



## Community Partners Committee Meeting Minutes

### Meeting 4/25/14

**Attendees:** *Suzanne Bailey (co-chair); Linda Eggbeer (co-chair); Erin Boguski (staff); Andrea Cumberland; Karalyn Mulligan; Rose Saad, Sharon O'Brien, Pastor Pat Williamson, Minister Wenona Brown, Linda Marshall, Pastor Pat Saunders (phone)*

#### **Introductions:**

- Rose Saad - DV survivor from Frederick; author of manuscript "The Plight of the Christian Abused Woman;" trying to find a publisher
- Pastor Pat Williamson - was part of IFCADV; discussion with Susan O'Brien about her church taking over IFCADV since it has now closed shop; accompanied by church members Wenona Brown and Linda Marshall; active in DV since '98; conductor workshops, seminars, one-on-one support

#### **Potential locations for panel**

*(Update: Date TBD because Sept. 26 is a Jewish holiday):*

- St Camillus; Holy Week so Andrea unable to make a connection; will try again; has good parking, easy location, large immigrant population, social services committee
- Woods Presbyterian in Annapolis; Linda checked community center which doesn't have large enough space; will check Holy Grounds next door which can seat 100; may be able to get fee waived
- Number of people; would be happy to have 50 on up
- Interfaith conference center in Columbia: Karalyn will check on this

#### **Immigrant panel in a.m:**

- Focus on survivors telling their stories; what worked for them? how can service providers do a better job of supporting them? (need to be sure we have a clinician on hand in case they need one)
- Law enforcement focus
- Perhaps look at Family Justice Center in Mont. Ct. as model
- Emphasize workshop as training; see about offering CEUs

#### **Faith-based panel in p.m:**

- Story of survivor and minister who helped her
- Focus on how to identify and refer to community resources (counseling, housing, etc.)
- CHANA presentation pointing to relationships they've established in Balto. City
- Quick discussion of Judge Friedman's Balto. initiative: will focus on Mont. Ct; Erin will check to see if PG and Anne Arundel are also to be included

- Important to get men involved but how?
- All pastors are not licensed or trained to provide intervention; sometimes there are support groups or safe teams in churches that can provide this; women's and men's ministries; differences between spiritual and secular
- Possibly provide a do's and don'ts for spiritual leaders - laws regarding reporting

**Faith-based toolkit:**

- What is most useful way to bring materials together and make them accessible?
- Could do Q/A format (per Linda's document)
- Maybe list of things to do to get started on DV support
- Approaches to beginning the dialogue and raising awareness
- Erin asked Pastor Williamson what would have been helpful materials when they started their work in 1998; Pat responded that they would have liked guidance on what to do when both people in the relationship go to the church
- Place for pastor to pastor communication; building a network of pastors
- How to get the work around DV to stick; successful workshop, etc then how to get it to stick - have to be consistent
- Men Can Stop Rape - organization in DC
- Need to figure out how the website once developed can exist without a lot of upkeep
- Laws about clergy communications:

Maryland courts and judicial proceedings 9-11 states

A minister of the gospel, clergyman or priest of an established church of any denomination may not be compelled to testify on any matter in relation to any confession or communication made to him in confidence by a person seeking his spiritual advice or consultation.

**Next meeting:** May 23, 2014

Discuss panel location/content and toolkit