

Minutes for Religion and DV Community
Sept 24, 2019

Meeting was called to order at by co-chair Bernita Walker. Present were Timeisha Brinson. Due to the fact we are the DV and Religion Committee we opened in prayer.

The discussion was opened on the collaboration efforts to bring the Faith community into the recognition of the work before us. While our outreach letter is still being completed, we have partnered with Jenesse Center on their United Faith Network meetings and 40 hr training, in that on October 19, we will be presenting as a third part of HEALTHY FAMILY LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMATION: UNMASKING THE HIDDEN VICTIM, which will be focusing on the family structure pertaining to the development of DV in the relationships of the home. The other two presenters are Dr. Lynnette Jenkins and Sherelle Brooks-Johnson, JD

We also working with one of the Southern Baptist Church associations for a 10 hr training among their Faith leaders in an effort to establish a network with smaller churches to face the "Effects of DV on the Congregations". This training will be held in November, exact date and time TBD.

While we are working with 77th Clergy Council, their meetings have not been consistent, however we will continue to participate when held.

The concern of housing was discussed as it is a need for all to address this handicapp. We are finding more and more needs for those with specific issues. This also needs to be addressed by the Faith community. Families are literally giving up they apartments/housing because the rule for some housing agencies is "living in their cars". It is our belief that this is what the faith community must embrace: The full needs of the community they serve.

Legal referrals were also discussed as many are needed in the southern portion of our county. We want to thank Jolene for responding to our request of legal services we could use.

There being no further discussion we closed at 2:55pm.