

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 28, 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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DVCC Minutes July 28, 2021

Present: Linda McGlone, Christine Duncan, Lauren De Silva, Sheree Goldman, Elaine McCleaf, Heriberto Estrada, Becky Pimentel, Ernesto Vela, Mariela Arreola, Marlene Ramirez, Diana Jimenez, Zoe Carter, Amber Wasson, Herendida Delena, Karlette Anderson, Jennifer Aguilar, Jillian Santillanez, Deneen Guss, Lety Perez

Excused: Chief Tomasi, Pam Patterson, Lee Garland, Kelsey Hanson, Kathy Palazzolo,

Unexcused: Kenya Burton, Warren Hoy

1. OPENING

- a. Call to Order at 3:35
- b. Quorum present - MET
- c. Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Motion- E McCleaf, Second –H. Estrada,
- d. VOTE: Aye- All, Nay Zero
- e. Treasurer's Report – None
- f. Public comments and oral communications – None

2. Updates & Announcements

Elaine McCleaf has retired from the DA's Office and is now employed by the YWCA as Multi-Agency DV Services Coordinator and Director of Legal Services. Duties so far included training across disciplines, collaboration amongst agencies, connecting pathways for referrals, identify service gaps. All of which are the seeds to begin a Family Justice Center.

Christine Duncan YWCA announced the creation of a DV Survivor Advisory Panel to assess gaps in services provided by the YWCA. Currently 4 survivors have agreed.

Christine Duncan volunteered to provide education piece for a future meeting on Elaine's new position and the resource guide.

3. EDUCATION

Lety Perez from Monterey College of Law presented the workshop offerings currently at the law school:

Monday Immigration & Collections – Small Claims

Tuesday Guardianship & Limited Conservatorship

Wednesday Small Claims & Family Law (divorce, child custody, child support)

Thursday Unlawful detainer & landlord/tenant, DV & Harassment restraining orders

Workshops remote since March 2020. The professor of the workshop helps prepares & reviews documents only. Exception if fee waiver applies will efile documents with the court

Apply for workshops online at MCL website

MCL also provides Mediation in neighbor disputes: Ild, roommates etc Parties can request separate mediation sessions via Zoom break out rooms or over the phone.

Lety Perez can be contacted at 831-582-3600. See handouts sent in a separate email on 7/29/21

4. New Business

- a. By laws revision: Added position on the ex-com of Historian and awaiting comments from County Counsel
- b. Vote to centralize all DVCC financial accounts under the Action Council:
Discussion: DVCC has approx. \$3,000 with Action Council and \$20,000 + interest in a CD
E. McCleaf expressed her opinion that since the Trust donated the \$20,000 for victims that we should not place in it in the Action Council where they will take 8%.
S. Goldman related that we started the account with the Action Council to collect donations for the Annual Conference so donors could receive a tax write off. She remembers losing a donation from Blue Cross because Action Council had a conflict of interest accepting this donation.
- c. C. Duncan stated the DVCC needs to be more accountable for the money since we are not a 501(c)(3) and that the DVCC is comprised of many members that come and go.
- d. It was discussed that two signatures are required to withdraw any money and it is written in the by-laws that if the amount to be withdrawn is over \$200 or \$250 then the entire Council must vote.
- e. Big Question was raised – does the DVCC need to file a tax return on the interest accrued from the CD. S. Goldman suggested we contact Carol Kolb at the K and Wayland firm. EMcCleaf agreed to pursue an answer. The Action Council would file a tax return for us if the money was in their account.
- f. Vote was tabled until tax question can be answered with the following options outlined:
 1. All money into Action Council fund
 2. Pursue our own 501(c)(3) status and keep our own money
 3. Spend the money (Family Justice Center was discussed as a possibility)
 4. Continue with Action Council for conference needs and keep the CD separate and in the current bank.

5. Old Business

- a. Resource Guide update: C. Duncan will send to Linda for distribution
- b. Discussion on DVCC goals and objectives delayed to future meetings

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25, 2021 THROUGH ZOOM AT 3:30