

DVSS Monthly Meeting Agenda

January 4, 2024

11:00 AM

- Welcome
- DVSS Contract
 - DSS will have more next month on a renewal or Release of the NFO for the next cycle.
- Special Events or Fundraisers: Let us know
If you have any special, events please let us know.
- Training Update
 - Please send in any training ideas that you would like to see in our training program.
- Agency Spotlights:
 - Avenues -- Not present
 - Crime Victim Center – Katie Dalton. Located in St. Louis. They have 20 staff and serve about 6,000 clients each year in the STL region. They work with court advocacy, police departments, mental health, legal help line, and legal advocacy. April is their next Trivia Night during Crime Victim Week. They assist with utility assistance for survivors of gun violence.
 - Christos House – Not present
 - Citizens Against Spouse Abuse – Not present
 - Survival Adult Abuse Center – Alisa White. 14 employees serving Johnson and Henry counties. They have multiple outreach offices and a shelter. 137 people have helped through the shelter this year. Over 3,000 bed nights were done. 924 hotline calls over the past year. 169 outreach clients for other resources. They assist with training on trauma informed interviews. They have a social media platform where they have helped over 500 individuals. They are working on hiring a second therapist. They have a volunteer and donation program. They do a lot of referrals to legal aid and recovery lighthouse. They have a goal for the next year or two open a daycare for the victims and other foster care kids. They are working on a Capital Campaign to purchase additional property to upgrade their shelter.
 - Whole Health Outreach/ Casa Guadalupe Family Growth Center and Shelter – Not present
- Website with DVSS materials: <https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/domestic-violence-shelters~services.htm>

Ken Chapman mentions that he is thankful for all the work that each of our agencies do. He states that we at DSS are continuing to look for more ways for us all to work together.

Attendees:

Patti Custer, DSS
Ryan Stiffler, DSS
Benjamin Johnson, DSS
Ken Chapman, DSS
Julie Meranda, DSS
Sheree Keely, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Inc
Rod Sansom, KVC Health Systems
Hannah Moore- Safe Connections
Jared Alexander, Harmony House
Emily Burgess, Weinman Shelter
Zoila Rendon-Ochoa, AWARE Program at Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Wendy Logan - DeafLEAD
Shannon Unnerstall - Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Angela Hirsch - Rape & Abuse Crisis Service
Zak Wilson, MOCADSV
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge
Wende Ochoa-Turning Point Advocacy Services
Katie Dalton, Crime Victim Center
Laura Zahnd, MOCADSV
Ashley Freivogel, Hope House
Emily Macdonald, Regional Family Crisis Center
Stephanie Logan - DeafLEAD
Anthony Ketchem, KVC-MO SE, Associate Director
Jessica Hill, Safe House of Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau
Cynthia Danley, Safe Connections
Ann Gosnell, House of Hope, Inc.
Michael Turner, KVC Missouri
Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis
Brandi Bair, Hope House
Eulonda Nevels - YWCA St. Louis