**LEVI General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 9th, 2013**

Attendees: Gina **Maione** Earles and Christine Springer, (Blue Sky Bridge), Vanessa Figuera, (Family Self Sufficiency), Jenny Shaw, (St. Vrain Family Center), Terrie Ryan Thomas (HHS Intake Supervisor), Jackie List (Safe Shelter), Pattie Moreno (Children and Youth Services), Erika Munter (Boulder County Probation Victim’s Advocate Intern), Trish Wood and Kim Heard (LEVI).

**Agency News:**

* **Boulder County Housing and Human Services**
* Terrie mentioned that they are down on staff and they currently have 5 Intake Positions and 1 Volunteer Coordinator position available. These jobs are listed on the Boulder County website.
* **Boulder County Probation**
	+ Erika mentioned that there was a Judge’s Retreat last week. She did not have any update on how it went.
		- **Blue Sky Bridge** **(BSB)**
* Gina, the new Executive Director, introduced herself. Christine talked about their statistics for 2012.They conducted 283 forensic interviews and 50% of their cases were with children between the ages of 2-8 and 44% of the cases for Boulder County were from Longmont.
* They are in the process of hiring a bi-lingual/bi-cultural person to help provide family support.
	+ - **Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley**
* Jackie mentioned that the shelter had a successful Christmas at the shelter, with their clients participating in a store as well as receiving all of the donations that came in at that time.
* They are in the process of change as Courtney, Ashley and Brett all left. They have had some good applications to replace the vacated positions and they will be combining Courtney’s and Ashley’s positions.
* They have a new Business/Development Director – Erin Nevil she is unique in that she has a crisis/intervention background in addition to the business management.
* They have just started up a small men’s group of male victims raising children.
* Jackie will be facilitating a Caring Dad program starting in January. They are following the empirical model that is based on eliminating narcissistic behavior. They are looking at 8-12 high risk men at the most and LCJP has offered to let them use space at their office.
* A staff member from SS is sitting on the Chief’s “Alternative to Punitive Policing” community group. The first meeting is scheduled for 1/29. SS hopes to discuss and study the re-entry batterer’s programs from Canada under this group.
	+ - **Youth and Child Services**
* Pattie talked about all of the programs that Youth and Child Services offer at the Youth Center. They had a national research-based program called “(ART) Anger Replacement Therapy” for both teens and their parents that she and Olga ran. It ended in December, but they are starting up a new session for teens, next week. All the youth in this group are considered high risk and many have seen DV. Recommendations to join this group come from community agencies, SROs and teachers, as well as self-referrals. Youth get referred and they become the hook to engage parents.
* They are doing Early Prevention outreach at Indian Peaks and Loma Linda elementary schools.
* They are also starting up a Young Mom’s Group that will run from February 7-April 11.
* They are in the process of hiring a new counselor to replace the one that left.
* They have a Recording Studio for teens with musical interest to use.
* They have basketball and soccer games called the “All Out League” that is on Thursday and Fridays from 3:30-5:00pm at the YMCA gym.

* + - **LEVI and Committee News**
* Trish discussed activities for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to include: posters/bathroom stall flyers/bookmarks distribution to middle/high schools in the St. Vrain School District. TERA is planning a materials blitz that will feature lollipop distribution at a high school basketball game. Front Range Community College will also host our second Love, Sex & Lies event on February 14th. If anyone would like to volunteer to help – contact Trish at: 303-774-4534. The event runs from 11-1pm on that day.
* Quarter 1 2013 Training will be in February and will be an evening event around Technology and Teens to include Sexting. The date and location will be announced soon.
* Other Trainings for 2013 will include: Women Who Use Violence, Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Assault, The Impact of Trauma, and a mini training on the new DV/Child Protection practice guide.
* The LEVI budget was shared, no major issues/areas to report.

**Quarter 1 - 2013 Training will be February 13th and will be a mini-training on the new Domestic Violence Child Welfare Practice Guide that was released this month. Colorado Department of Human Services and Child Welfare staff will present an overview of the guide and recommendations. The meeting will be held 10-11:30am in the City Council Chambers, which is at 350 Kimbark St – across the street from the Safety and Justice Building.**

**The next LEVI General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 10-11:30am in the Community Room at the Safety and Justice Building.**