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Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

In-person at Greater Douglas United Way office conference room and via GotoMeeting.

MINUTES

18 attending, including one Guest:

- Facilitator: Robert Miller, FARA
- Chief Brett Johnson – Chief of Cow Creek Tribal Police
- Cheryl Carson – Community Partnership Coordinator, DHS/Self Sufficiency
- Elissa Kelley – Victim Advocate, DC District Attorney’s Office
- Erik Swallow - Executive Director, UVPD
- Erin Ritchie – UCC CARE Advocate, Peace at Home
- Joene Oldfield – Resource and Training Coordinator, Peace at Home
- Joy Sewall – VOCA Transitional Case Manager, Cow Creek Tribal Offices
- Julie Zuver – Program Manager, Human Services Cow Creek Tribal Offices
- Katherine Elisar – TFFV Coordinator, Peace at Home
- Maria Cruz – Lead Legal Advocate, Peace at Home
- Marion Pearson – Violence Prevention Program Manager; Douglas County Human Trafficking Task Force; Up2Us Now Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Mercy Foundation
- Nicole Rodriguez - Sexual Assault Director, Peace at Home
- Robert Miller – Executive Director, FARA
- Robin Vogel – Deputy District Attorney, DC District Attorney’s Office
- Robert Wilson – DV Court Coordinator, Douglas County Circuit Court
- Tia Vaughn –Healthy Relationships Advocate Co-located at DHS, Peace at Home

Guest:

- Speaker: Xander Peregrine – Caseworker, Peace at Home

Mission

“The Douglas County Taskforce on Family Violence is a coalition of agencies and individuals dedicated to promoting the prevention of domestic violence, enhancing victim safety, and holding batterers accountable by providing education and intervention through our community partnerships and collaboration.”

- **Purposes**

- a) Facilitate the coordination of the countywide response to domestic violence;
- b) Identify and address existing gaps in services and system response;
- c) Improve the efficacy and efficiency of the systemic response to domestic violence;
- d) Identify and implement best practices and evidence based tools and strategies;



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- e) Advocate for Legislative, policy and other changes necessary to accomplish the Task Forces mission;
- f) Provide leadership and serve as a forum to engage key stakeholders in sharing information, establishing goals, supporting implementation and monitoring outcomes; and
- g) Provide regular updates on the status of goals and outcomes.

AGENDA:

- Welcome! By Facilitator: Robert Miller, FARA
- Review and acceptance of Minutes from 1.25.22 Task Force Meeting
- TF Update, by TF Coordinator Katherine Elisar
 - February 17th Chief's Meeting that Katherine and Tia Vaughn, the LAP Advocate, attended in Reedsport. The LAP form was reviewed again and it was shared that for those officers who have not had the LAP training, we are available. Reedsport and DCSO expressed interest in follow-up.
 - EVAWI - April 19 - 21 National Conference in SF - 7 LE Scholarships available on 1st come/1st served basis for *in-person or via remote*: https://evawintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022_EVAWI-Conference-Brochure_Online.pdf
 - TF Coordinator leaving this position with last day April 15, 2022 due to moving to Pennsylvania.
 - We are still open to considering incorporating the TF Coordinator position within another agency and position since the remaining time is to the end of December 2022.
 - TF job posted, but at this time there have not been applicants.
- LAP Report –
 - Tia Vaughn has accepted the LAP Advocate position now which she will divide her time with Child Welfare and LAP.
 - Co-located at Sutherlin PD on Thursdays and open to other times at other agencies. *Update: Tia and Winston PD Chief Sarti met on 4/5/2022 and she will be co-located once a month at Winston PD, in addition to being at Sutherlin PD on other Thursdays of the month. Many departments have all of their Officers present on Thursdays so this is the most convenient day for LAP contact.*
 - A few LAP Forms are coming in to Peace at Home's LAP@peaceathome.com from LE.
- Agency Updates & sharing of any referral process
 - Robert Miller at FARA:
 - 1) Developed a client workbook as a resource for clients in conjunction with a university doing research on this batterer's intervention program to move from a prison model to a trauma informed program.
 - 2) Parent Education – finished at Winchester Elementary last night!
 - 3) Continuing with Safe Families DHS program.
 - 4) Youth shelter project has ended; regrouping to see where to go from here.
 - 5) FARA now has 7 therapists in various regions and they are getting the wait list down on clients needing services.
 - Julie Zuver and Joy Sewell at Cow Creek:
 - 1) Five units of transitional housing leased from Neighborworks for parents. Joy Sewell lives



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on site to manage these.

2) Parenting classes: 'Fatherhood is Sacred' and 'Motherhood is Sacred'. 8-week classes presented online or in the community room with cooperation with the Confederated Tribes of Coquille as well as the Siletz. If interested in referrals, reach out to either of them or Marlana Potter. jzuver@cowcreek.com, jsewall@cowcreek.com

- Robin Vogel and Elissa Kelley at the DA's Office:
 - 1) Hiring new attorneys.
 - 2) In June Robin Vogel is leaving the department to set up her own law practice in Roseburg. A replacement has not been identified yet.
 - 3) Steve Huddle will be taking Judge Marshall's post as he retires.
- Erik Swallow at Umpqua Valley Public Defenders Office:
 - 1) Covering DV court and Erik is covering mental health court.
 - 2) CWP contact is Tabitha now.
 - 3) Adding Volunteer Coordinator/Case Manager position with peer mentors for teen clients.
 - 4) Attorney Kathryn Kosstrin is leaving for Linn County as a Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Robert Wilson, Domestic Violence Court Coordinator:
 - 1) Court House is in person now and catching up with backlog.
 - 2) Multiple positions with the state are open.
 - 3) Robert is taking another position with the state. His replacement is unknown at this time.
- Nicole Rodriguez, Sexual Assault Director from Peace at Home:
 - 1) Human Trafficking Services Advocate position is still open.
 - 2) February's Peace at Home GALA recognized honorary advocates for 2022: Kirsten Carhartt from Aviva Health, Captain Sorenson from Sutherlin Police Department, and Erica Kimrey from UCAN.
 - 3) Advocates and case workers are available for community training. Recently Nicole provided a trauma informed and secondary PTSD training for county court staff.
 - 4) Peace at Home's Volunteer and Community Training that includes the Sanctuary Model training begins April 6th on Wednesday late afternoons. Community members may sign up for all or some of the training modules. Contact Joene Oldfield, Training Coordinator for more information: Joene@peaceathome.com, 541-530-7122.
 - 5) April is Sexual Assault Action Month: Peace at Home has FREE 'I believe Survivors' stickers available at SoCo Coffee Company, Riverblendz Coffee & UCC Bookstore. More on what we're doing here: <https://www.umpqua.edu/peace-at-home-advocacy-services> Contact Erin Ritchie, Peace at Home's UCC Care Advocate for more information: Erin@peaceathome.com
- **Speaker:** Alexander Peregrine, Peace at Home Advocate Caseworker
Topic: 'Intersection of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault'. *(Copy of power point presentation available upon request.)*



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- 1:00– LAP Subcommittee meeting following the Task Force meeting.
- **Next Meeting: *Wednesday, May 25th at Noon, at Child Welfare: 'ODHS/Child Welfare Program on the federal law changes impacting families & current safety planning protocols', Desta Walsh, ODHS, and Jessica Hunter, DCCWP.***
 - * **Do we have any agency volunteers to provide lunch?**
- ***Please complete the meeting SURVEY. Your responses aide us in planning for the future and for completing grant reports. Link:***
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/367BLJD>
 - * As of 4/6/22, 9 surveys were returned.

*Thank you to our speaker
and thank you for attending this Task Force Meeting!*