Members Present: Chanae Baker, Kathy Bolick, Mary Ann Burg, Maddy Coy, Robert Edelman, Rita Lawrence, Peter Marshall
Members Absent: Olysha Magruder, Lindsey Mitrook, Commissioner Chestnut
Staff Present: Laura Kalt, Jessie Lazarchik, Cassandra Moore, Tom Tonkavich

There was a quorum
Meeting called to order at 5:36pm

Motion to approve the minutes 9/20/18 meeting: Rita Lawrence
Seconded: Mary Ann Burg
Motion carried

Business:

I. Discussed Alachua County’s Truth and Reconciliation
   a. Laura Kalt provided Commissioner Hutchinson’s proposal, which asks for feedback from Advisory Councils.
   b. Discussion on how the Council’s current work could reveal disparities in criminal justice outcomes among different races of victims and/or suspects.
   c. Discussion on facilitating healing and making sure the process does not cause further harm or trauma for the community and individuals affected by racial injustices.
   d. Discussion on how best to give members of the community ways to record their experiences.
   e. The following recommendations were agreed to be sent to the commissioners:
      i. The County offer ways for people to come forward with their stories and experiences in a format where they can be recorded by collaborating with a group like NPRs StoryCorp or UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. This could allow people in the community to be heard as well as for the community to learn from their experiences. Care should be taken to ensure the process does not cause further harm to individuals who have experienced racial injustices.
      ii. Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center’s Advisory Council will be collecting and analyzing outcomes of sexual assault cases between 2012 and 2016 which could reveal racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Results from the study will be shared with the Alachua County Commissioners in 2019.

Staff Report:

I. Jessie Lazarchik reported on the Walgreens HIV PEP Program. Walgreens cannot fill Medicaid patients’ prescriptions due to contract issues. CVS has the contract to fill these prescriptions. Advocate, Katie Allen, is working with Jessie to locate a CVS Pharmacy that would be willing to streamline these prescriptions.

Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Sexual Assault Forensic Services Subcommittee
   a. Looking at the possibility of starting a 501(c)3 called Friends of Victim Services to allow fundraising to support forensic training which would directly impact adult survivors of sexual assault by improving treatment outcomes. The organization could also fundraise to support direct expenses paid to the agency’s crime victims for small out-of-pocket expenses which they cannot afford.
i. If more than one advisory council member joins, care would need to be taken to publicly notice for both meetings to ensure Sunshine laws are followed.

ii. Some names given by members as possible consideration are: Kristen Joyce and Debbie Hunt

II. From Report to Court Subcommittee
   a. Gainesville Police Department has agreed to attend the next subcommittee meeting to talk about the stats their agency keeps and give guidance on terms to use on the survey.
   b. Rita Lawrence will adjust the introduction letter as recommended.
   c. Discussion on whether the survey needs to be given to each organization in PDF or paper format requiring each agency fill-in a pre-set survey, or just asking each organization to send the stats in their own format. If we want to collect data in a way that allows maximum use of it, then it is best to ask they fill-out the pre-set survey.

III. Education, Awareness and Prevention Subcommittee
   a. None

New Business/Announcements:

I. None

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 5:30pm in Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium