

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 6.24.09

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, V. Barnes, A. Camacho, L. Foster, Julia Garcia S. Goldman, B. Glick, N. Hatton, D. Jacroux, C. Mounteer, L. Nichols, P. Patterson, E. Robinson, E. Rodriguez, R. Rodriguez, B. Shaw, R. Soto, J. Teeter

Excused Absences: L. Nichols, M. Uppman

Unexcused Absences (not present): D. Smith, P. Jimenez

DATE: June 24, 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. Patterson at 3:08pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2009 Minutes:** Minutes approved. M/S/C J. Adams / E. Rodriguez
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None
- 6. 3:30-4:30**

Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee

P. Patterson

Met and prepared agenda/minutes.

b) Offender Intervention & Accountability

J. Adams

J. Adams reported that he did not attend the recent meeting. N. Hatton reported the group's current discussion is the recent change that Probation has made to their referral process. A list of available programs is now provided instead of a referral to a specific program. This new process may cause concern regarding the fee for service.

The group will have a meeting with Judges Bursleson with the purpose of informing them what challenges providers are facing especially when sentencing with conditional probation and a probation officer is not assigned to the defendant.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

B. Shaw

B. Shaw did not have a report. P. Patterson reported that she spoke with Felipe Navarro and confirmed that a 100 sq. ft. waiting room, along with a children's waiting room has been included in the building plans. The children's room will house a private childcare provider that would care for the children while parents are in court. It is unclear how the cost of the childcare provider will be covered. The plans should be finalized within 6-8 months. P. Patterson provided B. Shaw with a direct contact number for Felipe Navarro.

d) Victims Services

B. Glick

B. Glick reported that the North County DVRT program is currently operating. The program has not received many calls. The VISTA volunteer who coordinated the program is leaving in July and a new VISTA volunteer will step in as coordinator in July. An FESG grant has been written and submitted by DSES in the amount of \$17,000 to cover the cost of stipends.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that she will be conducting a training to first year residents in September.

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that a grant has been received in the amount of \$1,500 from CHOMP. The committee has met with E. Mc Cleaf who will be working with the keynote speaker and will establish a Q/A format in the presentation. Bob Glick will inquire on the status of the grant submitted to the California Endowment. The conference registration form is now available on the DVCC website.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief Rodriguez

Chief E. Rodriguez reported that P. Patterson will be presenting on the DVCC at the law chiefs association meeting in July.

h) Finance

N. Hatton

N. Hatton had no additional information to report aside from the \$1,500 received from CHOMP.

7. New Business:

- a) *DV and other Crime Statistics for Monterey County* *P. Patterson*
Patterson distributed a cheat sheet on how to access stats for county and state levels.
- b) *Domestic Violence Court Community Meeting* *Jerry Teeter*
Teeter reported that the purpose of the community meeting was to receive feedback on how the law can ensure that persons under an order to surrender firearms do in fact surrender. If accusations of being in possession of firearms are presented in court, law enforcement agencies can seize the firearms. There is a need to determine how to handle such cases, especially when the defendant claims they do not possess or have access to a firearm. The missing link is that a process to follow through with verifying that the defendant does not have access to a firearm is not in place.
- c) *Appointment of Alternate for Monterey County Rape Crisis Center: Nina Alcaraz* *P. Patterson*
New appointment was acknowledged by the council.
- d) *Appointment of Alternate for Monterey County Sheriff's Office: Jerry Teeter* *P. Patterson*
New appointment was acknowledged by the council.
- e) *Appointment of Appointed for Presidio of Monterey: Brian Shaw* *P. Patterson*
New appointment was acknowledged by the council.
- f) *Appointment of Alternate for Monterey County DSES: Julia Garcia* *P. Patterson*
New appointment was acknowledged by the council.

8. Old Business:

- a) **Membership:** Melissa Brand is a therapist in private practice was in attendance with the interest in representing the business community.
- b) **DVCC website -** Acknowledgement to Sherri Hall, District Attorney's office and Julia Gross of Monterey County I.T for all of their work on the website. Both individuals have been very cooperative and have dedicated time to keep both the internet and intranet sites updated. V. Barnes recommended a thank you letter should be sent to both individuals.
- c) **First Impressions video:** P. Patterson is working on obtaining permission to attach the video as a link on our website.
Media Campaign: CSUMB Film Dept. Mike Uppman was not present to report the status of his inquiry for interest on producing a PSA.
- d) **Update:** DV satisfaction survey, E. Rodriguez is currently working on reviewing and revising the survey. A report will be provided next month.
- e) **Update:** Early Release & Victim notification. Teeter reported that there is no specific information about DV offenders and early release. A victim may be notified when a defendant is released on bail after appearing for arraignment. However, if a defendant was convicted on an amended charge for assault, the charge may not require victim notification. The deputy bailiff would need to be informed by the prosecuting DA that another victim notification form needs to be submitted along with the new charge. Another possible solution would be that the information is included in the minute order. Victim Information Notification Everyday (**VINE**) would be another solution. The most recent information on VINE had been that it would be implemented in the first quarter of 2009. N. Hatton will assign her probation officer the responsibility to follow up with the designated contact at the Sheriff's office.

Q: Why isn't a restraining order enforced when the victim visits the defendant in jail?

A: There may be a mechanism in place to check for restraining orders but there are not enough resources to run a check for a restraining order on each visitor/defendant. The defendant would have to refuse the visit in order to adhere to the restraining order.

- f) **YWCA State budget cuts & local impact:** A letter from the state was sent to the YWCA with the notification that emergency shelters will not be included in the budget cuts. It is unclear if local shelter would be directly impacted. C. Munteer informed P. Patterson of a letter that can be sent to the state in support of the YWCA and local shelters.

A motion was passed to authorize the executive committee to send the state a letter in support of local shelter services. M/S/C V. Barnes/C. Munteer

A grant application was submitted in partnership with Shelter Outreach Plus for DV transitional housing. If awarded, the grant would fund Homeward Bound and a south county facility.

9. Information Sharing/Discussion: None

10. Correspondence: A self referral for DV services was sent to the DVCC. J. Garcia took the referral and will follow up on it.

11. Next Meeting: July 22, 2009-Suite 110

12. Adjournment: 3:58pm

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto