**LEVI General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 10th, 2013**

Attendees: Jessica, (Blue Sky Bridge Intern), Vanessa Figuera, (Family Self Sufficiency), Terrie Ryan Thomas (HHS Intake Supervisor), Andrea Halbig, RMOMS, Jackie List (Safe Shelter), Detective Sandie Esters, Longmont Police Department, Trish Wood and Kim Heard (LEVI).

**Agency News:**

**Blue Sky Bridge** **(BSB)**

* Jessica talked about their statistics for Quarter 1, 2013. BSB conducted 58 forensic interviews of which 4 were for domestic violence. They also took 42 crisis calls. She also passed out information on their upcoming event on May 23rd, featuring James Garbarino, author of “See Jane Hit”.

**HHS – Family Self Sufficiency**

* Vanessa mentioned that FSS is taking applications for families, with about a 9 month wait list. Also Boulder Housing Authority is now taking applications for their Section 8 Housing wait list. This process will be open until April 24th. A family must live or work in the city of Boulder to apply.

**RMOMS**

* Andrea mentioned that this is her last LEVI meeting as she is leaving RMOMS and going back to get her Master’s Degree. She will be sending a replacement for the next meeting.

**Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley**

* Safe Shelter has filled all of their positions except their Bi-lingual Safe Shelter Worker. They recently hired a new residential Children’s Counselor.
* In March, the shelter opened their two longer-stay rooms, which are already filled with families.
* They have a fundraiser, fashion show planned for August at Martini’s.
* They have been actively submitting grants, with some collaboration ones with St. Vrain Family Center and SPAN as well as one to help victims with legal resources.

**LEVI and Committee News**

* Trish discussed the latest activities with the Prevention/Education Committee to include door hangers that will be delivered to 3,000 homes in Longmont with domestic violence information and a schedule of upcoming events in the area, a “Cut it Out” campaign that is planned for the summer involving Hair Salons, a meeting with a local Veterinarian to talk about resources that local Vets can distribute that talk about the relationship between animal abuse and domestic violence.
* We briefly discussed the Child Sexual Assault Committee meetings that have been taking place for the past year. A Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) was written and LEVI will hear in June whether we will receive this grant to help with this subject matter, to include designing and implementing a website that will have many resources available, creating brochures, webinars, and local resources and information to holding an annual campaign around the subject. On the subject of child sexual assault, Terrie Ryan Thomas expressed her concerns with the training of teachers around mandatory reporting. There is a concern that teachers are getting mixed messages around this reporting and that it may not be handled correctly and consistently in the school district. She mentioned that the Kempe Center in Denver has training around this subject and that we should look into it. (We have them included them as a reference in our grant).
* Quarter 2 2013 Training will be held in May and the presenter will be Mervyn Davies, a local offender treatment provider/expert and the topic will be “Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Assault”. The training will be 8:30am-12pm in the City Council Chambers, which is at 350 Kimbark St – across the street from the Safety and Justice Building. For more information and to register click [HERE](http://www.leviquarter2.eventbrite.com)
* We are still firming up the final two trainings for 2013 that may include: Women Who Use Violence, The Impact of Trauma on the Brain and, Stalking and Technology.
* The LEVI budget was shared, no major issues/areas to report.

**The next LEVI General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12th, 10-11:30am in the Community Room at the Safety and Justice Building.**