**LEVI General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 10th, 2013**

Attendees: Christine Springer (Blue Sky Bridge Intern), Cheryl Hodgson (CPWD), Terrie Ryan Thomas (HHS Intake Supervisor), Jackie List and JP Butler (Safe Shelter), Jeanette Nicastri, City of Longmont Youth Services Counselor, Danielle Fagan, Probation, Robin Menschenfreund, St. Vrain Family Center, Trish Wood and Kim Heard (LEVI).

What a great meeting this last week with lots of good information shared. Thank you to everyone that attended. There are a lot of upcoming events and changes with LEVI member agencies.

**Agency News:**

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

* Still trying to hire a part-time 20-40/week ½ Family Support Advocacy-1/2 Outreach to Spanish Speaking Community person.

**Boulder County HHS**

* Terrie talked about the Elder Abuse Training Law that went into effect on July 1, 2013, with training money available to train APS case workers. The actual new Elder Abuse Reporting Law won’t take place until July 2014 which is similar to child protection laws in terms of reporting elder abuse.
* Terrie also talked about many changes currently taking place with 9 counties in Colorado (including Boulder County) regarding the treatment of child abuse cases, where 70% of their cases will be treated with the Family Assessment Response and 30% of their child abuse cases will be treated using the traditional approach (child sexual assault, criminal, high risk assessment). Check the current LEVI bi-weekly update that discusses these changes more in depth.

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

* Cheryl mentioned that CPWD is currently without an executive director and that Pat Trower is the Interim Director of their organization while they search for a new director.

**Counseling Services of Longmont**

* Lynn Braunagel announced that Counseling Services has a new owner as of 1 July 2013.

As of now, they will not be handling Offender Treatment options. In response to this, Yolanda Cavazos-Pond is leaving the state and Lynn also left the agency and is moving her practice to: 390 Lashley Street #B. To reach her for now her number is: 303 517-4300. She should have the office number in the near future.

**Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley**

* 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
* Jackie introduced J.P. Butler as the Safe Shelter’s new Outreach Director. Their next Volunteer Training will take place will be in early August. They also currently have 13-15 students signed up for the Teens Ending Relationship Abuse (TERA) program. He is currently re-vamping education curriculum and rolled out a new SafeShelterTera.org website.
* A newsletter will be sent out with a list of upcoming events.
* Safe Shelter currently has one opening for a part-time Grant Writer.
* The Safe Shelter’s big fundraiser, fashion show is planned for August 4th in collaboration with Martini’s Restaurant. Here is a link for more information on the event: <http://www.safeshelterofstvrain.org/newsandevents/latest-news/19>

**St. Vrain Family Center**

* New name should become Children 1st of the Rockies by Sept 1.
* Safe Services monitored 1044 exchanges this past year.
* They are not doing any parent education this summer – but will start up Boot Camp for New Dads in the fall.

**Youth Center**

* Jeanette Nicastri introduced herself as the new Youth Center Counselor.
* She talked about an upcoming True Care Grief Therapy Group – an 8 week program for middle/high school students – where they are teaming up with Carmen Sample, a youth therapist. Kids need to be referred into the program.
* Pattie Moreno sent the following announcements:
* Young Mom Group starts up again on Thursday, August 1 from 5:30-7:30 at the Youth Center. Any mom or pregnant woman who is 23 and under is welcome to participate.
* Anger Replacement Training for youth starts up 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.
* Zone is open during the summer and offers free activities for kids ages 11-17; hours of business for the summer program are from 12-5.

**LEVI and Committee News**

* Trish discussed the latest activities with the Prevention/Education Committee and LEVI to include:
* Veterinarian Outreach (presentation, newsletter, website) – LEVI, SafeShelter, Robin Breffle (Animal Control Officer) and Dr. Sue Muench, a local veterinarian, recently made a presentation to Veterinary Technicians at Aspen Meadow Vet Clinic on the subject of the Link between animal abuse and domestic violence. This presentation is available for other Veterinarians in the area. In addition, Trish has created the first quarterly newsletter called “Paws for Prevention” aimed at educating the Veterinarian Community. Click [HERE](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001uWn-kXx3TSTn1SbJrJbGflw8Gzd9LOFzdjHSZrd4NryxAqYM8ckLSMCb6oZrjJR-XfglM6zUzDQZa1x36t9UjX3ILe49KIXrIVqm7Bq_bffiBWxtvD5vcfcBF6imFyhYzwrxZGBZ4s-1ZqR1w2QmMan1_ySqusLvzd7VY1gpGlJWj6-yFx32DrCLLWQ9jBENvIoQoqGPZ_A=) for a link to the first newsletter. In addition, the LEVI website will soon have a separate page for information/resources for this community.
* “Cut it Out” Campaign – Safe Shelter, LEVI and LPD personnel will conduct training on August 27th at the Longs Peak Academy to hair stylists called “Cut it Out”. Other hair stylists in town will also be targeted with this national campaign, with posters and call-out cards with local resources.
* Technology Brochure – Trish is in the process of creating a technology brochure aimed at victims to give them tips to reduce their electronic foot print (facebook, email, phone), when they are in a domestic violence situation.
* Ofrenda Exhibit at Longmont Museum - LEVI plans to have an exhibit in October at the Longmont Museum during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If any LEVI members would like to be involved with putting this together, please let Trish know at: trish.wood@ci.longmont.co.us.
* 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. More information on the training will be sent out soon.
* The LEVI budget was shared, no major issues/areas to report.

**The next LEVI General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 203 from 10-11:30am in the Community Room at the Safety and Justice Building.**