Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council
Alachua County Health Department
Thomas Coward Auditorium
January 19, 2017

Members Present: Shannon Wallace-Giles, Joseph Mayo, Latanya Williams, Jacqueline Monck, Kathy Bolick, Joanna Neville, Michelle Nall, Marilyn Roberts, Emily Snider Cavalho, Brandi Dirkes, Commissioner Hutchinson
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Laura Kalt, Jessie Lazarchik, Cassandra Moore, Tom Tonkavich, Ron Akins
Guests: Sabrina Lozier

There was a quorum
Meeting called to order 5:35pm

Introductions

Motion to approve the minutes from 1/19/17 meeting: Emily Snider Cavalho
Seconded: Michelle Nall
Motion carried

Review PowerPoint for Commission Presentation:

- Laura Kalt reported that Commissioner Cornell is expected to be absent for the Feb 28 meeting. Council agreed to move presentation to the March 24 Commission meeting to ensure that Cornell is present.
- Revision were made to PowerPoint by Council members.
- Assignment of roles in verbal presentation to Commission will take place next month.

Motion to approve Powerpoint with revisions: Michelle Nall
Seconded: Jacqueline Monck
Motion carried

Review of Agency Budget as required by FCASV:

- Ron Akins, Administrative Support Manager for Alachua County was present to discuss the budget and assist Laura Kalt in answering questions.
- Council members asked for clarification on:
  - The donation fund status. Better understand increases from FY2016 to FY2017. Laura Kalt and Ron Akins did not have a detailed report on the donation fund and agreed to bring one next month.
  - Whether “client assist: sexual assault response kit” was the same thing as a sexual assault forensic exam kit. Laura Kalt explained that it is not. The agency uses the term for a backpack of clothes and toiletries that are made available to victims of sexual assault at the hospital when they give their clothes to law enforcement for forensic testing.
  - How many victim advocates are employed with the agency and where they are based. Laura Kalt explained there are 7.4 victim advocate counselors (VAC) employed (although 1.4 is vacant) Three VAC’s are based at the main office in Alachua (2 VOCA grant funded, 1 FCASV grant funded), 3 based at Gainesville Police Dept (2 VOCA grant funded, 1 GPD funded), 1.4 Rural Outreach VAC based in Bradford and Union county offices (FCASV grant funded).
  - Details of what’s been so far from the budget. This will be provided at the next meeting.
  - How the Council can fundraise for the donation fund. Ron Akins will research whether Council members can do this.
  - There were no recommendations for changes to the budget at this time.
Staff Reports:

- Laura Kalt, Agency Director, reported
  - The Agency expects to fill the vacancy for the Rural Outreach Victim Advocate Counselor position by February. Agency is just waiting for final background check to go through. Advertising for .4FTE Rural Outreach Victim Advocate Counselor should begin running 1/20/17.

Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Dedicated Forensic Exam Facility Subcommittee
   a. Shannon Wallace-Giles reported the renovations are complete and the furniture is being ordered.

II. Education Subcommittee
    a. No report

III. Awareness Subcommittee
    a. No report but ideas were discussed on targeting teens. Recent news report of local teenager’s suicide.

IV. Discussion for creating new subcommittees will be tabled to next month.

New Business and Announcements:

- Emily Snider is directing the Vagina Monologues again this year. This is a fundraiser for Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse network, Inc.
- Cassandra Moore and other from Green Dot will be speaking to Michelle Nall’s UF Mobile Outreach next month.

Motion to adjourn: Emily Snider
Seconded: Michelle Nall
Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 5:30pm in Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium

Minutes approved this \[\text{day of } \text{MARCH}, 2017\]
Signed \[\text{ACVS & RCC Board Chair}\]