

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

AGENDA

DATE: February 24, 2021

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

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 869 1370 1389

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Members Attended: Karlette Anderson, Pamela Patterson, Kelsey Hansen, Mariela Arreola, Jillian Santillanez, Ashley Walden, Lauren DaSilva, Priscilla Ortega, Heriberto Estrada, Emiko Torres, Lee Garland, Dr. Ernesto Vela, Kathleen Palazzolo, Sheree Goldman, Becky Pimentel, Deacon Warren Hoy, Chief Adele Fresé, Zoe Carter

Others Attended: Emiko Torres, Emanuel Santillan, Amber Wasson, Thom De La Cruz, Marlene Ramirez

Excused: Linda McGlone, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Joan Crenshaw, Herendida Delena

Unexcused: Kenya Burton

1. Opening 3:30 - 3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions – 3:40
- b. Quorum is 10 members, with 17 seated members - MET
- c. Approval of minutes for January 27, 2021 – Motion Sheree Goldman, 2nd Priscilla Ortega, Approved
- d. Treasurer’s Report – Kelsey Hansen, CHS – No updates
- e. Public comments and oral communications – None

2. Updates and Announcements

3:40 - 3:45

- a. Jillian Santillanez – Has 500 masks “Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month”, will have 50-100 available per agency. Please reach out to get some, she will deliver to those who request.
- b. Dr. Ernesto Vela – MCOE partner w/ DSS hosting annual human trafficking summit on 3/26 at 9am. Will be virtual & will send out flyer. Will cover education, law enforcement, social services, hospitality, etc. Registration will open in March.
- c. Lauren DaSilva – the 40 hours sexual assault counselor training will be taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 16-May 4. Will send out information to the council.
- d. Lee Garland - 3/6 & 3/20 Arnie Buss and him will be doing effective communication workshops at the Center for Spiritual Awakening. centerforspiritualawakening.org

3. Education and Information

3:45 – 4:15

Presentation for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Safe Dates Program by Emiko Torres, MCHD and Emanuel Santillan, YWCA

- a. Emiko Torres, MCHD - Oversees the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program and the Safe Dates Program:
Funded by a 5 year grant by CDC
Increases anger management skills, conflict resolution, & awareness of dating abuse and local resources.
Goal: increase the percentage of Salinas Union High School students to improve the above mentioned skills from 32% to 38.2% .
To implement program during COVID the program has put together videos in English and Spanish and translated the handouts.
Curriculum: Originally 10 sessions, now 6 sessions to include digital dating abuse & sexting. Power points and google classroom were created for visual learners & the program was changed to gender neutral scenarios.
Activities include: Creating handout packets, poster contest where posters are hung in a local business. Posters are to show the positives of a relationship, be gender neutral, and show the healthy components of a relationship. They are now making a video instead of school play due to COVID restrictions (available on the STRYVE YouTube channel.)
Cultural adaptations: Cultural perceptions of dating, girls tend to be more engaged, used evaluation data to guide adaptations needed to be more culturally inclusive, includes more parent involvement.

Social Marketing Campaign: Parent education in the school, creating Facebook ads marketed for parents, posters being hung in coffee shops in Salinas, student PSA's shown in local theater ads.

Evaluations are done pre & post program. All different forms of data are collected to help guide the program further and analyze effectiveness and needs for change.

b. Emanuel Santillan, YWCA - YWCA Outreach program

Once/week for 10 sessions. 1-2 facilitators at 3 different school sites/semester. Mostly in Salinas currently, and has just recently expanded to Soledad high and middle schools. Since COVID there has been more time to do research on how to approach and deliver the curriculum. Staff was recently trained on CDC site curriculum for middle school; program is called Dating Matters which is made for 8-week sessions. The YWCA is now able to deliver Safe Dates and Dating Matters virtually in Soledad and King City. There are 5 cohorts in 1 semester. 2 new cohorts just began. Alternatively, the YWCA can work with school sites to present a 1-day presentation on healthy relationships.

Questions/Comments:

Jillian Santillanez – Is there a possibility of a partnership with the Y for youth centers on post? Will connect with Emanuel to discuss further.

Lee Garland –Work with Guitars not Guns program is a resource to possibly connect with. Guitar lessons for kids to help decrease violence.

4. Policy/Advocacy (open discussion)

4:15 –4:25

None

5. New Business

4:25 – 4:40

- a. Lee Garland and Thom De La Cruz – Looking for services for a male perpetrator. CHS holds groups as well as the Y. Probation is updating their list online for programs for suspects. Plan to all connect.

6. Old Business

4:40 –5:00

Strategic Planning – led by Christine Duncan, YWCA. Discuss definition of "family systems approach" in the 2021 DVCC Goal:

Partner agencies and representatives will improve interagency communication and support to increase and improve services, using a family systems approach.

- a. Families tend to group together around something or someone specific (Think of a child's mobile above the crib). When something happens within that system (Mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.) and knocks the system out of place the family now has a new homeostasis. The theory of Family systems is when you're working with a client you're not only working with the client; you're working with other members of the family, all aspects of their life/system; children, perpetrator, etc. Working with the perpetrator, as well as children is important to stop the cycle. A lot of times the client goes home to the abuser and ignoring that is not helpful for your client. Christine will share a genogram with the council showing the importance of looking at the system. Something happens to that person, and that can be passed along through generations.

Deacon Warren Hoy – Appreciated the Mobile description

Mariela Arreola – It is important to work with the perpetrators rather than punish the client (i.e. take children away if they don't leave)

Lee Garland – Appropriate to have the resources for the victim AND having a dedicated system for the abuser

- b. Review members' responses to the DVCC goal
 - i. Used to show the work we are all doing in the community and collect it all into one document.
 - ii. Showed the document to the meeting, opened to discussion, will send out a PDF draft version for members to review. Requested they send the secretary any corrections or updates.

7. Adjourn

4:50

Next Meeting is scheduled for **MARCH 24, 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.