

## Network Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2016

Attendees: 49 present  
Note Taker: Connie Monahan

**TOPIC: Meeting Details, Welcome, Short Announcements,**

Comments Jennifer Rose introduced herself as the meeting facilitator, gave appreciation to Enlace for sharing their space, and welcomed the group. Members introduced themselves and their agencies, and gave brief agency updates on upcoming meetings, events, and conferences – too quick, too many to write down – this is the reason why members want to come in person!!

**TOPIC: Legislative Updates (Alisha Chavez, Julianna Koob, Susan Loubet)**

Comments Alisha from the DV Coalition gave a summary of the DV initiatives from the past legislative session. The main concern was to survive budget cuts. The real ID passed with compromise and Alisha covered some of the pros and cons. The DV Coalition is already planning for next year, specifically strangulation. Keep your eyes open for the summer “Purple Postcard Campaign” to indicate your support for DV programs. DV legislative summary attached. Of note, the DV summary has a good outline of the budget issues.

Julianna Koob, lobbyist for the SA Coalition, reinforced the need for a strangulation bill next year and gave appreciation to the community work to support the real ID issues as it impacted DV. For this session, one of the core SA topics was the need to process the backlog of untested sexual assault kits. DPS got \$1.2 million and the mantra was: “Don’t fund crime lab without supporting services.” The Coalition received \$800,000 funds to support the rape crisis centers (half recurring/half non-recurring). In addition, Rachel’s Law finally passed, which can provide lifetime orders of protection where there has been a conviction. There have been multiple attempts to pass a bill that would terminate parental rights when the offender has been convicted – this bill died but did result in discussion and got further along than before. Child pornography bill (HB 69) passed, which enhanced penalties and defined “units” of pornography and resulted in good discussion about how our laws are outdated by technology.

Susan Loubet with NM Women’s Agenda reported on human trafficking efforts. Last year, funds (\$125,000) were directed to CVRC for emergency services for trafficking victims. Victims have to work with a service provider to apply for the funds, but reporting to law enforcement is not required, and reimbursement can happen fairly quickly/seamlessly. Funds can be applied to cell phones, transportation home, relocation expenses, clothing, and other basic necessities that have been denied because of the nature of the trafficking. For more information and the application, go to the CVRC website ([www.cvrc.state.nm.us](http://www.cvrc.state.nm.us)). For the past legislative session, funds to continue this work were not approved, but the existing fund will not revert, which is a huge accomplishment. The trafficking funds can also be applied to DV and SA victims. Susan also hosts a Women’s Focus radio show which interviewed several legislators

and addressed the challenges of our state budget. These are available on KUNM website ([www.kunm.org](http://www.kunm.org), Women's Focus).

Core messages throughout the three presenters: it is important to have the DV-SA message coordinated, non-competing. In addition, it is important to thank your legislators if they took the right position!!

**TOPIC: Discussion about Network Location and Steering Committee recruitment**

Comments Jennifer gave an update on how United Way is now charging for room usage and the Network does not have a budget. In looking for a new location, some of the issues include: easy parking, room size for about 50 people, Wi-Fi for webinar, conference call capability, easy room set-up, accessibility, etc. Members voiced ideas; Jennifer took notes. The Steering Committee will work on this for our June meeting.

Jennifer reported that we will be needing/wanting new Steering Committee members – please consider joining the Steering Committee if this is something you can take on. Connect with existing Steering Committee members if you want to know what the commitment is or want to volunteer/help.

**TOPIC Understanding Micro Aggression: How and Why Little Things Can Feel So BIG**

Comments Alena Schaim and Larry Hinojos led the group in a better understanding of micro-aggression. They outlined the continuum of violence, from jokes to genocide and all the steps in between that show the escalation of violence. They noted that some of the challenges of bystander interventions include identifying the points where we can intervene. Strategies to intervene include: ground rules, expected behavior, concepts like “don’t yuck my yum,” using “I” statements, framing the Ouch/Oops, recognizing that it is likely that we will mess up, and honoring best-intentions.

Micro-aggression originally came from the anti-racist movement and embraces the concepts of all the ways we can be undermined, for example a comment or compliment that is supposed to be a nice but is grounded in stereotype. The group brainstormed/listed the “isms” – ageism, look-ism, class-ism, heterosexual-ism, nationalism, sexism, racism, etc. Alena and Larry led the group in several lively participatory exercises to discuss and demonstrate how insidious and prevalent micro-aggression can be.

**TOPIC Lunch and Networking**

Comments Members wrapped up the meeting and enjoyed lunch and networking.

Next Meeting – June 22, 2016