

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC)
Of Monterey County
Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2021**

1. Call to order
 - a. Linda McGlone called the meeting to order at 3:35
2. Approval of the February 2021 Minutes
 - a. Deacon Warren approved the minutes
 - b. Mariela Arreola second
 - c. Feb 24, 2021, approved unanimously
3. Approval of February 2021 Treasurer's Report
 - a. No treasurer's report
4. Public comment
 - a. Lee Garland expressed his appreciation to Christine Duncan for sending out information about the family systems approach
5. Updates and Announcements
 - a. None
6. Educational Session:
 - a. Linda McGlone announced that there was not an educational session planned today and instead the DVCC will conduct the election of officers
 - i. Election term is one year and supposed to have elections in January
 - ii. The DVCC's current officers are listed below and everyone has agreed to a second term if that is what the DVCC votes on:
 1. Chair - Linda McGlone
 2. Co-Chair - Christine Duncan
 3. Treasurer - Kelsey Hansen
 4. Historian - Pam Patterson
 5. Secretary - Ashley Walden is leaving the DVCC in April and will need to fill this role
 - a. Lee Garland offered to assume the role of Secretary with training between now and the April 2021 DVCC meeting
 - b. Kelsey moved the motion to appoint Lee Garland and Secretary and Chief Paul Tomasi seconded
 - i. The vote passed unanimously and gratitude was expressed to Lee Garland for offering to be Secretary
 - b. The next election of DVCC officers will be planned in November 2021, for a January 2022 election

7. Update on DVCC Bylaws

a. Proposed changes to the bylaws include:

i. An updated membership list

1. A request for a new and updated list of members to be shared with the DVCC membership was made
2. 25 voting members and 2 associate members (Karlette Anderson and Jillian Santillanez with the military)
3. There has been an inclusion of the business community in the member list. There was a discussion that ensued regarding the reasoning for that. Lauren DaSilva asked if the inclusion of the business community means that we have to include someone from the business community because we have not been able to fill that membership seat in seven years.
 - a. A discussion ensued about what the purpose of the inclusion of the business community was and is.
 - b. Chief Paul Tomasi moved to strike the existing language about the business community's inclusion and replace it with "Additional members from the business community or civic minded organization may be appointed as associate members (members who cannot vote) by the DVCC."

- i. Lauren DaSilva seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously

- ii. Pam took the BOS resolution to County Council to be updated and County Council said let's take a look at the bylaws and now these updated changes will be submitted again

8. Policy/Advocacy

a. When the Board of Supervisors discussed the DVCC membership they had a discussion about including organizations who provide services to people who commit domestic violence

i. A discussion took place about this idea:

1. Lauren DaSilva said that Vertis Elmore used to represent offender serving organizations but since he retired there has not been someone to represent that sector. Kelsey Hansen said that Community Human Services provides services to offenders. Lee Garland said that he is very interested in receiving more information about what is being done to address offenders in Monterey County.

9. New Business

- a. Strategic Planning Efforts - tabled until next meeting
- b. Lauren DaSilva announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and that Denim Day (a day in which we show solidarity with survivors of sexual violence by wearing denim) is the last Wednesday of the month

10. Adjourn : 4:45 PM