Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council
Alachua County Health Department
Thomas Coward Auditorium
October 26, 2017

Members Present: Rita Lawrence, Mary Ann Burg, Olysha Magruder, Michelle Nall, Brandi Dirkes
Members Absent: Joanna Neville, Jackie Monck, Shannon Wallace-Giles, Chanae Baker, Kathy Bolick, Commissioner Hutchinson
Staff Present: Laura Kalt, Cassandra Moore
Guests: None

There was a quorum
Meeting called to order 5:39PM

Introductions

Motion to approve the minutes from 9/21/17 meeting: Rita Lawrence
Seconded: Mary Ann Burg
Motion carried

Michelle Nall chaired the meeting due to the Chair, Joanna Neville, being absent

Staff Reports:

- Cassandra Moore, Community Education & Risk Reduction Project Coordinator, reported
  - The July Community Outreach Meeting had approximately 25 people in attendance. The format was open discussion and started with an introduction to the agency, services and coverage area. Attendees gave suggestions to provide more outreach to high school students and communities within the zip codes 32609 and 32607.
- Laura Kalt’s report
  - No new analysis has taken place yet on outcomes for the agency’s clients that reported to the law enforcement.
  - Laura asked Council members for topics and things they would like to learn about at future Council meetings. This led to further discussion about outreach and partnerships with other agencies.
    - Michelle Nall suggested Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center create a listserv to announce the support groups start dates, other events and news the agency wants to get out.
    - Mary Ann Burg suggested trauma informed care or ACEs (adverse childhood experiences) presentations be developed and offered to targeted professionals in the community to raise awareness about the effects of trauma on children and adults. Also, suggested service providers be invited to a future advisory council meeting to allow the members to better understand the services available and make suggestions on how Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center can partner.
      - Laura Kalt will report back to the Council on whether there already is a community event that members could attend where service providers come together to showcase their services
    - Laura Kalt asked if Green Dot could take the lead to approach the School Board with programming in the schools for prevention of sexual assault/harassment.
      - Cassandra Moore will ask if Green Dot if this is something they are interested in doing.
    - The need for housing programs was discussed. Cassandra Moore reported that Meridian has a new housing program for domestic violence survivors.
      - Laura Kalt will research the details of this program and share this with Council members.
Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Dedicated Forensic Exam Facility Subcommittee
   a. Thank you Advisory Council!!! SANE Room opening was a success with approximately 80 attendees and excellent media coverage.
   b. Laura Kalt is working with Jennifer Lalonde (SANE Coordinator at UF Health Shands) to continue to address issues that are being identified as the transition of the new room and new procedures are worked through.
      i. Laura Kalt will check to see if the SANE Room will be featured in the News & Notes publication of UF Health

II. Education/Awareness Subcommittee
   a. No new activities

New Business and Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn: Mary Ann Burg
Seconded: Rita Lawrence
Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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

Minutes approved this 1st day of November 2017
Signed

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ACVS & RCC Board Chair

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Jacqueline Monck