



Weed & Seed Violence and Women Committee Meeting  
Diversity Counseling and Therapy Center - 744 Burton SE  
Tuesday, June 2, 2009  
12:00PM-1:00PM

## Meeting Minutes

### 1) Call to Order/Introductions

- a. Those in attendance: Annita List, Kristine Jaros, Pamela Benjamin, Amy Piddington, Greg Alcalá

### 2) Group Discussion:

- Reviewed crime stats from 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 showing that Weed & Seed Domestic Assault arrests are decreasing in number (203 in 2004 to 155 in 2008); however, as a percentage of the city arrests have increased from 9% of the city's arrests to 15% (the city has decreased more significantly than the W&S area).
- Reviewed map of Weed & Seed area and talked about past efforts not being as focused as needed on the targeted population.
- Reviewed budget available from W&S (\$1600 plus match of \$2300 for a total budget of \$3900). Budget year ends October 31, 2009.
- Talked about upcoming Weed & Seed events being National Night Out, Teen Summit, RAK Day – how can we work with those events.
- Ideas discussed:
  - i. Resource fair
  - ii. Changing name to Violence and Women – Group strongly supports this. DV has a lot of stigma attached to it.
  - iii. Need to work with places where residents are – beauty shops, faith organizations, day cares etc.
  - iv. Focus needs to be on “What is Relevant?”
  - v. How can we learn from success of Wealthy Theatre Prison event? Kristine to talk to Lt Mason about possible future event.
  - vi. Amy to provide survey information that we could use to go ask people about violence and women

### 3) Next Meeting

- Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm. Diversity Counseling and Therapy Center – 744 Burton SE