

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

## Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 27, 2021

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

PLACE: Zoom Meeting:

**Members Attended:** Mariela Arreola (DSS), Kenya Burton(Dist. 1), Zoe Carter(Dist 2), Joan Crenshaw(Comm/Status of Women), Herendida Delena (L. Campesinas), Christine Duncan(YWCA), Heriberto Estrada(Probation), Lee Garland (Dist. 4), Kelsey Hansen (CHS), Elaine McCleaf (YWCA),Lauren DeSilva(Rape Crisis), Julia Muruato (Health Dept), Christabelle Oreopeza(Health Dept/Public Health), Priscilla Ortega(Homeless Sol), Marlene Ramirez(DSS) , Ernesto Vela(MCOE)

**Others Attended:** Linda McGlone(Public), Enrique Morales (YWCA), Alex Argueta(Probation)

**Excused:** Deacon Warren Hoy(Dio Monterey), Kathy Palazzolo(MCSO), Sheree Goldman (Dist 5)

**Unexcused:** Becky Pimenthal(DSS/Adult) ??

### 1. Opening 3:35- - 3:45

- a. Call to order by Interim-Chair C. Duncan at 3:35. Introductions
- b. Secretary – If you arrive late, please announce yourself for attendance
- c. Quorum is 8 members, with 16 seated members – Quorum met.
- d. Approval of minutes for September 22,2021 – Moved to accept by: Elaine McCleaf 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Kelsey Hanson - Minutes approved by All
- e. Treasurer’s Report – Kelsey Hansen, No Changes
- f. Public comments and oral communications: none

### 2. Updates and Announcements: 3:45 - 3:54

YWCA Hosted a Play Entitled “My Name Is...” and provided Self-Defense Class for DV Clients in Honor of DV Awareness Month

YWCA announced the Community Empowerment Collaborative brochure outlining free trainings for the community and partner agencies which was made possible by a grant from the Packard Foundation (Brochure attached to the meeting agenda) Request trainings or more information via email to [emccleaf@ywcamc.org](mailto:emccleaf@ywcamc.org)

Probation Dept displayed the “Silent Witness” silhouettes’ in honor of DV Awareness Month

Community Homeless Solutions Offered Self-Defense Classes to Shelter clients in Honor of DV Awareness Month. (It Was Suggested The YWCA & CHS join classes)

### **3. Education and Information**

#### Offender Programs

3:55

K. Hanson - CHS offers court and parole ordered DV offender programs, offering classes for women and men separately and noted it is easier to hold participants accountable when probation is supervising participant. If only on court probation, CHS finds the court is slow to respond to the notification of non-attendance. Trend noted: participants are attending but not serious since covid. CHS described requirements to be a facilitator include 40 hr program, 104 hours of shadowing a certified program. CHS looking for more funding to hire facilitators. Lee Garland suggested CHS collaborate with Ohana Project.

Enrique Morales described the offender program at the YWCA is comprised of participants referred from Beh Health & CPS. The Y offers classes in English and Spanish for a 10-week program. The Y is in the process of certification for the court ordered offender program however finding it difficult to find a certified program to shadow. The offender groups at the Y currently have 3 to 8 participants in each class. Enrique and co-facilitator, Marcos Serratos are both Spanish speaking.

C. Duncan stated using the whole family approach includes the offender’s needs. Also noted that CHS is unable to help the YWCA complete the shadowing required for certification and many

outside county offender programs have folded or do not offer in-person offender classes. H. Estrada offered to help locate a certified program to shadow.

Marlene Ramirez asked if there are prevention programs in the elementary schools.

MCRCC gives a program to 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders which includes physical, emotional and safe/unsafe touch at the request of any school. MRCC also has “Hear Me Roar”. See links:

[Hear Me Roar: Coloring Book about consent](#) & [Evidence Based DV Prevention Curriculum for elementary school age children.](#)

Lee Garland offers that Beth Shamaz from PG ran a program for youth and their parents 20 yrs ago and could offer support.

It was noted that County Behavioral Health counselors are in the schools.

CHS offers free therapy for non-insured. The YWCA offers therapy with fees based on a sliding scale based on income that includes English/Spanish/Trique (via language line) at the King City DA’s Office

#### **4. New Business**

Nominating committee suggested the following slate for new officers in 2022:

E. McCleaf – Chair, J. Crenshaw as Vice-Chair, Kelsey H agreed to remain Treasurer and Pam Patterson agreed to remain Historian, Mariela Arreola agreed to Secretary position (If Lee lends assistance)

DVCC 2022 goals – Did we achieve 2021 goals question needs to be addressed at our November DVCC meeting.

#### **5. Old Business**

- a. County Counsel has yet to comment on the question what “under the umbrella of the County” interpretation
- b. By-laws revision has been submitted to the Bd of Supervisors by Pam Patterson

## 6. Adjourn

4:45

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for **November 17, 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.