall the bylaws look good. There is some interest in adding language that emphasizes reaching consensus with voting. Commissioner Alford will share information in the future to give guidance on adding language to the bylaws if members would like. Continue to discuss at next meeting.

Staff Report:

- I. New staff being brought on.
- II. New project: Union County Advocate, Katie Allen, was inspired by Maddy and Alyssa's work with case attrition research, and she is conducting a 10 year case review to look for trends in cases.
- III. Awareness/Outreach: Events taking place in Union and Bradford this summer. Center providing training to ACSO. Meeting with Chiefs in High Springs and Alachua Police Dept.
- IV. New partnership: Taking part in Grace Marketplace's women's clinic and training staff on trauma informed care. Members recommended talking with Mobile Outreach to see if there is work we can do at their women's clinic at the downtown Methodist Church.

Old Business:

- I. Human Trafficking ordinance and awareness campaign
 - a. HT Posters at Hotels: Rita and Tia will work on getting 13th Street hotels. Cassie and Zahira will work on Newberry Rd and 39th Ave hotels. Then, follow-up with the Archer Rd hotels with the letter.
 - b. Members need letterhead for poster introduction letter.
 - c. Recommendations for other locations to hang posters: Helping Hands, Mobile Outreach, bars.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- I. Sexual Assault Forensic Services Subcommittee
 - a. SANE training course postponed until Oct due to low registration.
- II. From Report to Court Subcommittee

- a. Dr. Maddy Coy reported that she and Dr. Zucker have been back at the Gainesville Police Dept working almost daily to pull data, and has 6 months left to finish out the 5 years of data.
- III. Education/Awareness Subcommittee
- a. See Human Trafficking awareness/campaign discussion above.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 5:30pm at the Community Support Services office. A link for members to attend in Zoom will be provided also.