

Coordinated Community Response

UPDATE TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Mission and Purpose

The **mission** of the Waukesha County Coordinated Community Response (CCR) team is to promote family peace and stop domestic violence and sexual assault.

The **purpose** of the Waukesha County CCR is to ensure that the community receives a comprehensive, consistent and coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault.



Member Entities

- Victim services agencies
- Victim Witness
- District Attorney's office
- Law enforcement
- Healthcare providers
- Batterer's Intervention providers
- Public Defenders Office
- Health and Human Services
- Department of Corrections
- Probation and Parole
- Colleges and Universities
- Judges and other Court personnel

Member Entities Agree to Promote:

- Safety and services for victims and their children
- Accountability and services for offenders/abusers
- Zero tolerance for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault

Cooperative Agreements

- There are cooperative agreements outlining each member's responsibilities
- The Sexual Assault cooperative agreement is being updated as we speak to include a new protocol for victim notification
- The Domestic Violence agreement was updated in 2015



Recent Changes

- There were two different CCRs
- One focused on domestic violence and one focused on sexual assault
- Many of the same entities and in some cases the same people attended both CCR meetings
- Combined the two groups late in 2016



New Initiatives

Lethality Assessment Program

- Designed to identify victims who are at high risk of lethality and get them connected to help more quickly
- Series of 11 questions law enforcement will ask
- Based on answers, referral will be made from the scene to The Women's Center
- TWC advocates will do safety planning and dispatch Mobile Victim Assistance, if needed
- Being piloted with Sheriff's Department and Delafield Police Department



Lethality Assessment con't

- Evidence-based field tool for law enforcement
- Research shows that in the year prior to a DV homicide more than 44% of abusers were arrested.
- Police had been on the scene in 50% of domestic homicide scenes
- Only 4% of homicide victims had used DV services in the year prior to the homicide
- When victims are connected to DV resources early on, the risk for re-assault declines by 60%

New Initiatives

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

- Wisconsin had collected rape kits to be used as evidence for victims
- Several of those victims chose at the time not to report their assault
- The kits were saved and it was decided that the kits should be tested
- The Attorney General convened a task force to develop protocol for notifying victims if/when there was a CODIS hit (a DNA match)

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

- Waukesha had 86 untested kits
- 38 of those kits are scheduled to be tested
- This requires a protocol in the event that there is a DNA match on a kit
- In Waukesha, the municipality that turned in the kit will be notified when there is a DNA match
- Law enforcement will contact Victim Witness, SANE, The Women's Center to determine who is the best person to handle victim notification

SANE expansion

- Waukesha Memorial has had a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program since 2006
- In 2015, Froedtert Hospital began SANE programs at Moreland Reserve in New Berlin and Community Memorial in Menomonee Falls
- This means that Waukesha County has nearly 24/7 availability of a SANE and victim advocate

Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

- Planning a summit on June 11th
- Goal of the summit is to
 - Identify specific efforts
 - Identify people to address each specific effort
 - Create a steering committee for the Anti Trafficking efforts
- The steering committee will become part of the existing CCR
- Will give regular updates to the full CCR