

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

DATE: March 22, 2023

TIME: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: In-person Elks Lodge and remotely over Zoom

Members Attended: In-person: Alma Sanchez (DA), Elaine McCleaf(YWC), Julia Marmolejo-Muruato(MCHD), Kelsey Hansen(CHS), Elizabeth Aguilar (District 3), Lauren DaSilva(Rape Crisis), Warren Hoy(Diocese of Monterey), Remotely: Brett McFarland(MCOE), Ana Vasquez(YWCA), , Roderick Franks(DSS), Heriberto Estrada(Probation), Herendida Delena(Lideres Campesinas), Clara Vargas(APS), Marisa Hernandez, (Status on Commission of Women), Kenya Burton(District 1) Lee Garland (District 4)

Absent Members: Joan Crenshaw- excused, Priscilla Ortega (Homeless Sol)- excused, Jeff Watkins(Chief's Assoc.) excused

Associate Members Present: Jillian Santillanez (Army Family Advocacy)

Guests: Amber Wasson (SPD Victim Advocate), Undersheriff Keith Boyd(MCSO),

Public: None

Vacant Seats: Superior Court, Medical Society, District 2

**4:07 PM                      1. Opening    DVCC Chair Brett McFadden**

A. Call to order and Introductions.

    a. Quorum noted.

B. February meeting minutes – Any corrections- **None**

**Motion to Accept February Minutes**

**Moved: Kelsey Cutter    Second: EMc    All in Favor: ALL    Opposed: None**

C. **Motion that the DVCC continue to meet remotely every other month in accordance with California AB 361, with an in-person meeting the alternate months.**

**Moved: Lauren D.    Second: E. Aguilar    All in Favor: ALL    Opposed: None**

D. Treasurer's Report – Quarterly - Kelsey Hansen- No change

E. Public comments and oral communications: None

4:15 PM            2. Updates and Announcements

The YWCA is sponsoring a HT Training for Medical Personnel March 24, 12:00-1:00

Today, many DVCC members attended the Family Justice Center Strategic Planning session and it should be noted that the DVCC should be integral in the FJC since we already are a collaboration of 23 agencies. Many of the needs & challenges for the FJC coincide with that of the DVCC (EMc/KC)

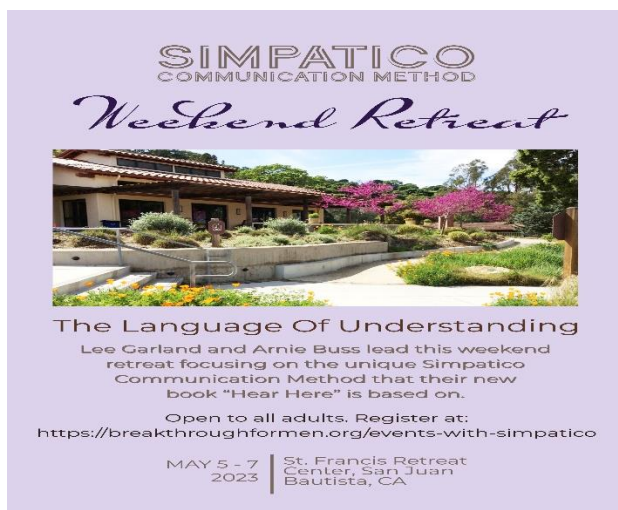
April is Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month (LD)

April 19, 2023, MCOE's Safe & Healthy Schools Symposium is at the Monterey Convention Center (BMc)

April 28, 2023, is the Annual Crime Victim's Ceremony (LD)

Marisa Hernandez who works in State Senator Anna Caballero's Office, would like to ask the DVCC for a letter of support for SB 599. /To be discussed further at the April meeting.

Lee Garland announced that he and Arnie Buss are leading a weekend Retreat focusing on The Simpatico Communication Method featured in their book, "Hear,Here" on May 5-7.



The poster features the title "SIMPATICO COMMUNICATION METHOD" in a serif font at the top, followed by "Weekend Retreat" in a cursive script. Below the text is a photograph of a well-maintained garden with a building in the background. The bottom section of the poster contains the following text: "The Language Of Understanding", "Lee Garland and Arnie Buss lead this weekend retreat focusing on the unique Simpatico Communication Method that their new book 'Hear Here' is based on.", "Open to all adults. Register at: <https://breakthroughformen.org/events-with-simpatico>", and "MAY 5 - 7 2023 | St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA".

**Lee Garland suggests we investigate workshops on Multi-Culturalism provided by National Coalition Building Institute – to be discussed further at the April meeting.**

**Roderick Franks from DSS announced that there are 400 guests at the Watsonville Storm Shelter and he noted a lack of DV Services. Lauren indicated that Monarch Services handles DV in Santa Cruz County. Heriberto E. indicated that the Probation Department has been providing security at the shelter 24/7.**

**4:30PM**

**3. New Business:**

**Brett Mc.**

**A. REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED AT FEBUARY MEETING:**

● **What Is Our Role:**

- Coordinate The County’s Response to Individual Victims & Offenders
- Collect, Analyze, Distribute Data and Trends to Stakeholders
- Providing/Promoting Resources
- Explore And Facilitate Connections and Collaboration Between Partners
- Current Statistics/Updated Materials
- Coordinate Policy Between Agencies
- Collaboration With Providers & Resources
- Public Education
- Liaison To Help Agencies Communicate
- Educate The Public
- Gather & Present Testimonials Related to DV & Offender Needs
- Outreach In High Schools

● **NEEDS:**

- Closer resources for residents in Salinas Valley/South County communities
- Space to talk about DV
- More education
- More DV providers
- Housing
- Culturally sensitive services to victims and offenders
- Increase offender treatment programs/providers.
- More transitional housing
- Paid staff to run the DVCC - Petition BOS
- More free therapy resources
- Affordable/free legal help
  - Resources to assist victims in filling out restraining order packets/navigating civil court system.
- Community education for potential victims (and offenders), especially in languages and cultures other than English/White and Spanish/Hispanic (Triqui, Mixteco, etc.)
- Prevention in schools

- Better connection to courts/public defenders (like we have w/ DA)
- Resource guide that has point of contact.
- Multilanguage - Indigenous services
- Re-commitment from Board of Supervisors and County Administration
- Funding
- Additional resources for older DV victims or victims with a disability

● **CHALLENGES:**

- Long Term or Incentives for Volunteers
- Clear Resources
- Geographic Challenges (Cities Vs Rural)
- Tourism
- Return For Investigation & Court
- Engage In a Culturally Responsive Manner
- DVCC Staff Person
- Lack Of Shelter Space Including Needs of Non Binary Persons
- Lack Of Data to Highlight Our Current Needs
- Staff Shortage
- Funding (Lack Of)
- Gaining Trust from Community, Especially Immigrants
- A Budget from The County
- Lack Of Resources Such as Transportation for Salinas Valley or South County
- Fear To Look for Resources (Cultural Fear)
- Lack Of Multilingual Services to Indigenous
- Staying Current with Current Demographics (I.E. Aging Population)
- Language Barriers
- Breaking The Silence (Shame Regarding D.V.)
- Not Enough Resources Close Enough for Victims
- Lack Of Educated Stakeholders On DV.

At next meeting we will use these responses to prioritize and chose 3, 4, or 5 attainable “smart” goals that align with our mission statement for a 3- or 5-year action plan. Please review list for priorities discussion at the next meeting.

**5. Working Group Reports**

A. Annual Conference Committee 2023 Volunteers Roderick Franks & Brett Mc. looking for more volunteers. Anyone willing to volunteer, email Elaine Mc. Roderick asked everyone to think of possible themes for this year’s conference. Roderick suggested: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Community Education Working Group Jillian indicated that the group has met and created a list of needed presentations on 8-10 topics and she asked if the DVCC would review the presentations gathered so far. Jillian to send presentations to EMc for initial review. Jillian thanked Elizabeth and Karlette for their work on this committee.

C. Offender Intervention Working Group Kelsey and Heriberto met with all the providers and discussed certification guidelines. If AB 304 passes DOJ will take over the role of certification.

D. Statistical Collection Working Group Joan Crenshaw in 2022, agreed to head up this working group and Pam Patterson and Lauren DaSilva volunteered to help. Joan is no longer the CSW DVCC representative, Pam has retired. Lauren agreed to tackle the first question: What statistics already exist and is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested please email Elaine Mc.

5:00      **7. Adjourn**

**Please Note: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 26, 2023, at 3:30 in-person at MCOE 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas.**

**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 and the Chair will ask your agency to appoint new member

**Participation at meetings:** Please have video cameras in the ON position and join in the discussion.