# Florida International University VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON CAMPUS GRANT TASK FORCE

May 18, 2004 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM- Meeting #2 – Continuation

> Florida International University Graham Center Room 243W

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

-- Unknown

#### AGENDA TRANSCRIPTION

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Welcome/Introductions/ Agenda Review

Sherry Aaron, Director of the Victim Advocacy Center, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued efforts on behalf of this effort. She informed the Task Force members of the loss of Denise Moon, Director of the Victim Witness Services Program of the State Attorney's Office, who died on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 after a long and valiant battle against breast cancer.

Ms. Aaron announced that the Task Force facilitator, Janice Fleischer, could not be in attendance at this meeting due to a death in her family.

### 8:50 am Review of Mission Statement Changes

Ms. Aaron and Amanda Niguidula, Assistant Director of the Victim Advocacy Center, reviewed the changes made to the Mission Statement (Exhibit A) pursuant to Task Force requests made at the last meeting. These included the addition of a footnote to clarify the use of "violence against women" as the Task Force Mission Statement title. Task Force members wanted to be clear that all victims, male or female, are included in the policy and procedures adopted and to be developed in this process. Additional suggestions to further clarify the Mission Statement were made and noted. The revised Mission Statement will be presented for Task Force approval at the next meeting currently set for July 27 2004.

### 8:55 am Discussion of Cyber-Stalking Policy

In the original grant which initiated this Task Force, the term "cyber stalking" was used to refer to stalking done over the internet. Currently, the name of this activity has been revised in laws and rules to more accurately reflect its nature. To assist the Task Force in deciding if changes to the wording in their current Policy were needed, members were provided with an article from the National Center for Victims of Crime, Stalking Resource Center for review and discussion. Upon review of the article, Members made suggestions for changes to the Policy Document to revise the term "cyber-stalking". The term "technology aided" stalking will be substituted for "cyber stalking". Additionally, the "technology aided" sections of the current Policy document and the future final Procedures document will be combined under the heading overall heading of "Stalking". These changes will be made to the documents and brought back to the Task Force for review and approval at a future meeting.

#### 9:00 am Break

# 9:10 am Review Previous Procedures Draft and Distribute Sample Documents

During Phase I of the Task Force, Policies were finalized and procedures were discussed and drafted. These procedures were not finalized nor adopted. All procedure wording that had been contained in an early draft of the Policy document were removed prior to the Policy Document being adopted by consensus of the Task Force. In this Phase II of the process, the Task Force will be drafting and adopting procedures to implement the Policies previously accepted. The previously drafted procedure language, a work product of Phase I of the Task Force, was distributed to the members (Exhibit B) along with two sample procedure documents from the University of Wyoming and Plattsburgh State University. Task Force members were asked to review the format of these two sample documents in order to decide what format they would like to use for their procedure document. They were then broken into small groups to work on refining the procedures for each section of the Policy Document.

## 9:15 Small Group Work

Task Force members broke into three work groups: Stalking, Relationship Violence and Sexual Offenses. First, members were asked to review the two procedure models and select the one they preferred for the FIU Procedures Document. Once having decided on a procedure model, each small group was asked to determine how much of the original procedures they wanted to incorporate and also add any new procedures which they felt were not addressed during Phase I. The small groups worked on this for a little over an hour. At the end of the time allotted, all work produced by the three groups was turned in. The results of this work will be reviewed by Ms. Aaron and Ms. Niguidula. From the review of the accomplishments of each small group, the next meeting's agenda will be designed with the assistance of Ms. Fleischer.

# 10:25 am Next Steps/Evaluations

# 10:30 am Adjourn

The next Task Force meeting will be held on July  $27^{th}$ , 2004 at F.I.U.'s University Park Campus, Graham Center room 305.