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QUARTERLY REPORTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS 2006

JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2006

I. Community Awareness, Education and Special Projects

- Began work on Commission's five goals for 2006 and the future:
 - Goal #1 – Create a public voice – “One Voice for Change”
 - a. Media coverage of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April) Commission members on WMCS-AM 1290
 - b. Updated and reprinted the “You Are Not Alone” brochure; English, Spanish, and Hmong; also re-vamped the American Indian Task Force version
 - Goal #2 – Develop a public policy and action committee
 - a. Commission-sponsored legislation re: mandatory collection of DNA samples for 4th degree sexual assault offenses passed the state legislature; Commission members invited by Gov. Doyle to Madison for bill-signing ceremony
 - b. Continued support for and monitoring of Emergency Contraception (EC) legislation
 - Goal #3 – Increase inclusivity and partnership to accomplish our mission
 - a. The Civil and Criminal Justice Coordination Committee co-sponsored two Lunch and Learns with Milwaukee County Circuit Court personnel – the January 2006 program was entitled “After Hours Enforcement of Family Court Orders”, and the May 2006 program was entitled “Child Protection and Domestic Violence”
 - b. Latina Committee – continues to monitor proposed legislation re: penalizing social service agencies for assisting undocumented immigrants; continued monitoring of funding for court interpreters
 - c. Older Abused Women's Committee - its powerpoint presentation on recognizing elder abuse for health care providers will be critiqued at July Commission meeting
 - d. The American Indian Task Force held its annual Safe Night event in May 2006
 - e. Asian American Task Force/DELTA Project held the “Where is the Respect and Honor of Fatherhood?” conference in June 2006 targeted towards Hmong men

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- **Goal #4 – Re-define the Commission mission, goals and leadership**
 - a. **With Commission appointments up for renewal in April 2006, the Executive Committee submitted appointment nominees for 33 seats; the Public Safety Committee review of appointments began in June**
 - b. **Commission continues to meet in various locations around the community, with quarterly meetings at City Hall**
- **Goal #5 – Increase understanding and awareness of the need for prevention services addressing domestic violence and sexual assault**
 - a. **The Violence Prevention and Education Committee held a a men’s focus group in March 2006, which will result in a community dialogue for late summer/fall 2006; a booklet on violence prevention services is being compiled for a Fall 2006 printing date**
- **Co-sponsored Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April) activities:**
 - **9th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month breakfast conference**
 - **Commission members took part in a two-hour live talk show on WMCS-AM 1290 to make the community aware of sexual assault issues and where to find help**
 - **Publicity – check stub message to City employees; Channel 25 “crawl” message; teal “Decide to End Sexual Violence” bracelets**
- **Health Department website – worked with department “webmaster” to develop the Injury and Violence Prevention piece. The link includes information on the Commission, and a further link features all information from the “You Are Not Alone” brochure**
- **Collateral materials updated, translated, and printed: “You Are Not Alone” brochure – English, Spanish, and Hmong**
- **Continued work with agencies through case reviews on complex domestic violence and sexual assault cases**
- **Attended monthly Court Processing Committee meetings as the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative (JODI) formally came to a close**
- **Continued work with underserved populations through soundbytes, event support, translation of materials, training, etc. – See Goal #3 above**

II. Executive Committee

- **Quarterly meetings with chairs of subcommittees in order to facilitate communication among groups and monitor progress on goals**
- **Made recommendations for re-appointments and new appointments to the Commission for 2006-08**

III. Outside Community Affiliations

- Judicial Oversight Initiative/Office of the Chief Judge
- Jewish Family Services
- Latina Resource Center/UMOS
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- LGBT Community Center
- Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- UWM Women's Resource Center
- Task Force on Family Violence
- Sojourner Truth House
- The Counseling Center
- Asha Family Services
- The Healing Center
- The Parenting Network
- The Milwaukee Women's Center
- Medical College of Wisconsin/Project Ujima/Family Strengthening Project
- Hmong American Friendship Association/The DELTA Project
- Bureau of Child Welfare
- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Various law enforcement and judiciary groups – Milwaukee Police Department, West Allis Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Circuit Court judges, Department of Corrections – Probation and Parole
- Independence *First*
- United Community Center (UCC)
- Beulah Brinton Community Center
- Milwaukee Brewers/Miller Park
- St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
- Wilson Park Senior Center
- The United Way of Greater Milwaukee
- Siggenauk Center/Church of the Great Spirit
- The Alma Center
- Daystar, Inc.
- Children's Hospital – Child Protection Center