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QUARTERLY REPORTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS 2006

JULY 1, 2006- DECEMBER 31, 2006

- I. The Commission held it's annual retreat October 19, 2006 as result of the October retreat the following goals and action steps were developed:**
 - a. Re-energize and celebrate the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (Commission) and the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) members**
 - ◇ Commission members would like to take the opportunity to recognize the work being done in the community on behalf of domestic violence & sexual assaults victims.
 - b. To have a dialogue with Mayor Tom Barrett on what he envisions the Commission's role to be, and how he plans to support the mission and work of the Commission**
 - ◇ Mayor Tom Barrett was an invited guest at the Commission's October retreat. Conversation with the Mayor centered on how the Commission and Mayor could work together to support each other in meeting the desired results; breaking the cycle of violence, a learned behavior.
 - ◇ A subsequent meeting was scheduled with the Mayor in November of 2006 in which the Mayor invited commission members to bring, " a well meaning men" to discuss how men can become involved in " break the cycle and code of silence of domestic violence".
 - c. To continue the discussion on how the Commission can set legislative policy goals and develop a public information plan.**
 - ◇ Terry Perry of the City of Milwaukee Intergovernmental Relations Department

◇ (IRD) was available to provided commission members with copies of “State of Wisconsin Ethics Board- Lobbying by the Numbers” which including information on how to contact and lobby elected officials and the rules of lobbying. Ms. Perry provided additional information on her role with the City of Milwaukee and how commissioners can lobby on their own including, letter writing, telephones calls and face-to- face meetings.

II. Community Awareness, Education and Special Projects

- **Sponsored a breakfast for the National Juvenile Justice Conference in Milwaukee July 16-July 19, 2006**
- **Provided support to the Wings of Faith’s annual October conference on domestic violence titled, “Celebrating the Journey from Abuse to Healing.”**
- **The Violence Prevention & Education subcommittee of the Commission presented a community dialogue in December 2006 titled, “Tired of Seeing Violence in Your Community?” The focus of the evening was what Milwaukee’s “well meaning men” can do to break the male code of silence about domestic violence. The event was held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and facilitated by Judge Carl Ashley.**
- **Continuing to hold monthly Commission meetings in the community, including meeting at the Department of Corrections – Juvenile Facility and Jewish Family Services**
- **Representing the Milwaukee Health Department and the Commission as a member of UMOS, Latina Resource Center’s Brides March planning committee and Jewish Family Services’ Walk a Mile in Her Shoes planning committee.**
- **Maintaining status as a member of the Milwaukee Homicide Review team and the newly formed Domestic Violence Homicide Review team.**
- **Planning underway for a Spring 2007 Elder Resource Fair**

II. Outside Community Affiliations

- ◇ **Jewish Family Services**
- ◇ **Latina Resource Center/UMOS**
- ◇ **Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
- ◇ **Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
- ◇ **LGBT Community Center**
- ◇ **Sexual Assault Treatment Center**
- ◇ **UWM’s Women’s Resource Center**

- ◇ **Task Force on Family Violence**
- ◇ **Sojourner Truth House**
- ◇ **The Counseling Center of Milwaukee**
- ◇ **The Healing Center**
- ◇ **Asha Family Services**
- ◇ **Hmong American Friendship Association**
- ◇ **The Parenting Network**
- ◇ **The Milwaukee Women's Center**
- ◇ **Bureau of Child Welfare**
- ◇ **Legal Action on Wisconsin**
- ◇ **Independence First**
- ◇ **The Alma Center**
- ◇ **Daystar, Inc**
- ◇ **Children's Hospital- Child Protection Center**
- ◇ **Medical College of Wisconsin/Project Ujima/ Family Strengthening Project**
- ◇ **Various law enforcement and judiciary- Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Circuit Court judges, Department of Corrections- Probation and Parole – Sexual Offenders Registry**
- ◇ **10:34 Wisconsin, Inc**
- ◇ **Milwaukee Children Abuse Program – MCAP**
- ◇ **Department on Aging**
- ◇ **Alzheimer's Association**

