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Quarterly Report to Public Safety Committee

Second Quarter

April 1 – June 30, 2002

I. Community Education and Training

- Co-sponsored Sexual Assault Awareness Month conference held: "Statutory Rape: Exploring Teen – Adult Sexual Relationships and Their Prosecution"
- Co-sponsored Dinner/Dialogue on domestic violence and sexual assault in the American Indian Community
- Working with WTMJ on additional time-slots and production of sexual assault PSA

II. Special Projects and Programs

- Continued collaboration with the Wisconsin Humane Society on October Conference re: Correlation Between Violence Against Animals and Domestic Violence, national speakers will be presenting.
- Continued collection of data, information and resources to link to website
- Continued work on committee to develop advocacy model for advocate position in MPS Family Violence Unit. Job description completed.
- May 10 strategic planning retreat for full Coordinated Community Response membership (approximately 130 members) held. Goals for the next 16 months were discussed in addition to membership responsibilities for both CCR and Commission members.
- Working with Milwaukee Health Department STD Clinic on guidelines and policies around mandatory reporting of statutory rape and other related issues.

- Continued technical assistance
- Continued work with victims/systems on complex domestic violence and sexual assault cases
- Survivor Forum held for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence
- Brochures and safety plan cards produced by the Commission updated and translated to Spanish, culturally specific American Indian brochure updated, brochure in the process of being translated to Russian
- Staff working with Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board to assess impact of abuse on infant death
- Staff working with MHD on Outcomes for 2010 in regards to domestic violence and sexual assault in school aged populations
- Received grant award for continued support of CCR activities

III. Executive Committee

- Co-facilitated May CCR retreat
- Began quarterly process of meeting with chairs of subcommittees in order to facilitate communication among the groups
- Continued monitoring and responding to pending legislation regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and related issues

IV. Commission Sub-committee Activities

Active sub-committees:

Criminal and Civil Justice Coordination – Working on facilitating collaboration among justice systems; Deputy Chief Monica Ray attended a meeting to provide information on various roles of the Milwaukee Police Department, as well as to provide information on the formation of a Family Violence Unit.

Education and Training – Continuing work on completing a resource guide that will encapsulate serves for clients (victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Cultural Competence and Underserved Populations- Beginning to assess direct service providers and government agencies to determine where gaps in services exist.

Victim Advisory Committee – Held Survivor Forum June 25, 2002.

CCR Committee on Sexual Assault – Continues to work on case reviews with hopes of identifying gaps in services, has been working to address sexual abuse in the Catholic church.

American Indian Task Force – Continuing education to culturally specific communities, held Dinner/Dialogue

Asian American Task Force – Recently resumed meeting, working on strategic planning, who to bring to the table, how to best serve various Asian populations.

LBGT Task Force – Developed an distributed assessment tool to CCR member agencies to begin to focus on gaps in services; continuing to work on strategic plan for the next 16 months.

V. Outside Community Affiliations

- Judicial Oversight Initiative
- Chai Jewish Coalition on Domestic Violence
- Latina Resource Center
- Wings of Faith Ministries
- Wisconsin Humane Society
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- LGBT Center
- Counseling Center of Milwaukee
- Sexual Assault Treatment Center