

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 25, 2021

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

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

Dial-in: 1 669 900 6833

Members Attended: Linda McGlone, Kelsey Hansen, Jillian Santillanez, Heriberto Estrada, Lee Garland, Zoe Carter, Kenya Burton, Lauren DaSilva, Kathleen Palazzolo, Becky Pimentel, Christine Duncan, Deacon Warren Hoy, Mariela Arreola, Chief Paul Tomasi, Sheree Goldman, Becky Pimentel, Priscilla Ortega

Others Attended: Thom DeLaCruz, Martamaria Rosado, Donna Bakich, Daniel Robison, Amber Wasson

Excused: Dr. Ernesto Vela, Karlette Anderson, Pamela Patterson, Elaine McCleaf

Unexcused: Herendida Delena, Joan Crenshaw

1. Opening 3:30 - 3:40
 - a. Call to order and Introductions
 - b. Secretary – If you arrive late, please announce yourself for attendance
 - c. Quorum is 9 members, with 16 seated members – Quorum met.
 - d. Approval of minutes for July 28, 2021 – Moved to accept by: Lee Garland 2nd: Kelsey Hansen
Minutes approved with the correction that Deacon Warren Hoy and Chief Paul Tomasi, Priscilla Ortega were excused in July 28 Meeting.
 - e. Treasurer’s Report – Kelsey Hansen, CHS There has been no money in and no money out.
 - f. Public comments and oral communications: Breakthroughformen.org will be having free introductory evenings for men, YWCA – New services are being offered for immigrants in securing U Visas.

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

3. Education and Information 3:45 – 5:02

Kathy Palazzolo, Sheriff’s Department introduced Daniel Robison who presented a domestic violence case handled by the Sheriffs.

A 2019 incident was described in detail. A case was filed with the D.A. and the offender was found guilty. The offender was sentenced to 32 months in prison.

The victim did not want to proceed with prosecution in this case.

Officers or eyewitnesses can make statements that can move the case forward toward the offender.

Law enforcement knows how volatile these situations are. Strangulation was involved, which is extremely important for follow-up to discover this kind of injury. Strangulation is one of the most traumatic and dangerous forms of violence. Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention offers training up and down the state through the year. Donna Bakich highly recommends it. Offenders that display this kind of behavior are much more likely to use firearms against law enforcement.

Victim advocates contact the victims and find out how cooperative they might be. A victim compensation program can be applied for to receive mental health support for victim and family. Relocation support and security systems are also offered. The YWCA is suggested as additional support. Many victims are victimized many times and YWCA works to help them break patterns of repeated trauma. Again, strangulation is so serious that YWCA has seen many fatalities as a result. Safety planning, therapy, and many other levels of support are needed.

Law enforcement will identify any firearms and collect any weapons at the initial call on domestic violence cases.

Courts.ca.gov have a lot of supportive information.

Law enforcement understands how important it is to continue training and reaching out for support because DV cases are all so unique.

The DVCC expresses deep respect and thanks for all who are implementing care and support.

Kelsey Hansen asked who follows up with offenders who drop out of programs. A whole meeting will be devoted to this subject.

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DA Donna Bakich - bakichdl@co.monterey.ca.us

4. New Business Tabled

Vote to centralize all DVCC financial accounts under the Action Council:
Executive Committee proposes to table this issue until Pam Patterson returns to provide more information on 501(c)3 option.

5. Old Business Tabled

- a. Update on By-laws revision: Addition of Historian and comments from County Counsel

- b. Revisit DVCC goals and objectives

6. Adjourn

5:02

Next Meeting is scheduled for **September 22, 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.