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**AGENDA**

- 5:00-5:30 Dinner and mingling
- 5:30-5:35 Opening Remarks: **Anna Marjavi**, Program Manager at FVPF and **Denise Twum**, MHS, Health Intern at FVPF
- 5:35-5:45 Domestic Violence Digital Survivor's Story
- 5:45-6:10 *Learning how to assess for domestic violence/sexual assault*  
**Annie Lewis-O'Connor**
- 6:10-7:00 Panel Presentation: Please hold questions till the end
  - **Maeve Gerechter**, BA, RN, MSN Student (Simmons College). *Who's in Control? The Importance of Advocating for Women Experiencing Reproductive Coercion in the Health Care Setting*
  - **Jennifer Britton**, BS, RN, MSN Student (Simmons College). *Homeless Women at Risk: Positive Organizational Change at BHCHP*
  - **Michelle E. Treseler**, BA, (MHSc, '10). *The Fulbright Scholars Program: Building global scholarship in family violence and sexual assault.*
  - **Ryan Zetzmann** and **Brandon Rachal** (Louisiana State University School of Nursing). *Mentoring a "Teens not gone wild" mentality in the community.*
  - 10 minutes Q/A at end
- 7:00-7:30 *Family violence and your curriculum: Making change happen*  
**Dr. Merik Gross** (UCSF Medical School); **Ann Fleck-Henderson**, MSW, PhD (Simmons College); **Leiana Kinnicutt**, Sr. Program Specialist (FVPF)

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## Speaker Biographies

**Jennifer Britton** is a Registered Nurse at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Science in Nursing at Simmons College in Boston, MA. Jennifer is interested in women's health and underserved populations and has spent the past four years working in the health care field. Prior to discovering nursing, Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from North Carolina State University, and has worked as a research intern at the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences.

**Ann Fleck-Henderson, MSW, PhD** is a professor at Simmons College, School of Social Work.

**Maeve Gerechter** is a Registered Nurse at the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts' Boston health center. She has a Bachelors degree from McGill University and is currently pursuing at Master's of Science in Nursing at Simmons College in Boston, MA. As a Nurse Practitioner Maeve plans to specialize in Women's Health and is strongly committed to the essential role health care professionals play in the Anti-Family Violence movement.

**Dr. Merik Spiers Gross** is the Director of Special Projects Dealing with Family Violence and How it Affects Communities at the UCSF Women's National Center of Excellence. She is a Medical Doctor and Clinical Professor in the Department of General Internal Medicine. Under her leadership at the UCSF School of Medicine, a working team has been successful at improving physician rates of screening for patient safety through the use of a standardized patient exam and case discussions. Her work has been generously supported by the Halle Debas Academy of Medical Educators.

**Leiana Kinnicutt** is a Sr. Program Specialist in the Children's Program at the Family Violence Prevention Fund and is currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work at Simmons College in Boston, MA. Over the last six years, Leiana has provided technical assistance on issues relating to the overlap of domestic violence and child abuse for various federal initiatives such as Greenbook, Family to Family, and Safe Havens. She is also currently managing the Susan Schechter Leadership Development Fellowship program. Previously she helped to develop and implement various Public Education initiatives, including the FVPF's *Coaching Boys into Men*, and *It's Your Business* campaigns. She was also project staff for the San Francisco Greenbook Initiative. Previously, she worked as a crises line counselor for LGBT survivors of violence at Community United Against Violence and as an AmeriCorps domestic violence legal advocate in Hawaii.

### **Annie Lewis O'Connor, PhD, MPH, NP**

Annie Lewis-O'Connor PhD, MPH, NP is an Assistant Professor at Boston University. She works as a Nurse Practitioner and SANE on the Child Protection Team and in Emergency Services at Boston Medical Center. She is the President of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women, International and is a member of the AMA's National Advisory Board on Abuse and Violence. She has 2 decades of work in the area of intentional violence with related publications. Annie received her Masters in Nursing from Simmons College in Boston, her Masters in Public Health from Boston University and her Ph.D. from Boston College.

**Brandon Rachal** is a BSN student slated to enter the professional nursing realm in January of 2010. A native of Port Allen, Louisiana, Rachal acts as a consistent community activist. He has worked with the West Baton Rouge Council on Aging to create partnerships between local youth and elderly and volunteered as a mentor to "Save Our Sons", a mentoring program for young African American men. On the state level, Rachal has worked with the Louisiana State 4-H program to help develop youth-adult partnerships. Post high school, Rachal attended Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge with a final focus in pre-nursing. He currently attends Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. On the campus Rachal is an active member of the National Student Nurses Association, Vice-President of the Nurses' Christian Fellowship, and an active member of the Student Government where he acts as a representative for the Class of December 2009 on the Student Interest Committee. Outside of school, Rachal is a member of the Louisiana Volunteers in Action (LAVA), a volunteer for Baptist Friendship House, and an active member of The City of Love where he acts as administrator for music and arts. He is also employed by Children's Hospital New Orleans and East Jefferson General Hospital as a senior nurse technician. Rachal has recently partnered with Anne Troy, MN, FNP, LNC, SANE in the implementation of the "Teens Not Gone Wild" program, which raises awareness on the issues of abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, and social/media consciousness and awareness.

### **Michelle E. Treseler, BA, (MHSc, '10)**

Michelle Treseler, BA is a Fulbright student at the University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health in Toronto, ON. Prior to pursuing graduate studies in health promotion, Michelle collaborated with international organizations and governmental agencies on national and global health initiatives as a health policy associate at the Center for the Study of the Presidency. With a growing interest in the intersection of violence and chronic disease, Michelle is currently researching the effectiveness of chronic disease prevention while studying for a Masters of Health Science degree.

**Ryan C. Zetzmann** is currently a nurse technician at the Ochsner main campus ICU. He loves nursing that applies the sciences he enjoys most (Cardio-Pulmonary), and has really enjoyed the ICU and the ER classes and clinicals. More importantly, he really enjoys any opportunity to teach. Ryan is currently Class Treasurer for his cohort at the LSUHSC School of Nursing and will be graduating in December 2009.