

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

## Meeting Minutes

DATE: **July 27, 2022**

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

PLACE: Zoom Meeting:

**Members Attended:** 11 Agencies (Out of 17 currently seated): Roderick Franks (DSS), M a r l e n e R a m i r e z ( D S S ) , Herendida Delena (L. Campesinas), Deacon Warren Hoy (Dio Monterey), Pam Patterson (DA Office), Kelsey Hansen (CHS), Joan Crenshaw (Women’s Commission), Priscilla Ortega (Homeless Solutions), Elaine McCleaf (YWCA), Julia Muruato (Health Dept), Deneen Guss(MCOE), Cmdr. Kathy Palazzola(MCSO).

**Associate Members Present:** Jillian Santillan – Army Family Advocacy, Karlette Anderson- Navy NPS Family Advocate.

**Absent Members:** - Christine Duncan(YWCA)- excused, Lauren DaSilva (Rape Crisis)- excused, Heriberto Estrada(Probation)- excused, Kenya Burton (District 1), - excused, Lee Garland (Dist 4)- excused, Sheree Goldman (District 5)- excused, Becky Sherwood Pimental(DSS/Adult)- excused

**Others Present;** Rosemary Soto(CAO)

**Guest:** Jacob Agamao

**Vacant Seats** (7) Superior Court, Chief’s Association, Medical Society, District 2, District 3, Business Community, Latino Network

### 1. Call to Order DVCC Vice- Chair Joan Crenshaw 3:32

- a. Introductions (Quorum noted)
- b. Consent Agenda:

It is recommended that the DVCC continue to meet remotely in accordance with California AB 361 and the June 22, 2022 minutes approved. No questions.

E. McCleaf moved to approve and Dr. D. Guss seconded, Vote: All in Favor

- c. Treasurer’s Report – K. Hansen – no changes
- d. Public Comments/Oral Communications: None

### 2. Education and Information 3:38

Jacob Agamao from Epicenter announced their new location is at 737 S. Main Street Statistics for DV among LBGTQ+ were given 43% Lesbians, 61% bi-sexual women and 35% straight women experience DV, 26% gay men, 37% bi-sexual men and 29% straight men experience DV, and 45% of LBGTQ+ DV Victims do not report. Jacob noted that not all victims of DV immediately recognize it as DV but certainly feel the traumatic effects such as lack of trust and increased hypervigilance. Jacob suggested that it is important

that we check our own bias', receive education and training and described and offered the education available from Epicenter. E. McCleaf related that Jacob has conducting training for the YWCA MC AND recommended it for all. DVCC members present thanked Jacob for his presentation. (For more details see attached PowerPoint slides)  
Jacob can be reached at [jacob@epicentermonterey.org](mailto:jacob@epicentermonterey.org)

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** By Joan and Kelsey- PLEASE KEEP CAMERAS ON DURING THE MEETING AND ENCOURAGED ALL TO PARTICIPATE. 3:55

CHS is starting a female offender treatment program- flyer is forthcoming

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

3:58

Joan has received more responses to our DVCC 2021 Collaborative Goal but eight agencies have still failed to respond (DA, MCSO, Dist. 1, APS, CHS, MCOE, Lideras C. Please respond to Joan at [joan.crenshaw@comcast.net](mailto:joan.crenshaw@comcast.net) with DVCC as subject.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

4:05

**A. Attendance Policy and Zoom Etiquette**

By-Laws state three **unexcused** absences in one calendar year is an automatic termination and another person from the agency will need to be appointed.

It was announced to be noted as "Excused" requires notification to the Secretary (currently E. McCleaf) prior to the meeting. If any one person from an agency is present ie the Appointed or an Alternate, then the agency is marked as present. For any new/additional appointees, please notify the Secretary(EMc) or the Historian (Pam P.)

**B. Discussion on Homelessness among DV Victims**

i. **Reports from Bd of Supervisors Representatives (Kenya and Sheree)** – not present

ii. **Lead Me Home Summit**

- a. The attendance, speakers, topics were discussed and all agreed it was an amazing event for Monterey County especially noting how many politicians or their representative were in attendance. The statistic was mentioned that 20% of homeless in our County are DV victims and are given priority on some wait lists. Which means that our County representatives are aware of the homelessness issue but may still need more education regarding the effects upon DV Victims. What can the DVCC do to education?
- b. Rosemary Soto indicated that perhaps an effective method would be to include an "ask" with our presentation and we might start with the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee which Rosemary chairs and two BOS attend. Rosemary suggested we make a presentation to include stats, and our "ask" which may be for more resources. If the Committee agrees with our presentation and recommends the full board hear it, we already have two BOS buying in. Rosemary offered to help us with the presentation. Next Committee meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Rosemary indicated a county agency that sits on the DVCC (ie DA, DSS, HD) can act as a sponsor.
- c. Rosemary suggested another avenue for the DVCC to pursue is by submitting a presentation paper to the County-wide Initiative Violence Prevention Plan which was adopted in 2015 and up for review/updating. Rosemary volunteered to assist with

this also.

- d. Discussion was had that this work could be part of the Community Education Working Group which isn't quite formed yet. Rosemary agreed to attend the next Ex-Comm Meeting.

**C. Proposed: Day of Action for October DV Awareness Month** 4:49

Elaine Mc. Related that in her discussion with Gathering for Women case manager, Mary Snyder, she indicated what is really needed is daycare for women to attend appointments without their children. Much discussion took place including Julia M's idea of providing vouchers to a babysitting agency.

Further ideas were discussed to provide treatments such as nails, hair and facials from a beauty college. Joan stated that previously when Junior League sponsored such a day that Macy's donated business clothes to distribute. Pam stated that Macy's does provide her with perfume samples for clients, Kelsey mentioned "All in Monterey" (<https://allinmonterey.com>) who accepts any donations and distributes to those in need or perhaps we could give gift cards for groceries. Another idea was to use agency vans to set up at locations to provide either services or donated goods to shelter residents. It was suggested that we ask the Shelter staff what they think is most needed. Marlene R. indicated that Loaves and Fishes have computers to give away. Herendida indicated that her agency can supply volunteers. Julia stated that Cabrillo College may have a child development class that could volunteer daycare hours. Fun activities for kids were suggested if we do have a Make-Over Day. Request for someone to volunteer to coordinate this project produced no one willing to take this on. So it was decided to keep this discussion going on an email thread instead of waiting until the next meeting. Elaine volunteered to discuss shelter resident needs with the YWCA Housing Director.

**6. WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

4:52

- a. Statistical Collection Committee Report - none
- b. Offender Resource Committee - no report
- c. Conference Committee – key note speaker, Dr. Perez-Cordero from County Behavioral Health was suggested by Roderick Franks and accepted as a good idea by the committee.
- d. Community Education Committee – accepting volunteers

**7. MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2022 through Zoom at 3:30 p.m. (as agreed by the members)**

**Missing meetings:** Three unexcused absences within a twelve-month period will constitute an

automatic resignation.

Future DVCC Educational Speakers:

- CHS Salinas Valley Street Outreach for Homeless Youth – August
- Unchained – September