

**LCDA CBLC Meeting Notes**  
**August 28, 2003 @ 3:00 pm**

- I. Welcome – Cynthia welcomed the attendees
  
- II. Program Update – Cynthia provided program update – LCDA is in the process of being certified by the State Department of Mental Health.
  - A. Guest Speaker – Antonio Ramirez Hernandez of CECEVIM (*Centro de Capacitación para Erradicar la Violencia Intrafamiliar Masculina* – Training Center to Eradicate Masculine Intrafamily Violence) – presented on his organization’s work with prevention of domestic violence. His program is based on research that has been largely conducted in Latin America.
  - B. Comments and Questions:
    - Question: Do people voluntarily come to you?
    - Answer : Eighty-five percent are referred by courts.
    - Question: Do you have more facilitators than you use now? How about relapse?
    - Answer : Yes, we are growing. In terms of harm reduction, we hope to catch relapse of violence ahead of time.
    - Question: Would your model work for people who have been here for several generations?
    - Answer : The model relates more to the Spanish speaking men. Don’t know if it is going to work on non-Hispanic groups. It seems to work with people of color.
    - Comment: Even in families with single mothers, the culture does not change for male children in the family.
    - Comment: It is due to patriarchal mothers.
    - Question: What are your fees?
    - Answer : It is \$25.00 - \$50.00 for each session in San Francisco.
    - Question: What is the cost of the program?
    - Answer : A program of 130 men will cost \$120,000.00
    - Question: Do the police use nonsubtle (arrest) or subtle (talk) approach with batterers when called upon?
    - Answer : The issue of the program is the woman’s safety. I will say arrest is the correct answer. The problem in San Francisco is that by being arrested, people are being deported and it is a big problem. The next issue is what to do after the arrest because the perpetrator is going to go home once released. A new way will be to watch them closely so they don’t do it again.
    - Comment: The problem with arresting and deporting is that the victims will stop calling.
  
- III. Announcements:

- A. Oklahoma City Police Department: The OKC Police Department realized that it needs to be fluent in Spanish and organize its Spanish speaking officers to be more focused, organized, and also improve its interaction with the Hispanic population. It now has the language line that provides interpreter services and the use of Spanish translation provided by the LCDA to ask the caller in Spanish not to disconnect while being connected to an interpreter.
  - B. Cynthia: The Freedom March is coming to Oklahoma on September 26<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by LCDA at 2:00 pm
  - C. The next CBLC meeting will be held on Sept. 25 at 3:00 pm.
- IV. Close - The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm