

## 9/6/2018 Brooklyn Domestic Abuse Commission Minutes

### **In attendance:**

Meg Ryan Shockey  
Bonnie Bartczak  
Ruth Scarbo  
Joanne Maroulis  
Andy Celcherts

### **News:**

- Dems introduce measure to reauthorize Violence Against Women Act
  - VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) will expire at end of the month if no action is taken. House Democrats have been active since July in trying to reauthorize this bill and extend it for another 5 years with a platform. Introduced in 1994 under President Clinton, this bill has been important to women in these unfortunate situations.
  - Bonnie asked about more details on what VAWA does. Meg said she didn't know specifics, but would look into more details
- Time article: Murdered Colorado Mother Called Husband "the Best Dad Us Girls Could Ask For" in Facebook Posts.
  - Social media does not tell the whole story...making it important for friends and family to know warning signs and how to be there for someone, even if they make everything seem perfect on social media.

### **DAC Action around the community:**

- Love Doesn't Shove discussion at Brooklyn Middle or High School
  - Bonnie will contact Gabriella of Love Doesn't Shove
  - Discussed that it might be better for Middle School since that is when relationships seem to be starting; be proactive
  - Had further discussion about some known problems in Brooklyn schools, including sexting and cutting
- October Chamber of Commerce
  - Meg will be speaking at October 11 Chamber of Commerce lunch
- Donation drive
  - Multiple ways for community to get involved
  - Will finalize details at October meeting, including drop offs/pick ups and dates

### **Other items before commission:**

- May Dugan Center: Joanne discussed the May Dugan Center, a few of their resources, including emergency housing and counseling. Located about 15 mins from Brooklyn.
- Discussion about Mandatory Reporters. Who to contact, how long one has, police involvement, etc.

*Next meeting: October 10 at 6:00pm at Brooklyn Firehouse Community Room*