

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

DATE: November 18, 2020

TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/5646607570>

Meeting ID: 564 660 7570

Dial in: (669) 900-6833 (San Jose)

Attended: Pamela Patterson, Kathy Palazzolo, Priscilla Ortega, Christine Duncan, Ashley Walden, Mariela Arreola, Marlene Ramirez, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Kenya Burton, Sheree Goldman, Elsa Jimenez, Linda McGlone, Dr. Deneen Guss, Deacon Warren Hoy, Becky Pimental, Kelsey Hansen, Herendida Delena, Jillian Santillanez, Sabrina Boyce, Amber Wasson, Adriana Santos, Emiko Torres, Ryan Bone (for Al Vicent)
Excused: Lauren DaSilva

1. Opening 3:30 - 3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions
- b. Quorum (9) – Met with 14 designated members
- c. Approval of minutes for October 28, 2020

Corrections - None, Motion Kelsey Hansen, 2nd Deacon Warren Hoy, Approved by all

- d. Public comments and oral communications - None

2. Updates and Announcements 3:40 - 3:45

Clinicians attending person centered care training related to DV. Currently a private training but could potentially open it up to other agencies in the future. – Christine Duncan, YWCA

3. Education and Information 3:45 – 4:30

Sabrina Boyce, MPH, Student Ambassador, Center of Expertise on Women’s Health, Gender and Empowerment, UC Berkeley School of Public Health

- Study: Looking at the protective and risk factors associated with teen dating violence perpetration among Latinx adolescents in Salinas, CA
- Purpose: to better understand youth violence, sexual health risks, & teen pregnancy
 - Studied 999 youth in Salinas. In CA 11% of urban Latinx 9th graders reported in the past year physical DV victimization, In the entire US 31.6% reported perpetration.

- How do we prevent perpetration?
 - Risk factors include social acceptance in the community, witness DV, likely many more
- Findings from 8th grade girls
 - Girls perpetration was associated with: Spending less time with friends because of their romantic partner, gang affiliated partner, more frequent alcohol or drug use with a partner.
- Findings from 8th grade boys
 - There were no significant associations.

This study

- Focus on DV perpetration. Focusing on perpetration vs victimization. Longitudinal focusing on protective factors that reduce risk of DV. Relationship factors not just individual (which the majority of studies are focused on).
 - Individual Level focused on: Nonviolent problem-solving skills, religiosity.
 - Relationship level focused on: Family cohesion, school connectedness, bullying
- Participants included teenagers that had some form of dating relationship during the time period of the study. It was 52% girls, 48% boys with an approximate age of 13; ½ of them happened to have a parent in the agricultural industry.
- Dating violence was common. 17% reported perpetration at any given timepoint, 6% reported physical violence, 16% psychological or emotional abuse.
- 28% reported perpetration at least once over 2 years, 10% physical, 28% psychological or emotional, 9% both. No significant differences between boys and girls.
- Results: Protective factors found for girls - For every additional non-violent problem-solving skill learned, and increased family cohesion developed, there were lowered risk of perpetration. Increased bullying by the participant = increased risk of perpetration between the participant and their partner.
- Family cohesion “familismo” provided buffering effects against female perpetrators but did not seem to affect boys.
- Violence victimization increases risk of perpetrators across multiple forms of violence
- Nonviolent problem-solving skills may reduce risk of bullying which indirectly decreases perpetration of dating violence.

- No statistically significant differences in boys. Different factors associated with boys and girls. Boys affirmative response to perpetration of dating violence may have a different meaning than girls (their concept of power and control?). The scales used to measure dating violence (conflict tactics scale) may have caused a gender bias altering their measurement against boys which may have obscured the results.
- The potential implications for Salinas? Safe dates program has been implemented in all but 1 high school. It is showing improvements in conflict resolution skills and anger management. The program also includes parent sessions to improve family communication regarding healthy relationships.
 - Challenge is that boys and girls may have different needs around DV prevention, possibly related to learned gender norms? Genders are mixed in the groups and are both getting same programs. This may have an underlying gender bias or may not be having the same effect on one gender vs. the other.
 - We made need to rethink the approach in school based on this research – Dr. Deneen Guss
 - It is being seen in the Safe Dates program that the girls are more engaged, and they are feeling more empowered than the boys. – Linda McGlone
- There is not a lot of research out there about perpetration, mostly victimization.
- Future studies: What can we promote? What can we learn from young adults about having healthy relationships?
- Normalization in the Salinas community is making it difficult to report – Kenya Burton
- Many women are being reported as the perpetrator when they are actually using self-defense – Christine Duncan
- Agencies are trying to get the word out to the agricultural workers about this information to let them know they are supported – Herendida Delena
- There is a new pattern of youth who are accepting more of the US culture than their family of origin, which appears to correlate with increasing rates of DV – Sabrina Boyce

4. Policy/Advocacy (open discussion)

4:30 – 4:35

None

5. New Business

4:25 – 4:40

COVID Updates and Challenges – update

- a. Out of state travel advisory is requiring a 14 day quarantine, if they have already used their COVID leave they might have to use their own sick days, some people might not be able to use

them, hopeful people will follow the guidance, tiers changing often and quickly is making it hard to implement procedures – Deneen Guss

- b. Monterey County: total of 13,280 cases to date, with more cases each day. In the last week and half there have been 80-90 new cases/day, 754 hospitalizations, positivity rate is 13.7%, which is too high to get out of the purple, most restrictive tier. People being hospitalized is mostly 55 years+ and most positive tests are among the younger adults, ages 25-35 – Linda McGlone

6. Old Business

4:40 – 5:00

Review and discuss goal for 2021 - Christine Duncan, YWCA- MC

- a. Goal: “Partner agencies and representatives will improve interagency communication and support to increase and improve services, ~~to survivors and their significant others~~ using a family systems approach.” – Motion Dr. Valerie Barnes, 2nd Deneen Guss, Approved by all.
- b. How can we as individual agencies respond to this goal?
 - i. What are we, as individual agencies, expecting/able to do to work towards our goal stated above in 2021?
 - ii. Go our separate ways and bring the results together at the January meeting. Allows each agency to contribute to their capacity. Call upon our individual agencies for contributions, as short or as detailed as each agency can offer. Across the county these 26 agencies will be doing _____.
 - iii. The YWCA can pull them all together in a live document/charter that can be published internally to the DVCC and we can each work on our individual agencies activities. Live documents make the goal more meaningful. The activities will be tracked and followed up on regularly (however often we decide at the next meeting. Yearly, quarterly, etc.).
 - iv. Agencies will email contributions to Christine Duncan by 1/17 so we have a document for January meeting to look over.

a. Courthouse Changes

Monterey courthouse is being more restrictive. Must walk up to a window and type in your information. Once your number appears on the outside screen you can be let into the self-help center. Must take your temperature.

7. Adjourn

5:00

Next Meeting is scheduled for **January 27, 2021 through Zoom at 3:30 p.m.**

FYI: Quorum: Fifty (50%) plus one of the seated Council members, in attendance, shall constitute a quorum, but in no case shall a legally constituted meeting be held without a quorum.

Missing meetings: Three unexcused absences within a twelve-month period will constitute an automatic resignation.