

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

DATE: May 24, 2023

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

PLACE: Remotely over Zoom

Members Attended: Virtual: Alma Sanchez (DA), Elaine McCleaf(YWCA), Erin Ortiz(Rape Crisis), , Roderick Franks(DSS), Heriberto Estrada(Probation), , Clara Vargas(APS), Lee Garland (District 4) Kenya Burton(District 1), Julia Marmolejo-Muruato(MCHD), Elizabeth Aguilar (District 3), Warren Hoy(Diocese of Monterey), Ana Vasquez(YWCA), Herendida Delena(Lideres Campesinas), , Priscilla Ortega (Homeless Sol) Kelsey Hansen(CHS)- excused,

Absent Members: Brett McFarland (MCOE)-- excused, Marisa Hernandez (CSW)-excused, Jeff Watkins (Chief's Assoc.)- excused, Sheriff Nieto/Jason Smith.

Associate Members Present: Jillian Santillanez (Army Family Advocacy) Karlette Anderson (Navy Family Advocacy)

Guests: Veronica Rios,

Public: Lilianna R.

Vacant Seats: Superior Court, Medical Society, District 2

3:34PM

1. Opening

DVCC Vice Chair Julia Muruato

A. Call to order and Introductions.

a. Quorum noted.

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

3:39 Motion to Accept April Minutes

Moved: W Hoy Second: EMc All in Favor: ALL Opposed: None

Motion to appoint Priscilla Ortega as Secretary of the DVCC and member of the Executive Committee as of June 1, 2023

Moved: EMc Second: EA All in Favor: All Opposed: None

- D. **Treasurer's Report** – Quarterly Report approx. \$29,000- no changes
- E. **Public comments and oral communications:** Lilliana described a vast hole in the DV service system, where the family court and child support do not interact hence conflicting orders and results occur. She needs legal representation and has been on her own using the Self-Help Center to file for divorce and custody. She was referred to MCL Legal Clinic as well as CLRA. Anyone with more information to assist, please contact Elizabeth Aguilar at Soledad PD.

3:52 PM **2. Updates and Announcements:**

Kelsey Kutter has successfully passed the rigorous course + testing and graduated from MPC Fire Academy.

Monterey Rape Crisis has two Child Abuse trainings coming up in June. Flyers will be distributed.

Elaine McCleaf's last day at the YWCA is 5/31/23. Priscilla Ortega has been voted in as the new secretary of the DVCC. Please notify Priscilla of any address or membership/appointee/alternate changes as well as your inability to attend a meeting so you can be listed "excused" in the minutes.

4:00 PM **Educational Speaker:** Kelsey Kutter described all services/programs offered by Community Human Services – see attached slides.

4:10 PM **3. New Business:**

- A. DVCC goals, Objectives, Action Steps discussion tabled to the June Meeting
- B. Re- Engaging with our County Supervisors during public comment section of a Board meeting (which is held on Tuesdays)- Volunteers: Brett, Julia, Elaine, Roderick, Lee, and Priscilla.
- C. Community Education Working group is looking for direction on how to publicize and present to the community on topics regarding DV. Asking if agencies are willing to share their current presentations and/or if the membership is willing to present their area of expertise. EMc suggested we include an awareness presentation on the DVCC.
Lee Garland offered to speak on effective communication. Julia suggested and volunteered to send out a survey to all members to see what presentations already exist, if agencies are willing to share and if each member is willing to be called upon to present. Results will be discussed at the June meeting.
- D. DVCC Conference in October- discussion created the following tentative plans:
 - Theme: Intersectionality & DV (Healthcare, Housing/Homelessness, Education, Economic Opportunity, Ethnicity, Bullying, Coercive

Control etc)

- Tentative date 10/20/23
- Location: MCOE or other facility obtained by Brett McF
- Refreshments: MCOE agreed to provide
- Kenya volunteered to assist with marketing the conference.
- Keynote speaker- one idea was to engage with Jessica Teresi, a survivor of child sexual abuse and intimate partner violence and addresses human trafficking. Her website: Jessicateresi.com
Our budget and Jessica's fee were discussed. Elaine to follow-up with Jessica via email (with ExCom and Conference Committee cc'd)

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4. Working Group reports

- A. Offender Intervention Working Group – haven't met. Heriberto from Probation announced they are in the process of certifying online DV and Parenting Skills providers.
- B. Statistical Collection Working Group – Joan not present.
- C. Family Justice Center Update: The DVCC donation of the \$20,000 according to the District Attorney's Finance Manager needs to be remitted to the County of Monterey for the FJC and he will accept on behalf of the FCJ.

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7. Adjourn

Please Note: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28 ,2023 and all agreed it would be held IN-PERSON, at MCOE 901 Blanco Cir, Salinas, Room G

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 a new member.

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