

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY

March Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Place: Zoom

Members in Zoom Attendance: Faye Bates (Vice Chair), Veronica Rios (Secretary), August Rivera (Treasurer), Alma Sanchez (DA), Debra Perez (Probation), Nicolas Kennedy (Sheriff's), Priscilla Ortega (Community Homeless Solutions), Ana Vasquez (YWCA), Jeanne Hori-Garcia (County Commission on the Status of Women), Mariel Arreola (DSS), Kenya Burton (District 1), Julia Marmolejo Muarto (Dept. of Health), Deacon Warren Hoy (Diocese of Monterey), Brett McFadden (Office of Education), Lauren DaSilva (Rape Crisis Center), Edgar Calvillo (APS), Kelsey Kutter (Community Human Services), and Herendida Delena (Lideres Campesinas).

Associate Members in Zoom Attendance: Jullian Santillanez (Army Family Advocate) and Karlette Anderson (Naval Family Advocate).

Members of the Public in Zoom Attendance: Amber Wasson, Elaine McCleaf, and Caitan Zamudio.

1. Opening DVCC Vice Chair Faye Bates

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** *Call Meeting to Order at 3:02pm.*
2. **Action:** Review and Approve February 2024 Minutes:
Motion made. All in favor: All Opposed: None
3. **Public Comments and/or Oral/Written Communications:** *None*

2. Updates and Announcements

1. **Update on current DVCC Financials:** *New Treasurer is working with previous treasurer to get all paperwork and information. An update on financials will be given next meeting.*

3. Educational

1. **Presentation from Chair Christine Duncan:** *This has been tabled to next meeting.*

4. New Business

1. **Leadership Cycle:** *Suggested extending the executive board positions to two years, instead of one year. It was recommended to check the bylaws for further guidance. If a change is requested, it needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors and can take a few months.*

2. **Proposed Development of New Working Groups:** *New work groups were introduced.*
 - Training and Development
 - Policy and Advocacy

3. **Agency Presentations:** *Discussion on scheduling agencies each month to present on services they offer, how other agencies can get involved and upcoming events. Looking for one to two agencies each meeting, starting in May. Agencies can email Veronica with the month they prefer. Julia will work with Faye to create a google document. Debra Perez from Probation, volunteered to do the first presentation.*

5. Old Business

1. **Review letter for submission to county Board of Supervisors:** *Those in favor of the letter discussed concerns of the DVCC having run its course, the need to go back to the Board of Supervisors to see what their vision for the committee is, the lack of outcomes from the DVCC, and the need to do more than just a conference every year.*

Those opposed to the letter discussed how the DVCC should revisit the mission statement, figure out a way to implement core goals and get back to networking, educational presentations and hosting events. The success of the DVCC is based on the participation of the membership.

The membership agreed to see if there are any changes with the new executive committee. The membership will revisit sending the letter in three months.

6. Working Group Reports

- **Offender Intervention Working Group:** *Debra Perez and Kelsey Kutter will begin meeting again in May. Please let Debra or Kelsey know if you would like to join the group.*
- **Statistical Collection Working Group:** *No update.*
- **Community Education Working Group:** *Stated the need for clarification and expectations be set for each work group before they convene.*
- **Annual Conference Committee:** *Waiting to meet with Christine about conference ideas. Have some speakers in mind. Alma Sanchez and Veronica Rios are on the committee. Alma extended an invitation for other members to join. Lauren DaSilva volunteered to be on the committee.*

7. Other Announcements

- *Deacon Warren Hoy announced he was retiring and this would be his last meeting on the DVCC. He does not know if there will be a replacement at this time. The membership took some time to thank him for his service to the DVCC and to the community. He will be missed.*
- *An idea to recognize members and/or organizations at the meeting was brought up. Will be discussed at a later time.*

8. Adjourn: *Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.*

Please Note: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 24,2024 via Zoom ([Will create new zoom link](#))

- **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.