

HELP & SHELTER
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- APRIL 2010 - Submitted by Danuta Radzik

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILLE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community Mobiliser: Juliet James

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 9 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 307 Females: 195 Males: 112

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 148 Females: 90 Males: 58

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 245

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Attendance and participation at steering committee meeting (KDC)
- Participation in Steering Committee's Food Sale
- Visit to NDC & Police to discuss Kaneville inter-field competition and medical outreach activity
- Attendance at medical outreach activity for residents
- Mobilizing of youth for Meeting with Officials from Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sport
- Community mobilization for medical out reach
- Collection of donations for Kaneville inter-field competition

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Steering Committee Meeting- 1st April

- A total of 6 persons, 4 females and 2 males attended the meeting. Matters discussed were:
 - Sending letters to various organizations requesting sponsorship of street signs for Kaneville
 - Plans for the Food Sale
 - Report on CE's and CM's house to house/one on one visits with residents to sensitize them about stamping out GBV and other forms of abuse

The CE and CM are working on encouraging steering committee members to join with them in fighting against domestic violence in Kaneville.

Steering Committee Food Sale – 3rd April

- This activity was a success. Persons in the community were very supportive and asked that this be done more often. The proceeds from this activity will help the steering committee to raise necessary funds for community activities

Visit to NDC, Police & Health Centre re Medical Outreach & Inter-Field Competition – 5th April

- The CE visited the NDC to deliver a donation of \$8,000 from H&S for the use of the Diamond Community Centre for previous project year's activities. Discussions were held with both the NDC and the Police on the upcoming community activity – an inter-field competition for male residents of Kaneville. Letters with relevant information were to be forwarded to both entities shortly.

Discussions were also held with the Medex from the Grove Health Centre on having a medical team visit the community of Kaneville.

Visits to 2 Counselling Cases – 5th April

- Visit was made to a visually impaired senior citizen (ongoing case). Visit was also made to a household where a 14 yr old who was chopped on her arm by her 40+ year old uncle with whom she is sexually involved. The injury to the girl required 3 stitches.

Community Mobilization for Medical Outreach – 16th April

- The CE and CM went house to house notifying residents of the upcoming medical outreach programme. The residents were very pleased that Kaneville was getting some help. Most persons expressed the hope that more would be done in the community to help residents. The project team took the opportunity to remind residents about the H&S/WWDPGC project while distributing leaflets. A total 145 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, Rape and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed. A total of 98 persons, 60 females and 38 males were reached through this activity.

Preparation for Inter-Field Competition – 18th April

- The CE and CM painted 2 banners for the upcoming competition. They also distributed flyers about the event to hire car drivers and residents. Banners were hung at the entrance to Kaneville and on the fence of a resident.

Medical Outreach – 20th April

- The medical outreach team of Dr. Scott, Medex Velloza and VCT counsellor, Mr. Roberts carried out HIV, diabetes and hypertension testing. General medical checkups were also done on residents and medication issued. The response from residents was overwhelming as approximately 110 residents, 75 females and 35 males benefited from this outreach activity. The NDC Vice Chairman was also present and the NDC provided lunch and transportation for the medical team. Steering Committee members also provided water for persons accessing medical help.
The CE used the opportunity while residents were waiting to see the medical team to sensitize them on issues of child abuse and child neglect. A total of 100 H&S Fact Sheets and leaflets on child abuse, DV and wife abuse were distributed.

Mobilizing of Youth for meeting with Officials from Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sport – 22nd April

- The CM went around inviting young people to attend the meeting with officials from MCYS. A total of 50 young people, 30 females and 20 males were reached

Meeting with officials from Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sport – 28th April

- A total of 38 young people, 23 females and 15 males attended the meeting. Ms Doreen Scipio, Senior Youth Officer, Ms Sagon, a registered Nurse and 2 others officials attended the meeting. Ms Sagon spoke to the youth about personal hygiene. Enquires were made by the youth present about how to go about registering as a youth group with the MCYS. The officials promised to return some other time.

Collection of Donations & Preparations for Kaneville Inter-Field Competition -30th April

- Donations for food items included cash donations of \$6,000 from Mr Fazil Shaw of Continental Agencies, Ms Eileen Robinson, Mrs Tessa Greene, In kind donations from Mrs. J. James, Mrs. Tessa Greene, Mrs. W. Henry, Geradine, Ms D. Radzik and Mrs. Tessa Hunte.

Trophies were donated by Help & Shelter (2), Ministry of Culture (2), Ministry of Human Services, Mr Abbas Mancey (1). The Kaneville Development Group also donated 6 medals.

Hampers were given out contained basic food items such as rice, pasta, flour, oil sugar, peas, soap, shaving blades and toilet paper.

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –May 2010

Date	Activity	Time
1/5/2010	Kaneville Inter-Field Competition for Men	
2/5/2010	Meeting with Diamond Women's Group	
6/5/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
8/5/2010	Handing over of Trophies and Medals to Winners of Kaneville Inter-Field Competition	
13/5/2010	Meeting with GT&T Officials re Erection of Billboard for Kaneville Community	
13/5/2010	Meeting with Diamond Women's Group re Plans for Walk against DV on July 5th	
15/5/2010	Meeting & Awareness Session -Youth Group	
18/5/2010	Awareness Session-Grove Health Centre	
20/5/2010	Awareness Session-Diamond Secondary School	
20/5/2010	Steering Committee Meeting-Plans for 1 st Anniversary of KDG	
22/5/2010	Awareness Session for Men- Guest facilitator Darren Torrington	
27/5/2010	Awareness Session – Grove Health Centre	
30/5/2010	Food Sale-Kaneville Development Group (KDG)	

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community Mobiliser: Shawndelle Luckie

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 8 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 145 Females: 106 Males: 39

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 73 Females: 52 Males: 21

H&S leaflets Distributed: 45

MLHSS DV Posters: Nil

GHARP Booklets (Super Gang & The Player): Nil

GHARP Posters: Nil

Empowering Women Booklet: Nil

HIV Leaflets & Booklets: Nil

H&S Posters: Nil

of Condoms Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- House to House visits to sensitize residents about DV and GBV
- To conduct an awareness session on Methods of Effective Discipline with Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic
- To conduct an awareness session on Personal Hygiene with the Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Personal Health with Grade 6 students of Den Amstel Primary School

- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Emotions with Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Sex & Gender with Grade 6 students of Den Amstel Primary School
- To conduct an awareness session on Personal Health with Den Amstel Nursery School teachers

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House visits to Sensitize Residents about DV and GBV – 6th April

- The CE met with a total of 16 persons, 10 females and 6 males through house to house visits. Residents reached expressed concern about the way in which DV is spreading not only in Guyana but throughout the world. Residents also shared their own experiences of domestic violence and how it affected their lives. Some residents spoke of how they were able to get out of their domestic violence situation while others disclosed that they are still experiencing DV and are afraid to get out because of threats on their lives and the lives of family members. Everyone spoken to agreed that DV is wrong. A total of 20 H&S leaflets on DV were distributed.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic –Methods of Effective Discipline – 4th April

- A total of 20 mothers between the ages of 18-34 participated in this 1 hr session on Methods of Effective Discipline.
When asked what methods used to discipline their children the majority of mothers identified corporal punishment and or shouting at their children. The facilitator discussed ways to discipline children effectively without the use of corporal punishment. Methods identified were communicating reasons for discipline with child or children, explaining consequences of their actions or behaviours and withholding privileges as a form of punishment. Participants were willing to use the methods shared and not resort to corporal punishment as their first response. It was stressed that using different methods to discipline children will take some time as change does not happen overnight. The facilitator reminded participants that the key is to apply discipline with love. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Personal Health – 11th April

- A total of 25 young people, 15 females and 10 males between the ages of 12-28 participated in this 3hr hour session on Personal Health/Hygiene.
The facilitator shared ways to prevent tooth decay and gum problems including the importance of healthy teeth and gums, stages of tooth decay and importance of flossing. Maintaining healthy skin and health hair were also discussed as well as care and management of hair and skin, causes of hair and scalp problems and protection from the sun. Participants indicated that with the new information they received they would do a better job of taking care of personal hygiene particularly teeth, gums, skin and hair. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as excellent.

Grade 6 Den Amstel Primary School Children – Personal Health – 14th April

- A total of 15 students, 9 females and 6 males between the ages of 11-12 from the Grade 6 class participated in this 2 hr session on Personal Hygiene.
The headmistress of the Den Amstel Primary School asked the CE to do a session on personal hygiene with students. She explained that she had tried this before and it worked

for some students but felt that if they hear this from the CE it would have a greater impact on them and their parents.

The students were a bit shy to talk about their bodies especially genital areas at first but as the session continued they became more comfortable and started talking about ways to take care of their bodies. The students said they would share what they have learnt about personal hygiene and taking care of their bodies with their parents in the hope that they will help them to take better care of their bodies.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Grade 6 Den Amstel Primary School Children – Understanding Gender – 21st April

- A total of 20 students, 12 girls and 8 boys participated in this 2 hr session on Understanding the Differences between Sex & Gender.

Students were asked to describe their household chores and home duties and it was apparent that there does not seem to be a separation of chores for girls as against chores for boys or vice versa. According to the students, parents encourage both their boy and girl children to do similar types of chores in the home and the students were proud of this. Students were able to identify the biological differences between boys and girls. The hygiene of the students has also improved from the last session and both the headmistress and the students are looking forward for the next session.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic – Understanding Emotions – 15th April

A total of 21 parents, 20 mothers and 1 father participated in a 1 hr awareness session on Understanding Emotions.

The facilitator explored different types of emotions such as happiness, sadness, anger and explained that in a single day persons usually experience many different types of emotions some of which they are more comfortable with than others. She explained that most people like to feel happy, well-liked and appreciated and when they feel this way life seems to be more enjoyable, they feel confident and respond well to others. However, emotions such as anger, fear and sadness are also normal. It was stressed that emotions are not good or bad it is the way that they expressed or suppressed that can lead to problems. During adolescence teens often experience sudden mood changes, hormones in the body are partly responsible for this. Participants were given some tips on how to deal with emotions such as:

- Think it out : This can help you to understand your emotions and reasons for feeling the way you do
- Create something: A poem or drawing can help you express your feelings
- Physical activity: this can help you to work out your feelings
- Talking to others: Friends, siblings, adults, family can help you express your feelings

Kingdom Connection Youth – Anger Management –14th March

- Twenty one (21) youth, 13 females and 8 males between the ages of 10-23 participated in the 3 hr session on Anger Management.

The participants talked about their problems with managing and expressing anger. They revealed that did not know how to control their anger and this affects them in their every day lives. The youths did 3 dramatic presentations on anger showcasing what they had learnt about anger and how to manage this. The session was very interactive and the participants and team work was very good. It was clear that by the end of the session the participants had grasped the concepts of anger management and committed to putting

what they had learnt into practice in their everyday lives. The CM was present at the session.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as excellent. A total of 25 H&S leaflets on Anger Management were distributed to participants.

Den Amstel Nursery Teachers – Personal Hygiene -22nd April

- A total of 6 Nursery School teachers attended this 2 hr session on Personal Hygiene. Feedback from participants indicated that the teachers knew how to take care of their personal health and are striving to keep it that way. The teachers however have parents and children at school in need of this information so as to improve on personal hygiene and health. Teachers said they also have friends and family members who need this information and they plan to share this with them. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as excellent.

Counselling Case -30th April

- One of the peer educators referred this client to the CE for counselling. The female client is HIV positive has a young baby and a partner who is HIV negative and is suicidal.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN –May 2010

Date	Activity	Time
1/5/2010	Awareness Session-Personal Health-Congregational Youth Group	
6/5/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
9/5/2010	Mother’s Day Special visit to Mothers in Community	
11/5/2010	House to House visit	
12/5/2010	Awareness Session-Teenage Pregnancy- Grade 6 Primary Students	
13/5/2010	Awareness Session –Personal Health- Pre Natal Clinic	
18/5/2010	Awareness Session-Alcohol Abuse-Restoration Women’s Group	
20/5/2010	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-Children’s Home	
23/5/2010	Awareness Session-Stress Management	
25/5/2010	Awareness session-gender-Drama Presentation, Teenage Pregnancy-Sports Group	

GOOD HOPE

Community Educator: Suzanne Chung

Community Mobiliser: Olivia Simon

Community: Good Hope, East Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 7 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 125 Females: 90 Males: 35

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 110 Females: 79 Males: 31

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 552

of H&S Posters Distributed: 29

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Putting up H&S posters, distributing leaflets to IBE School, Lusignan Primary & Muslim Masjid
- Putting up H&S posters and distributing leaflets at BV Health Centre

- Awareness session at Lusignan Assembly of God Church
- Putting up H&S posters and distributing leaflets at Lusignan Health Centre
- Community walk about and house to house Visits
- Awareness session at Lusignan Learning Centre
- Awareness session on Child Abuse at Good Hope Mandir
- Counselling session.

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Counselling – 8th April

- Case involved conflict between a mother and her 14 yr old son. At the end of the session both parties said they would try to work on their differences and a truce was agreed upon. The relationship had deteriorated to such an extent that the mother was going to make a false allegation against her son in order to have him locked up. Other issues to be addressed are the relationships between the boy and his siblings and step father. 4 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, For Parents, Child Neglect and Anger Management were given out to the mother and son.

Distribution of Leaflets and Putting up of Poster at BV Health Centre – 14th & 30th April

- A total of 24 persons, 15 females and 9 males who were patients, nurses or other health workers at the BV HC were reached. The objective of the visit was to raise awareness about DV. Persons listened to the messages about GBV took the leaflets willingly and asked relevant questions. A total of 96 H&S leaflets were distributed on the 14th April. A return visit was made to the BV health centre on the 30th April to put up H&S posters since on first visit the CE observed that they were no H&S posters up. A total of 9 females were reached, 3 H&S posters were put up and 27 H&S leaflets on DV, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse were also distributed.

Community Walk About & House to House Visits – 20th & 22nd April

- The objective of this activity was to visit homes not previously visited, meet with families, share information and distribute H&S posters and leaflets. A total of 23 persons, 16 females and 7 males were reached during this activity. The CE and CM put up 5 posters in community shops and spoke to fathers and mothers. Residents thanked the CE and CM for the job they were doing and encouraged them to keep up the good work. A lot of questions were asked by residents requiring the CE to be quick and correct with her answers. During this activity a total of 6 posters were distributed and 69 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, Child Neglect and Rape. A follow up visit was done on the 22nd of April in order to reach more families and share information. During this activity a total of 12 persons, 10 females and 2 men were reached. Posters were put up in Business places and leaflets and knowledge shared. The response from residents was positive. Persons were welcoming, listened attentively and were supportive of the work being done. A total of 3 H&S posters and 37 H&S leaflets on Rape, Child Neglect, For Parents and Anger Management were distributed.

Putting up H&S Posters & Distributing Leaflets at Lusignan Health Centre – 22nd April

- A total of 3 posters were put up strategically where anyone entering the Health Centre can see them and read the relevant messages. 60 H&S leaflets on DV, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault were also distributed. Persons present requested more information and leaflets.

Putting up H&S Posters & Distributing Leaflets to IBE School, Lusignan Primary & Masjid – 30th April

- The CE and the CM put up poster and distributed leaflets to the 3 organizations above as a way of spreading awareness about DV. Response was good from those reached at the schools and Masjid. The plan is to keep working with schools and FBOs in communities of Good Hope and Lusignan.
A total of 9 posters and 56 H&S leaflets on GBV, Rape, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Anger Management

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Good Hope Mandir – Child Abuse – 12th April

- A total of 22 persons, 10 females and 12 males between the ages of 9-65 participated in the session. The sessions focused on how child abuse including child neglect can lead to rape and other forms of sexual assault.
Feedback from participants indicated that the session was well received and the CE and CM were thanked profusely and asked to return and do more sessions with the group. Some participants were a bit shy but it was felt that with a few more sessions trust would be built and they would feeling more comfortable in opening up. Some participants also asked for the telephone number of the CE so they could discuss individual issues more in depth.

Lusignan Learning Centre – Rape & Forms of Child Abuse- 17th April

- A total of 15 students, 11 females and 4 males between the ages of 11-51 participated in the session.
The session was well received by the students and teachers. Feedback indicated that more information in the form of skits needs to be done on this topic as students were still unclear on the different forms of abuse e.g. physical, emotional, sexual and neglect.
A total of 3 H&S posters were put up and 131 H&S leaflets on Rape, Wife Abuse, Child Abuse, Child Neglect, For Parents, GBV and the Shelter were also distributed.

Lusignan Assembly of God Church – Domestic Violence -30th April

- A total of 18 women between the ages of 20-65 participated in this session.
The response from participants was very encouraging and a lot of relevant questions on the topic were asked. The CE was given an open invitation to return to do further sessions.
The Church was in the process of being rebuilt, so there was no electricity and the walls needed plastering so 2 H&S Poster were left with Church members to be put up when convenient. A total of 72 H&S leaflets on DV, Wife Abuse, The Shelter and Anger Management were distributed.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN –May 2010

Date	Activity	Time
1/5/2010	Attendance at Kaneville Inter Field Competition	
7/5/2010	Walk About & Distribution of Leaflets	
11/5/2010	Awareness Session - Lusignan Assembly of God Church	
11/5/2010	House to House visit	
15/5/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
19/5/2010	Awareness Session- Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church	
23/5/2010	Awareness Session -Good Hope Hindu Mandir	
28/5/2010	Awareness Session- Good Hope Muslim Masjid	

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 11 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 83 Females: 67 Males: 16

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 68 Females: 47 Males: 21

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 11

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- House to house visits & one on one discussions with residents
- Conduct an awareness session with Grade 6 students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Conduct an awareness session with Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers
- Conduct an awareness session with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Conduct an awareness session with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Attendance & participation in Steering Committee Meeting

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 8th April

- CM visited a home and spoke to a female teacher for approximately half an hour. She teaches at the Friendship Government School and spoke of the number of abuse cases they try to deal with daily at her school. She was aware of H&S programme and explained that from time to time various other groups would visit the school and give talks to the students. She said she would be very grateful if educators from H&S could pay a visit to the school to speak with the students and give help to those in need of it. She said there was a body set up at this school to deal with students in need.

At the second home visited by the CM there is a continuing abusive situation concerning a 9yr old which was reported on before. The infected sores on his feet which were previously observed are no longer there as they were treated. However, the boils on his hands are still there. The mother was advised to treat them with Guyscabol lotion. In the presence of the mother the sister in law disclosed that the mother continues to treat her son in an abusive way. She threatens to break his feet and to commit suicide. The mother says she is frustrated and stressed out as she gets little or no money at all from her husband.

Counselling Case – 9th - 27th April

- The CM on the 16th April had to take a 9 yr old boy to the nearby Police Station, then for treatment and a medical report then to Ministry of Human Services. The 9 yr old lives with his step father and two younger siblings who are 4 and 5 years old. He does not attend school and has to do all the housework plus look after the younger children while his step father goes to work. When he does not do the household chores he is beaten by his stepfather, this takes place very often and sometimes is forced to go begging for rice and money for something to eat from neighbours in the evening and late at night when his step father returns. On the 16th April the 9yr old was beaten with a broom head in his chest until there were welts which were bleeding. He also had welts on both sides of his face, forehead and a burst lip. The Ministry of Human Services removed the child from the home and has placed him with his mother and he is now attending school. The mother was previously neglectful of the same 9 yr old and her other 2 children and according to

the father also abusive. The 2 younger children, also seriously neglected, were also removed from the father's home at a later date and have been placed in the Red Cross Convalescent Home. The father was called in to the Ministry on the 4th May and is awaiting word on the situation of the 2 younger children.

Steering Committee Meeting – 12th April

- A total of 10 persons attended the steering committee meeting. Elections were held and following persons were elected:
 - Kamaldai Smith (Helen) – Chairpersons
 - Sandra Smith - Secretary
 - Prya Dhanraj – Treasurer

Members were encouraged to continue to attend steering committee meetings and take part in community activities such as house to house visits in order to make a greater impact in the community of Covent Garden. The members present made a commitment to do this. Plans were made for the hosting of a movie night at the Covent Garden Primary School together with a fund raising activity as a way to reach out to the people in the community.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 13th April

- While distributing leaflets CM held a one on one discussion on violence against women and sexual violence against children with a 35 yr old resident. It was stressed that some parents through their actions were exposing their children to sexual abuse and the effects this has on the lives of children were explained. This resident expressed her concern about what is happening and was told of the work being done in the community to prevent this type of violence taking place by the CM.

Community & House to House Visit – 15th April

- While distributing leaflets a visit was made to a house and a discussion was held with a woman on the work being done in the community to prevent GBV. A return visit was promised.

On the same day visits were made by CEs and CM to 7 families to talk about child neglect and to find out why children were not attending school. Reasons given for children not attending schools included children don't have books, pencils, book bags. Parents also gave other reasons such as not being able to provide children with snacks and meals to take to school, teachers don't know how to teach or to talk to their children so they prefer to keep them home to do domestic chores. The parents were informed about the different types of child neglect which includes educational neglect such as depriving children of the right of basic education, emotional neglect and physical neglect. Consequences of not sending their children to school were also explained to the parents.

Community & House to House Visits/Counselling – 20th April

- During this visit a male who has been visited previously explained that he has resumed drinking liquor heavily. He had stopped at one time and had been going to Church and was even able to save some money. The CM and others explained about the problems drinking alcohol creates in the home and the effects this has on the body. He said that his aim is to stop smoking. Even when sober, this man looks and speaks as if he is drunk. He is also abusive to his wife, when drunk and would chase his wife around the house with whatever object he can put his hand on.
- During another visit the CM and CE and PE spoke to a woman who informed them that her husband drinks and continues to drink and even though he is now suffering from liver diseases as a result of his alcohol consumption. Previously the wife explained that there

- was a lot of physical and verbal abuse including fights among family members especially when her mother was alive. Now they no longer fight but there is verbal abuse taking place at times. It was explained that the husband verbally abuses his father who lives next door because long ago they had objected to his marrying his present wife.
- At this home a mother admitted to beating her children when they do not do as she says. She also shared her concern about her 14yr old son who is not doing well at school and who she want to remove and send him to learn carpentry with his father. She was advised not to take him out of school.

Community & House to House Visits/Counselling – 22nd April

- At this home a woman voiced her concern about her 5 nieces and nephews of school age who are being neglected by their mother. The children were described as being bright but yet seldom attend school. One child has already dropped out of school, another should have written her CXE exams, money was provided for payment of exam fees but the mother did not pay the fee money and as a result this child was unable to sit her CXE examinations. It was also reported that sometimes the children are sent to school without breakfast. When relatives try to intervene to help the children they are accused of wanting to take over the children and run their mother's life. This matter is engaging the attention of the School's Welfare Officer.
- At another home a woman expressed her concern about young men who drink at a particular corner for hours and curse and interfere with people passing by. She felt that through the steering committee something positive can be done for these young men so they can spend their time in a more beneficial manner. This residents was invited to be a part of the Covent Garden steering committee and accepted the invitation
- During discussion with a male resident who admitted that he has been drinking for 30yrs the CM shared information on the dangers of alcohol consumption including the damage it does to various organs of the body and the risk of exposure to chronic diseases. She also stressed that it is a major contributor to domestic violence and destroys relationships. The man said he was introduced to alcohol by a friend and acknowledges that his addiction to alcohol has him in a frail and poor condition. He also admitted that when he has money he drinks until the money is finished.
- During this visit a woman related the problems she has been experiencing with her husband. Her husband drinks a lot and when he is drunk he abuses her verbally, sometimes physically and uses threatening language such as putting her body in bags, cutting her head off and taking it to the Police Station (just to mention a few). Her husband is a canecutter and whenever he becomes violent or threatening she would hide his cutlass and knives but he would still go into the yard and pick up whatever he can find pieces of wood, iron bars, bricks, bottles and chases her around the yard. Sometimes she is forced to leave the home. For eleven weeks he has not given her any money and when he gives her he asks for it back and gambles it all out. In his drunken state he also gives away all the food stuff to his friends. A few weeks ago he slapped his wife up on the street and when his intended son in law rebuked him he picked up his cutlass and chased him. The Police was called in, he was arrested, but got away from the station and said the police would have to shoot him to catch him. Due to her father's behaviour the daughter moved out of the house and is now living with her boyfriend. Recently the father attacked his son in the yard with bricks and the wife had to go to the rescue of her son. The wife said she is afraid to sleep in the house when her husband is drunk. The CM gave the wife H&S hotline number and encouraged her to call for further help. She was also encouraged to give a neighbour or friend the number so they could call on her behalf if she is unable to do so herself.

Community & House to House Visits – 26th April

- At this house the CE and PE spoke to a woman and outline the different form of DV since she said she did not understand what DV was. Child abuse and forms of child abuse were also shared with her. She was of the opinion that children need a few lashes at time even though she explained that she does not hit her children only threatens them if they do something wrong. Information was shared on marital rape and child sexual abuse. She was not aware that there could be rape in marriage.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Grade 6 Primary School Students – Personal Health – 13th April

A total of 33 students, 20 girls and 13 boys between the ages of 11-12 participated in this 2 hr session on Personal Health. The students spoke of how they took care of their bodies with the help of their parents. It was observed that some of the children need to work on personal hygiene and their personality as they would be entering a new school at the end of this term and teachers are concerned that some of these students will have a hygiene problem. The students plan to share this information with their parents so that they can assist them in developing better personal health habits.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics addressed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

Covent Garden Nursery Teachers – Alcohol Abuse – 19th April

- A total of 5 female teachers participated in this 2 hr session on Alcohol Abuse. During the session the effects of alcohol on the body were discussed and in particular effects on the brain, blood vessels, heart, lungs and stomach. The teachers agreed that alcohol abuse was dangerous and said they would try not to overuse it. Teachers shared personal experiences of growing up in homes where parents and caregivers abused alcohol and the negative impact this had on their lives and the lives of their siblings. The teachers also disclosed that some parents of their students abuse alcohol and it affects the children at school, in the home and wherever else they go. The teachers said they would share what they have learnt with the parents of their students. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics addressed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Covent Garden Grade 5 Primary School Students – Child Sexual Abuse – 27th April

- A total of 11 students, 5 females and 6 males between the ages of 10-12 participated in this 2 hr awareness session on Child Sexual Abuse. The students were quite excited and welcomed the session. They disclosed that in their class they had seen 3 students, two boys and a girl, kissing under the desk and trying to hide their faces with books. One student also spoke about a friend having sex with a girl in an old car in his community. The child identified did not deny this. Another child mentioned blue movies, when asked what this was, she was able to explain and said she saw her mother watching this. One boy said he saw 2 girls in his community kissing and they also bathe together, he was able to describe females who are attracted to each other as lesbians. The students knew about child sexual abuse. The CE and CM recognized the need to continue doing sessions with these students as they are obviously exposed to and vulnerable to sexual activity and possibly child sexual abuse. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as good. A total of 11 H&S leaflets For Parents were distributed to students.

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –May 2010

Date	Activity	Time
10/5/2010	Steering Committee	
14/5/2010	Awareness Session- Personal health-Covent Garden Secondary Students	
17/5/2010	Awareness Session – Suicide-Covent Garden Nursery Teachers	
17/5/2010	Movie Night	
19/5/2010	House to House Visits	
24/5/2010	Awareness Session- Teenage pregnancy-Grade 6 Primary Students	