



Domestic Violence Prevention Subcommittee

(VIT) Action Team

Monday, July 28, 2025

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Projects
3. Upcoming Meetings
4. Meeting Close

Introductions

- See attendees [here](#)

Action Team Co-Chairs

- **Taylor Spencer Davis**, Deputy Director at Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- **Michelle Pottinger**, Program Director, VIT Unit at SMCHD

Projects

- Domestic Violence Awareness month: October
- Panel: October 20
 - We have the room from 4 - 8 pm. What time are we starting?
 - 5:30 pm start time (open the room at 5pm), can run 1-2 hours depending on attendance
- Location: Lexington Park Library
- Other logistics:
 - Artistic aspect
 - In the past the Newtowne players did a 5 minute skit
 - Art contest for teens/adults (Late August)
 - Prompt: Healthy relationships, what does love look like.
 - Packing bags for DV/SA
 - Last year we did 25
 - HSMP has charging kits, possibly do another sock drive
 - VIT Unit has 25 soft blankets and some bags
 - Period products from SMCHD
 - Taylor to ask the hotline team what they most often need

Panel

- Panelists needed?
 - Mix of professionals (advocacy, hospital, law enforcement) and those with lived experience (4 total)
 - Call for panelists and reach out to specific people
 - 'Interview' someone ahead of time to ensure comfortability
 - Late August?
 - We may have someone from last year who would do it again or Michelle has a contact she will check with
- Logistics
 - Drinks/snacks- to think about later
 - At the beginning (5-5:30 pm) have people brainstorm about what they know, give a chance to write down questions they have to give to panelist (using index cards (before session) or Menti (during session))

Action Items

- **Lauren & Taylor** to work on canva flyer for the panel, call for panelists, and for the art contest (to be released August 25)
 - **Michelle** to reach out to mentoring groups to share the art contest after the flyer is released
 - **Andrea** to send the flyers through PeachJar
 - **Taylor** to send flyers to the art council
- After call for panelist is announced:
 - **Taylor** to follow up with applicants
 - **Michelle** to reach out to contact about joining
- **Taylor** to ask the DV hotline what items they need the most
 - Lauren to start drive for what items are needed (ex. Socks, toiletries, etc.)
- **All members** to see if they have any contacts would be helpful on this subcommittee and let Lauren know to reach out.

Projects

- **SMCHD** has a mentoring group at GMHS that we could tap into for peer education
- **Commission for Women** is looking to potentially prioritize Intimate Partner Violence education and Teen Dating Violence education
 - We should learn more soon! We anticipate interest from the Commission
- Developing a flyer to be sent through PeachJar
 - Link to data statistics [slides](#)
 - What is love postcard
 - Work on a canva document to send through PeachJar for February
 - [Here](#) is a list of resources and ideas that we could implement next February for teen dating violence education
- Are there any other future projects or goals we would like to focus on?
 - Ask VITA what we're interested in, what we can collab on, and what the new FY will bring
 - Unstoppable You Ministries is doing their self defense workshop on Aug 2. We should pull in Jennifer Foxworthy for this subcommittee.

Future Meetings

- Next Meetings: meet.google.com/zth-nbgr-dzn
 - August 25 at 2 pm
 - September 15 at 2 pm

Meeting Close

