

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 5.27.09

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, V. Barnes, 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, M. Uppman

Excused Absences: D. Jacroux, P. Jimenez

Unexcused Absences (not present): A. Camacho, D. Smith

DATE: May 27, 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 3:13pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2009 Minutes:** Minutes approved. M/S/C J. Adams / Mounteer
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** DVD First Impressions...Exposure to Violence and a Child's Developing Brain. The DVD is the latest production by the California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center.

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 the work group did not meet.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

B. Shaw

B. Shaw reported that he has left numerous messages for Felipe Narraro and had no response.

d) Victims Services

B. Glick

B. Glick was not present to report.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that there is a need for a committee to be formed. The purpose of the committee will be to assist Goldman with domestic violence education for medical personnel

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that the committee has submitted a grant application to Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula. The date of the conference has been set for October 9, 2009 and will be held at Casa Munras in Monterey with a registration fee of \$25. The actual cost per person is \$30. The council asked if the full cost should be passed onto the registrant. The committee felt the fee was appropriate considering the menu options.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief Rodriguez

Chief Rodriguez had no information to report.

h) Finance

N. Hatton

N. Hatton had no information to report.

7. Action Items

- a) Approve Executive Committee authorization to provide letters of support to agencies applying for grants to provide domestic violence services. M/S/C V. Barnes/J. Adams

8. New Business:

- a) *Thank you letter to local businesses supporting SAAM activities.* The executive committee will send a thank you letter acknowledging local businesses that provided their sites as a venue to provide community education concerning sexual assault in April.
- b) *Thank you letter sent to Cmdr. Alan Wheelus for his service to DVCC.* Cmdr. Wheelus has retired from the Sheriff's Department and the council acknowledges his participation in the DVCC.
- c). *Membership;* P. Patterson reviewed the vacancies on the council. Patterson will contact the County Supervisors with vacancies about their appointees.

9. Old Business:

- a) *Media campaign planning;* the council launched the Children See Children Do public service announcement (PSA) with Maya Cinemas for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 2008. The council brainstormed on the idea of a new media release for 2009. It was suggested that a film be produced by CSUMB interns. M. Uppman will research this idea and determine the feasibility of CSUMB assisting with this project idea. Other discussion items were:

- Budget: the council will likely have to pay for prime time airings and any necessary production costs.
- Effectiveness of a PSA: there may be a way to measure the effectiveness of a PSA. With the Children See Children Do PSA, we only received two complaints.
- First Impressions; could be added as a link to the DVCC website.

- b) *DVCC DV Brochure;* an updated version of the brochure was distributed to the council for review.

- c) *DVCC Website;* the website has been updated.

- d) *Complaint form for DV clients;* DV clients currently are unaware that they have a forum to voice their concerns about their experience with law enforcement in a DV incident. P. Patterson developed a satisfaction survey that will be provided to victims and then submitted to the council or the Ombudsman for review. The survey will allow enough space for a detailed description of the incident for better evaluation of the circumstances and the victim's concern. The survey is currently in draft form and will be reviewed by Chief Rodriguez.

A common complaint from victims is that they are not given notice when the perpetrator will be released from jail. In one particular case the charge was with a 245 which is for battery and not domestic violence. Two questions arose from this point:

Q: Did the Sheriff institute a policy of not applying an early release to DV related charges?

A: This policy may have been instituted by a previous Sheriff and an incoming Sheriff can override it. Cmdr. Teeter will verify if this policy is currently in place.

Q: How does Marcy's Rights apply?

A: The victim must initiate.

- e) *DV Education – Presentations by Non-Profits to Schools, Religious Organizations, Private Businesses;*

The website updates include information for agencies that provide domestic violence community education.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion: A DV Court community meeting will be held on Thursday from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Steinbeck Center. The meeting is to discuss DV laws and gather public comment specifically on relinquishing firearms (registered or unregistered).

11. Correspondence: None

12. Next Meeting: June 24, 2009-Suite 110

13. Adjournment: 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto