Members Present: Chanae Baker, Kathy Bolick, Mary Ann Burg, Maddy Coy, Robert Edelman, Olysha Magruder, Peter Marshall
Members Absent: Commissioner Chestnut, Rita Lawrence, Lindsey Mitrook
Staff Present: Laura Kalt, Brittany Coleman
Guests: None

There was a quorum
Meeting called to order at 5:40pm

Motion to approve the minutes from 11/15/2018 meeting: Peter Marshall
Seconded: Maddy Coy
Motion carried

Old Business:
I. None

Staff Report:
I. Laura Kalt reported: the hiring process for two victim advocate counselor vacancies at the Gainesville Police Dept is underway. Members gave suggestions on ensuring that applicants who are qualified and in marginalized populations are able to make it into the pool of applicants being considered. They asked how the county determines if someone who does not have the education component met, but has the related work experience, gets into the pool of applicants being considered. Laura Kalt will check-in with Alachua County HR about this point and report back.

Sub-Committee Reports:
I. Sexual Assault Forensic Services Subcommittee
   a. Mary Ann Burg and Laura Kalt met with board members of the Friends of the Crisis Center. Their board was created in early 1980’s by a volunteer who was passionate about recognizing the work of the volunteers and furthering their training options, and is maintained today with a small group of volunteers. They fundraise and have had some long-time anonymous donors that support their work. This has allowed them to meet their mission to recognize and train volunteers of the Alachua County Crisis Center. They will send the articles of incorporation. The staff of the Crisis Center serve as liaison, but do not get involved in the ongoing business of the Friends of, and each entity has separate accounts and oversight.
   b. The members discussed with staff how to identify key people to serve on a Friends of Victim Services board since this would not be something undertaken by staff. If this idea is to move forward it will likely take one or two key people to get it off the ground.

II. From Report to Court Subcommittee
   a. Maddy Coy announced that Dr. Alyssa Zucker received a grant to study local sexual assault case outcomes. A researcher will begin work in the coming semester. IRB will need to be pursued.
   b. Maddy Coy, Mary Ann Burg, Dr. Zucker, Laura Kalt and Brittany Coleman met with Lt Robert Fanelli and Sgt Chris King of the Gainesville Police Department to discuss the survey and how accessible the data the survey is capturing will be for the agency to report out. The Gainesville Police Dept had already collected
much of the data on the survey, and is open to having Dr. Zucker’s researcher apply to become a volunteer with the Police Department and assist the department in doing the further research on their sexual assault cases. This will allow closer analysis of certain factors in the cases, such as use of alcohol and other details. Maddy and Mary Ann reported that Dr. Zucker’s hope is to have the ability to do this if possible through the grant project since it will give a fuller picture. The grant is small and it is not clear if the grant will support an extensive research project; however, she would like to be able to make this happen.

c. Members and staff discussed the plan of action from this point is to finalize the survey and then start meeting with other area law enforcement agencies to make them aware of the project and the survey which will be distributed to these agencies.

III. Education/Awareness Subcommittee

a. Chanae Baker and Olysha Magruder agreed to be on this subcommittee and will start meeting on January 8, 2019, 6-7PM and will meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at the Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium.

New Business/Announcements:

I. None

The meeting was adjourned: Olysha Magruder
Seconded: Kathy Bolick

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 5:30pm in Alachua County Health Dept, Thomas Coward Auditorium