

NEVR

Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships

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Background

- Community members wanted to come together to find real solutions & take action instead of just talking
- No funding
- All organizations contribute in kind- time for staff to attend meetings and work on goals, Kwantlen contributes meeting space



Process

Goals of First Meeting

Learn about each other – why are we here?

Formulate a common understanding of the project

Share commitments to the project

Plan immediate and short term goals



Process

Goal: To understand domestic abuse from multiple perspectives and make recommendations for change

Identify Level of commitment

Advisory

Collaborator

Investigator



Process

Developed the study with input from the group,
submitted for ethics approval

Continued to meet every 4 months to develop the
Purpose/Scope/Mission and identify specific
work the group wanted to engage in.



Purpose

The purpose of NEVR is to work toward reducing and eliminating violence in relationships in Surrey/North Delta/White Rock, British Columbia through coordinated, open and seamless service delivery, collaboration, sharing of resources among service providers, community leaders, educators and government bodies.



Mission

A diverse team will lead the initiatives to intervene, reduce and ultimately eliminate the incidence of violence in relationships and shift societal norms that condone its prevalence by

- creating awareness of and preventing relationship violence through education
- having a community where public/private violence is not tolerated nor accepted
- having a system that provides coordinated support to victims/ offenders in a timely manner to mitigate the impacts of violence



Actions

Research study on “Understanding Multiple Perspective on Abuse” (ministries, justice system, healthcare, services providers (in progress))

Preliminary findings



Actions

Service/health providers will understand the definition and scope of issue of violence in relationships and the resources that are available and the system as a whole (big picture)

Each meeting try to bring in statistics and have different agencies discuss their resources



Actions

Social Media

- Facebook page: Search Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships
- Twitter: NEVRCampaign
- Instagram: nevrcampaign
- Web page www.kwantlen.ca/NEVR



Actions

Education

- High school student program developed by students
- Developing / using age-appropriate material for elementary & high school students, on healthy relationships
- Conflict resolution class developed for ESL classes

Action

Media

- Radio/TV program
- Media releases
- South Asian Media launch
- Map community resources
- Student Awareness Fair



Action

- Two conferences Working with South Asian Families
- Update Pink Book



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Statistics

Estimates

Peace Bond	89
SOP	57
Probation Order	128
Jail	45
CSO	4
No Charges	84
Lost Contact	67
Decline services	10
PBVS Referrals	455
Self & other referrals	64
Plead: Guilty	27






TIPPING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE: SUPPORTING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

A CONFERENCE BY THE
NETWORK TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS



surrey women's centre

community resources society 

TIPPING THE SCALES OF JUSTICE:
Supporting Women, Children and Families
NEVR Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships
November 1, 2012 Conference Agenda

09:30 am-09:35 am	Opening remarks and Introductions NEVR Coordinating Committee (Maryam Majedi, Gary Thandi, Pardeep Sahota, Dr. Balbir Gurm) & Member Organizations – Dr. Balbir Gurm, NEVR Facilitator
09:35 am-09:45 am	Welcome Dr. Alan Davis, President Kwantlen Polytechnic University
09:45 am-10:00 am	Work in other jurisdictions (highlights) Maryam Majedi, Manager, Surrey Women's Centre
10:00 am-10:15 am	Coffe and Muffin Break
10:15 am-10:45 am	Court Challenges Justice Gurmail Gill, Associate Chief Judge
10:45 am- 11:00 am	Q&A
11:00 am-11:45 am	The Kelowna Pilot Project Mr. Goeffrey Cowper
11:45 am- 1:00 pm	Pick up Lunch and take to table - The Provincial Plan Cory Heavener, BC Office of Domestic Violence
1:00 pm- 2:00 pm	Challenges of Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases Simon Thomson, Crown Counsel Abbotsford
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Pick up Coffee and take to table Round Table-Best Approach to Domestic Violence All Attendees
4:00 pm- 4:45 pm	Wrap Up and Next Steps NEVR Coordinating Committee

Screening tool for Nurses

Ask questions as part of regular assessment

If patient answers yes, then do a more thorough assessment



Screening tool

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| 1) Are you currently in a relationship? | YES | NO |
| 2) Do you ever feel unsafe at home? | YES | NO |
| 3) Do you ever feel afraid of your partner or ex-partner? | YES | NO |
| 4) Are you in a relationship in which you have been hurt or threatened? | YES | NO |
| 5) Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your partner or someone important to you? | YES | NO |
| 6) Domestic Violence confirmed by patient | YES | NO |
| If yes, name and relationship of perpetrator: _____ | | |
| 7) Domestic Violence suspected | YES | NO |
| State reasons: | | |

Document Your Findings

Patient report: Patient's description of assault



Plan

- Understand current legislation and its boundaries & BC's Domestic Violence Plan
- Look at other jurisdictions and models
- Collaborate with PODV
- Lobby for change
- Be the change



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