BATTERER INTERVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION February 28, 2014

Our Committee has not met since the last DVC meeting. We will meet again in March. Our agenda for that meeting will include reviewing 2 new Applications for Certification which were received in February. An announcement will be made on April 1st if those applications are approved.

Kathleen Balogh, staff member from the NC Council for Women, will be available at the meeting today to provide an update on the Self-Monitoring Form which was developed to gather information from all certified batterer intervention programs across the state. A goal of this project is to find out more about the consistency of services or gaps in services being provided, and the level of collaboration among community agencies.

Kathleen has also provided some statistical data about the work being done by batterer intervention programs in our state. This information is available on the NC Council for Women website. <u>www.councilforwomen.nc.gov</u>

-72 NC counties have access to a batterer intervention program within their county border.

-All judicial districts have access to a BIP, although distances vary.

-50 of the BIP's serve more than one county.

-25 of the reporting certified programs are nonprofit

-Funding for those programs varies (the state provides no funding)

80% fund their program with client fees

4% use grant/foundation funding (501c3's)

4% use city/county government support

1% use interagency support

5% use other sources of support

-98% of the programs reported their curriculum addresses the impact of domestic violence on children.

For the time period from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013:

-BIP's served 6,963 clients. Of those, 4,586 were criminal court referrals. Other referrals come from Civil Courts and Dept. of Social Services.

-57% of participants completed the program after enrolling.

-49% of participants were terminated from the program during this time period, most due to excessive absences (more than 3 in a 26 week period)

Submitted by Jo Liles, Committee Chair

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