**LEVI General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 14th, 2013**

Attendees: Cheryl Hodgson (CPWD), Vanessa Figueroa, Boulder County HHS, Jackie List and JP Butler (Safe Shelter), Pattie Moreno, City of Longmont Youth Services , Cmdr Jeff Satur, Longmont PD, Trish Wood and Kim Heard (LEVI).

**Agency News:**

**Boulder County**

* Vanessa mentioned that they recently received a grant specifically targeting domestic violence survivors to be in housing for up to 24 months rather than the original 9 months. Local non-profit organizations (Safe Shelter, SPAN, Boulder Homeless Shelter, etc.) can refer people into their housing program.

**Center for People With Disabilities (CPWD)**

* Cheryl said that CPWD is still without an executive director and that the Interim Director of their organization is doing an internal assessment about staffing and recently laid off one person in Boulder.

**Counseling Services of Longmont**

* Lynn Braunagel sent around her new business cards for Journey Counseling Center. Her new website is: longmontcounselors.org and her office number is: 303-776-1117. She said that a majority of her clients came with her to Journey Counseling Center, to include her Caring Dads program, where she has 10 clients in this program. In addition they have a staff of three.

**Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley**

* Jackie mentioned again that Safe Shelter was chosen as one of Boulder County’s Social Ventures Partners – a 3 year program that they will receive some limited funding and free consultation – and they too are doing an assessment of current jobs.
* Safe Shelter currently has one opening for a Shelter Residential Treatment Children’s Counselor, a temporary position for a Legal Advocate as BreAnne will be on maternity leave for a few months and a part-time Contract Grant Writer. At this point they had 50 applications for the Children’s Counselor position.
* The Safe Shelter’s big fundraiser, fashion show was a big success and they are still figuring out the profit for the event.
* JP said their recent 14 hour TERA Training went well and that they were reaching out to the YMCA, Youth Center and other agencies to do their training.
* He also mentioned that he was working with Jeanette Nicastri to start the St. Vrain Valley Youth Services Alliance – to bring together organizations that work with our youth in the community. He recently sent an invitation with a letter that describes the purpose of this alliance. The first meeting is scheduled for September 17th from 10am-12pm here in the Community Room at the Safety and Justice Building. Contact JP at 303-772-0432 for more information.

**Youth Center**

* Pattie discussed a 100K grant they received to conduct age specific parenting classes for parents of 0-5 year olds and 6-12 year olds. They are still getting the program set, with staff training planned for next week.
* Pattie also talked about many of the activities taking place at the Youth Center including:
	+ the Young Moms Group that started on August 1st,
	+ Anger Replacement Training –for youth starting again on Monday, September 16 from 3:30-5:30. Youth must be referred in to be able to participate. Contact Pattie Moreno at 303.774.3754 if you have questions.
	+ Care Grief Therapy Group – an 8 week program for middle/high school students – where Jeanette Nicastri is co-facilitating the group with Michon Davies from TruCare.  Kids need to be referred into the program, so please contact Jeanette at 303- 774.3758 or jeanette.nicastri@ci.longmont.co.us for more information.
	+ The Zone is open during the school year and offers free activities for kids ages 11-17; hours of business during school year are 2:30-7:00pm Monday – Friday.
	+ Theater/Recording Studio/Out League activities are on-going.

**LEVI and Committee News**

* Trish discussed the latest activities with the Prevention/Education Committee and LEVI to include:
* “Cut it Out” Campaign – Safe Shelter, LEVI and LPD personnel will conduct training on August 28th at the Longs Peak Academy to hair stylists called “Cut it Out”. Other hair stylists in town will also be targeted and trained on August 29th here at the Safety and Justice Building with this national campaign, with posters and call-out cards with local resources. LEVI and Safe Shelter personnel have been contacting local salons for participation.
* Technology Brochure –500 technology brochures aimed at victims to give them tips to reduce their electronic foot print (facebook, email, phone), when they are in a domestic violence situation have been printed. Please let Trish know if you would like some of these brochures for your organization.
* Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities (DVAM) were discussed, to include a project with purple lights, Longmont Library Display, City of Longmont Welcome Signs, Coffee Kozees at local coffee shops on October 1st and October 21st. We will be contacting Ziggi’s Coffee shops, Perky’s Coffee Shop and the Brewing Market.
	+ There was extended discussion about the upcoming Ofrenda Exhibit/Altar at the Longmont Museum and how we should proceed. Jackie said she would contact a family, Sandie Esters will contact a family, Pattie Moreno will talk with Marta Moreno about another family and Trish already contacted Kathy of Abbies’s Voice and she is interested in taking part in memory of her daughter.
* Quarter 3 2013 Training will be held on September 11, 2013 with the Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) organization from Denver on domestic violence victims with disabilities.
* Quarter 4 2013 Training will be on the Intersection between Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence. We are in the process of contacting CU – that is doing a study in this area.
* LEVI has received some Federal Grant funding and Seizure Funds from the Police Department and will be undertaking a new project starting in October around the subject of child sexual assault prevention. This project has been named “Project Pinwheel” and a Strategic Plan will be written to cover a similar format that LEVI currently follows.
* The LEVI budget was shared, no major issues/areas to report.

**Since Quarter 3 Training is scheduled for September 11th, the next LEVI General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th, 2013 from 10-11:30am in the Community Room at the Safety and Justice Building.**