Committee on Sexual Violence
MINUTES
August 28, 2013
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
President’s Room

Present: Vicki Morrissette, Chair; Nikki BergBurin; Sarah Borgen; Scott Dunbar; Lexi Hanson; Annette Larson; Renee Mabey; Keith Malaterre; Kay Mendick; Marcia Mikulak; Don Rasmuson; Lori Swinney; Kyle Thorson; Alyssa Walker; Jackie Hoffarth, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Stacy Bjorlie (for Daniella Irle); Peter Johnson; Eileen Nelson

Welcome and Announcements:

1. Introductions. Committee members introduced themselves and their reason for being on the committee. New members were introduced and welcomed. Lexi Hanson is representing Student Government. Sarah Borgen is with us again and is this year’s Dru Sjodin scholarship winner.

2. Minutes – were emailed out, but not in time for all members to review. Kay motioned (Don seconded) to wait to approve minutes from July meeting until next scheduled date on Sept. 11th.

3. Announcement – Vicki reminded members that the position for the Sexual Violence Coordinator has been moved to external. The deadline is September 4th. Members are encouraged to let others know about the position that may be interested and qualified.

Circle of Six Website – Committee was able to view the website www.circleof6app.com during the meeting.

4. Jackie H. explained how the Circle of Six App works. The Women’s Center staff have been encouraging students to download it and use it. The app is free to use. The user downloads the app and puts in up to six friends, family members, or other trusted individuals to be in their “circle”. The app allows for a one touch alert to be sent out. With one touch a message can be sent to all six people indicating that the sender needs an interruption, a ride home (links to phone’s GPS to locate), advice, etc. There is also an emergency button. Once help arrives it is again one touch to let all know you have received the help and are o.k.

- Don – There is a link to the app now on the UPD website.
- Kay - It is also on Women’s Center main page.
- Annette – asked if it could be put on TV screens in the Union to get more people to see and hear about this.
- Lori – will make the suggestion to have it put in UND app for mobile phones.
- Kyle and Lexie – suggested they could email information about the Circle of Six app to students in a student government announcement and can move to make a resolution to
support this as a student body. It was also recommended for the Greek and Housing communities.

Vicki will check on getting a recommendation from Cara about these ideas and get back to members.

**Website for CSV**

1. Vicki – We do have someone developing sexual assault awareness website. This means we need content as quickly as possible. One thing that would be beneficial to the site is to have a list of committee members available. This would allow others to have more than one person they can go to if they have questions. Members would not need to be “experts” on all topics, but would be the “experts” on getting people to the right resources and contacts.
   - Kay – One thing that has been found to increase utilization, especially by students, is to have pictures of members or staff on a site. Committee members agreed that pictures are more inviting. All members agreed to use pictures.
   - Kyle – Concern about how we would respond to those who do feel we are experts.
     - Vicki – a disclaimer will be written and put on page indicating that members are informed but are not counselors, along with information to counseling center on campus.
   - Kay will work to write a Header for the page about this and an introduction to what the committee is about and why the group exists. It will include an overall statement about the members’ commitment to prevention, awareness, and safer UND. If there are suggestions for wording, email to Kay.

2. Review of websites from email on 8/27/13. Members were able to go over these sites as a group in the meeting and make note of likes and dislikes in order to gain an idea of what we might want for our own website.

Discussion included:
   - Links to Circle of Six App and Committee information
   - Kay – what happens when I call? One site used a short video about this. Like the idea of having a link for options – for resources and things such as “what happens if I do not want to report to police.”
   - Kyle – like the “things to consider” wording. Suggests using accordion style so that there are basic themes and then more to read under each.
   - Title IX page: include who is our coordinator; what is Title IX; what the school does.
   - Include campus resources and resources in the community
   - Steer away from a lot of text (unless hidden in accordions). Don - short and sweet is the way to go for easy access and less student confusion.
   - A hot link button. Perhaps with a symbol like the red cross used on other sites. “If you were raped click here” or other similar wording.
• Sarah – site should be protected for those afraid of others knowing they looked at site; An emergency out button such as used on the CVIC site that clears browser history is important to have.

• Message to students from President and/or committee, coordinator of sexual assault prevention

• Kyle – Campus Care is a good place for a help button and to link to this site.

• Marcia – home page is important spot.

Annette – suggested wording of “UND Cares – Get Help”.

Lori – it would take a lot of conversation and work but both options are great to work towards. Lori also noted that the UND home page is often thought of as a place to reach the external audience such as parents and the community. Members agreed, however, that this should be something presented to the external audience. Don – parents want to know that UND is working to make campus safe and has resources for students in the event of something bad happening.

Jackie – culture surrounding talking about assault is changing. Students too want to know about how to protect themselves and where to go for help.

Lori and Nikki will set up a Wikki on Black Board for this topic. Members are encouraged to find 3 web sites that have language and content they like and that they feel would be applicable to UND. A Wikki will allow for you to read what others have written so you can comment on their posts, perhaps in agreement that you also found a certain aspect on a site to stand out.

- Contact Lori if you are not yet on Black Board so you can be added.

Other Announcements:

1. Vicki - Cara bringing in Title IX specialist that did training for Housing. There was a positive response. Vicki will email out times and dates. Members requested perhaps having a half hour before or after one of the public trainings to specifically address our role and questions we may get if possible.

2. Marcia – Received an email from Molly Mclain about a planned parenthood paid internships for students. Meets our charge in that the position focuses on talking about legislation in terms of knowledge of proposals affecting women. Sarah did this internship and noted it was a good experience. Nikki will upload intern information to BB as she also has information regarding how to apply.

3. Nikki – 3rd Wave is a new student run feminist group on campus. Look for information on this group. It is very new. If you know students who may be interested, please let them know. Nikki will email out information on upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting: 9/11/13 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the President’s Room, MU