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

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

Motion to approve the minutes 10/18/18 meeting: Mary Ann Burg
Seconded: Rita Lawrence
Motion carried

Business:

I. Update on the Advisory Council’s referral to Alachua County Commissioners on the truth and reconciliation process
   a. Laura Kalt forwarded the Council’s recommendation to Assistant County Manager, Gina Peebles. She was compiling the recommendations made by the different councils and County Manager, Michelle Lieberman, will present them at a future Commission meeting.

Staff Report:

I. Laura Kalt and Jessie Lazarchik reported on the Start by Believing Campaign. Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center, along with the agencies that make up the Coalition Against Sexual Violence (CASV) are putting together a local campaign using the End Violence Against Women International campaign called Start by Believing. The campaign encourages the public to listen to and believe survivors from the start. It brings to light the difficulty sexual assault survivors’ face when they come forward since too often they are met with disbelief by society. Local agencies that aren’t part of the CASV are invited to join. A poster is being created and all the names of the agencies that support the campaign will be published on the poster.

II. Laura Kalt reported on her management-training course called Certified Public Manager. A dozen or so County employees are selected to attend the 2 year training course. She attends a week long course every 2-3 months and expects to complete the course in the fall of 2019.

Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Sexual Assault Forensic Services Subcommittee
   a. Research ongoing
   b. Laura Kalt will talk with Friends of Crisis Center board members to better understand how they work to support the Alachua Co Crisis Center’s work.
   c. Laura Kalt will work Lindsey Mitrook on a handout to give to prospective board members.

II. From Report to Court Subcommittee
   a. Gainesville Police Department attended the subcommittee meeting and said the demographic and outcome data points the Advisory Council wants to collect are easily attainable. The difficulty would come if the Council wants to know if alcohol were involved or other factor in the narrative of the case. This will require each report to be read and will take longer. They would also be open to a student becoming a volunteer for the purpose of working on this research.
b. After some discussion, the Council agreed to let Maddy Coy take the lead with meeting with GPD again to better understand certain data points to construct a comprehensive survey. Laura Kalt and Mary Ann Burg will assist her as needed with this.

III. Education, Awareness and Prevention Subcommittee
   a. None

New Business/Announcements:

I. Maddy Coy announced upcoming events the week of November 26th: #HearMeToo events – in commemoration of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – events hosted by the UF Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women’s Studies Research

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2018 @ 5:30pm in Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium