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Minutes for the 43rd Commission Meeting

January 25, 2008 1-4 PM

Legislative Office Building Room 206, Concord, NH

These minutes were taken by Scott Garman.

**Members Present:** Joe Mastromarino, Larry Colby, Scott Garman, Mike Geanoulis, David Lauren, Scott Meyer.

**Members Absent:** Marshall Hickok.

**Also Present:** John Dawley.

Scott Garman served as Chair temporarily at the request of Joe Mastromarino.

**Public Input:**

John Dawley spoke before the Commission about his concerns regarding families and domestic violence. He expressed support for the Commission's mission and offered his assistance. Mr. Dawley also submitted a compilation of studies related to domestic violence. This compilation was titled "References Examining Assaults by Women on Their Spouses or Male Partners: An Annotated Bibliography" and was created by Dr. Martin Fiebert. This report can also be found on the web at: <http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm>

Joe Mastromarino arrived at the meeting and continued serving as Chair

**Secretary's Report:**

Scott Garman distributed copies of the December meeting minutes draft. David Lauren moved to accept the minutes as presented. Scott Garman seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Web Site Update:**

Scott Garman reported that no major changes were made to the Commission's web site since the last meeting. The November meeting minutes were made available and the meeting calendar was updated.

**Treasurer's Report:**

David Lauren reported that he did not have a treasurer's report to present, but would obtain the Commission's account balance for a future meeting.

Joe Mastromarino noted that a \$50.00 invoice from Lee Newman needed to be reimbursed. The payment is for the graphic design of a tri-fold brochure and informational flyer. David Lauren agreed to submit the invoice when he receives a copy of it.

### **Child Support Guidelines RFP:**

Joe Mastromarino noted receiving a copy of an RFP to find an economist to help update New Hampshire's child support guidelines.

### **Upcoming Fatherhood Events:**

Larry Colby announced two fathering related events coming up, and distributed informational flyers regarding them.

An All Pro Dad Dad's Day event is happening on January 27, 2008 from 10-11 AM at the Keene Head Start. It is a free breakfast gathering that fathers and their children are welcome to attend.

The New England Fathering Conference is being held in Cromwell, CT on March 18-19, 2008. This conference includes a number of workshops about fatherhood in the areas of health, education, and community.

### **Second Biennial Report Preparations:**

The Commission entered a work session on its second biennial report, reviewing and editing the current draft. This meeting represented the final work session on the report and by the end of the meeting, plans were made to go forward with the final editing pass and having the report printed.

During report preparations, one motion was made regarding the report's content. David Lauren moved to remove one bulleted item from the list of topics discussed with former DHHS Commissioner John Stephen. Larry Colby seconded, and the motion failed 3-2, with David Lauren and Scott Meyer voting in favor of the motion, and Larry Colby, Scott Garman, and Mike Geanoulis opposed. Joe Mastromarino abstained from the vote.