

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 02.25.09

Guests Present: Darlene Acosta- South County Crisis Center, Aaron Woolsey- Shelter Outreach Plus, Bill Laughton- Salinas Parole Office

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, V. Barnes, A. Camacho, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, D. Jacroux, P. Jimenez, C. Mounteer, E. Robinson, R. Soto, M. Uppman,

Excused Absences: L. Nichols, P. Patterson, E. Rodriguez, A. Wheelus

Unexcused Absences (not present): B. Glick, D. Lang, V. Barnes, C. De Seguirant, R. Rodriguez, B. Shaw,

DATE: February 25, 2009

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: **Salinas Quadrangle Building, Room 110**
1000 S. Main Street

3:00-3:30

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by P. Jimenez at 3:02pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2008 and October 22, 2008:** Minutes were not approved. Item was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes)** Bill Laughton, CDCR Parole Supervisor- Salinas Office:

A brief overview of the service area and role of the local parole office was provided. Service area includes Monterey County and Santa Clara County. The following points were discussed:

- Domestic violence convictions after 1997 require parolees to take the 52-week offender classes with special conditions prohibiting contact with the victim.
- Penal code ## allows a victim to request that a parolee cannot live within 35 miles of the victim. The victim must fill out an application form with the District Attorney's Victim Witness program.
- If the parolee has been convicted of a domestic violence crime, he/she must have a parole board hearing. The victim may be asked to testify although they often times will not want to appear due to fear. In which case the victim may submit a written statement or testify without the parolee present. Victims do at times, recant.
- If a parolee is arrested for a domestic violence crime while on parole the crime may be prosecuted by the DA as a new charge as well as a violation of parole. If convicted of a felony crime, the parolee will receive a new prison sentence.
- There is a 12 month maximum sentence for a parole violation.

A recommendation was made for an increase in collaboration between the batterer's intervention providers and the Salinas parole office to ensure that parolees complete the 52-week program.

6. 3:30-4:30

Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee

P. Patterson

P. Jimenez reported that the committee met and prepared agenda/minutes.

b) Offender Intervention & Accountability

J. Adams

A meeting was held one week ago. The certified programs must reapply. ASI has presented an updated model of their curriculum.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

B. Shaw

B. Shaw was not present.

d) Victims Services

B. Glick

B. Glick was not present.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

No report.

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported the committee's plan for an in-service training versus a conference. Costs for an in-service training would be significantly lower than the annual conference. In the current economic crisis a more financially responsible event is a good idea. The training would be an all day event and held at one of the county sites (i.e.: the Agricultural Commissioner's Building in Salinas. The training may be held using a case study model where the keynote speaker would present along with a survivor and local agencies presenting on their role in the case study.

The reasons for opting for training for 2009 are:

- The 2009 deficit affecting community based organization and county departments.
- We anticipate low attendance due to budget restraints
- Transportation is at a high cost
- Speakers fees are increasing
- We anticipate a decrease in donations to support a conference

A council member opposes the idea of downsizing from a conference to an in-service training because it would lose momentum. The council reached a group consensus that an in-service training may be best at this time but may continue discussion on this matter.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief E. Rodriguez

Chief Rodriguez was not present.

h) Finance

N. Hatton

No report.

7. Action Items:

- a) Approve 2009 Executive Committee Nominees: P. Patterson as Chair, P. Jimenez as Vice-Chair, N. Hatton as Treasurer and R. Soto as Secretary. *Item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.*

8. New Business:

- a) Kathy Fisher was acknowledged as the alternate for the Monterey County Probation Department.
- b) A thank you letter was sent to R. Rygg and Chief F. Hardee.
- c) Annual DVCC Conference: will be conducted as an in-service training in 2009. Please refer to item 6F.
- d) Distribution of information concerning DV Ombudsman. Item was tabled due to P. Patterson's absence.

9. Old Business:

a) Update: PSA at Maya Cinemas: P. Patterson has confirmed with the cinemas management staff that the PSA is playing continuously. E. Robinson has seen the PSA and commented that it is very moving and impressive and noticed a positive reaction from the audience.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion:

- N. Hatton informed the council that the Probation Dept. will no longer refer batterers to specific batterer intervention programs. A list of programs will provided instead. This new process will help avoid waiting lists and provide referrals based on location, language, gender specific programs. The council requested a list for review.
- A. Woosley, coordinator for the DVRT program announced that the program is currently operating Friday-Monday in Sheriff Dept. beats 1, 2 and 3.. There are 10 volunteers, 2 of which are completely trained. The remaining 8 will be 'shadowing' the fully trained volunteers so that they may begin responding to calls on their own. Woosley is currently seeking additional funds to sustain the program.
- E. Robinson reported that a Californian reporter had inquired about an increase in child abuse reports due to the current economic crisis. Robinson advised that abuse reports have been lower in the most recent past. C. Mounteer also indicated that sexual assault cases have also decreased.
- C. Mounteer reported that the Together for Love Run raised nearly \$30,000. Mounteer did note there was a decrease in donor sponsors

11. Correspondence: None.

12. Next Meeting: March 25, 2009 - Suite 110

13. Adjournment: P. Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 3:45PM

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto