1. Meeting was brought to order at 5:30pm. Council members present were Brent Messer, LeAnn Egeto, Norma Charles, Susan Nelson, Jay Herron, Randolph Jones, Michele Cripe, and Cathie Jessup. Staff members present were Loretta Golden (Program Director), Karon Walker, Shirley Davis, Denise Lash, Ines Rios, Sue Ahn, Laura Kalt, and Rita Lawrence.

2. Introductions of staff, program, and Council members were made and officer elections were held. Council Chair is Brent Messer, Vice-Chair is LeAnn Egeto, and Secretary Norma Charles.

3. Laura Kalt made a short staff report on the program’s upcoming 30th Anniversary Celebration in April (National Rape Awareness Month), including our search for a venue and ideas of a buffet dinner, an evening reception, possible speakers and performers. The idea of having a male survivor speak was discussed. Council members were urged to call staff if they become aware of community resources available for the celebration.

4. Council members and Loretta Golden shared their visions of how the Advisory Council can add to the efficiency of service delivery and the scope of services provided. Areas of interest included: the annual Council report to the Board of County Commissioners, soliciting donations, creating a shelter for rape victims, increasing community visibility of the program, promoting awareness events, recognizing volunteers, maintaining certification standards, researching and applying for grants, securing media exposure through town hall meetings, Channel 12, etc, forming a coalition of service providers, increasing services for and acknowledgement of male victims, reaching rural and underserved areas. This brainstorming session was followed by a decision to return to the next meeting with each member having considered their priorities for the Council’s function so that the Council as a unified body can determine its priority goals.

5. A motion was carried to hold Advisory Council meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning in January, in Conference Room A of Community Support Services, from 5:30 to 7pm. Meetings for 2007 will be January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (Thanksgiving), and December 27.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.