

Network Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2013

Minutes taken by Teresa D'Anza

Attendance: 39

Sherry Mangold, Animal Protection of NM

Overview and discussion of animal protection policies and practices. Sherry is now the Educator for her Organization. She also introduced Sophie who is a cute miniature greyhound survivor. CARE (Companion Animal Rescue Effort) is an organization that will shelter animals while the DV victim seeks their own shelter. The programs helps with finding safe havens for common as well as the uncommon pet. Shelter is provided by vets with lodging, groomers, government run shelters and private homes. Placement is confidential and may require movement to another community.

Services are offered at the time of in-take into shelter for the human survivor. If no services are available or offered, contact Allan Edmonds, 505-265-2322 x29 at Animal Protection of NM. Survivor must establish legal ownership of the pet. Must get the animal registered in your name. Visit the website for more info. www.care@apnm.org. Also, contact Allan if interested in being shelter site.

Statewide Pro Bono Initiatives, Erin Olson, NM Legal Aid.

Attorneys are expected to give some level of Pro bono services. Last year, the estimated services was to 25,000 people. There is an effort by Legal Aid and AG Office to increase the amount of Pro bono services offered in the DV arena. There is a perception that some DV cases can take a lot of time and volunteering seems intimidating. The new strategy is to compartmentalize cases into specific and manageable activities, specific to different skills.

Erin is willing to work with lawyers who are interested in doing DV pro bono work. She requested that individuals refer possible attorneys we know from our Boards, etc about doing pro bono work. Erin's contact info is 505-797-6077 or Erino@nmba.org. HOWEVER, if you have a victim needing services, please contact Erin yourself rather than having the victim call Erin.

Other projects include the Lawyer Legal Access, 998-4LAW in Albuquerque and the newer campaign is "One Woman, One Case, Once a Year" to recruit attorneys. Erin indicated that Legal Aid is working with this campaign.

Asian human Trafficking Update, Nam Giang, NM Asian Family Services

NM Asian family Services conducted training recently on domestic and international trafficking. The presenter explained how the training was needed because of the increased massage parlor stings. NM Asian Services is working on distributing cards to give individuals who work in the parlors so that they know their rights. Arrested women are coming to AFC for assistance with law enforcement. AFC also works to provide interpreters to individuals who need them in a

handful of the more common languages spoken in NM. This section was provided as follow-up to our June Network panel on human trafficking.

Susan Loubet, Upcoming Legislative Session

Susan gave a brief update on some of the interim committee activities relating to DV and SA.

- The NMCADV is not planning to introduce the strangulation bill during the short session; instead the DV Coalition plans to work for changes to confidential address program, asking for \$500,000.
- The NMCSAP asking for \$300,000 for Victims Rights Program and also hopes to seek more funds for mental health services.
- Trafficking bills - services and resources for victims and treating juveniles as juveniles when prosecuting for prostitution. The services and resources bill passed during the 2013 session will provide cash assistance to alien victims. Victim cooperation language has been changed and there are now exceptions to cooperation. There were some complicated issues relating to de-criminalizing prostitution for juveniles and members were invited to contact Susan at sloubet12@gmail.com if you have comments.
- Another issue that might come up pertains to legislation regarding custody rights of children born of rape by the rapist. Implications for child support needs additional discussion.

Statewide inventory of Shelters, Carol White

Handouts available at the NMCADV website: www.nmcadv.org Also, CYFD has a list of shelters at their website, www.cyfd.org - Click on the DV link

Legal Definitions of DV, Rosemary Traub

Handouts will be on the Network website. <http://www.thenetwork-dvsa.org>

Criminal realm: Rosemary discussed the NM Crimes Against Household Member Act, the definitions for household member, and other crimes that fall under this act and other crimes that don't fall under the Household Member Act but are frequently used. She addressed some of the distinctions between criminal and civil where Orders of Protection are different as they come under the NM family violence Protection Act which defines household member differently.

PANEL

The Intersection of Interpersonal Violence and Animal Abuse

Dr. Patricia Norris, Forensic Vet with Dona Ana County Sheriff's Dept and Sherry Mangold, senior Cruelty Case Manager and Educational Outreach Director, Animal Protection NM presented on the overlap between interpersonal violence and animal abuse. Dr. Norris' presentation is available on the Network website, including resources and the strong invitation for folks to access the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Investigations Task Force. They are willing to help other jurisdictions. Call the Sheriff's office at 575-525-1911. Sherry shared Sophie's story of abuse and survival, giving several examples of how interpersonal violence and animal abuse overlap and might be identified earlier. Members in the audience highlighted another project – a documentary called The Deadly Link which discusses the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence. If you are interested in learning more or in helping with donations, their website is www.thedeadlylink.com