

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 11.18.09

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: D. Acosta, C. De Seguirant, M. Donnelly, J. Garcia, B. Glick, D. Jacroux, E. McCleaf, C. Mounteer, P. Patterson, E. Rodriguez, R. Rodriguez, R. Soto, B. Shaw, J. Teeter, K. Fisher

Excused Absences: J. Adams, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, P. Jimenez, L. Nichols,

Unexcused Absences: V. Barnes, M. Uppman, E. Rodriguez,

DATE: November 18, 2009

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Salinas Quadrangle Building, Room 112
1000 S. Main Street

3:30-3:45

- 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 for October 28, 2009:** Minutes approved M/S/C McCleaf/J.Teeter
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None
- 6. 3:45-4:30**

Working Group Reports:

- a) Executive Committee** **P. Patterson**
Met and prepared agenda/minutes.
- b) Offender Intervention & Accountability** **J. Adams**
J. Adams was not present to report.
- c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee** **B. Shaw**
B. Shaw had no information to report.
- d) Victims Services** **B. Glick**
B. Glick was not present to report.
- e) Medical Services** **S. Goldman**
S. Goldman was not present to report.
- f) Annual Conference Committee** **S. Goldman**
S. Goldman was not present to report.
- g) DV Ombudsman** **Chief Rodriguez**
Chief E. Rodriguez reported on issue concerning the release of crime report information. This matter is pending review with the District Attorney's Office for compliance with family law, government and penal codes.
- h) Finance** **N. Hatton**
N. Hatton was not present to report.

7. **New Business:**

a) **Executive Committee nominations:** E. Mc Cleaf explained the background and process for executive committee nominations. R. Rodriguez and J. Garcia volunteered to assist on the nominations committee.

b) **DVCC collaboration with Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to host Brenda Clubine (film: Sin By Silence):** C. De Seguirant provided a brief overview of the message they hope to send to viewers and outlined the following events hosted by the CSW:

- **January 22, 2010 Women's Ball, Carmel**
- **January 23, 2010 Maya Cinema's Salinas**
- **January 24, 2010 TDB, Monterey**
- **January 25, 2010 South County Oaxacan Community Meeting, Greenfield**

Discussion concerning DVCC's collaboration included the following:

- DVCC may provide support by providing a resource table at each event.
- Venues: D. Jacroux may have a venue available, B. Shaw may be able to assist with securing the Stillwell Hall in Seaside, it was suggested that the Women's Health Program may be able to assist with securing CSUMB's World Theater.
- The target audience is the community at large. Media contacts have not been made at this point due to the need to confirm all venues.
- P. Patterson suggested that the DVCC sponsor the events at a platinum level of \$500. E. Rodriguez made a motion to approve a \$500 sponsorship. Motion second by D. Acosta. Discussion followed with one opposition by M. Donnelly. M. Donnelly opposes the motion due to the lack of clarity on what the message is; "okay to commit murder" and would like to see the film before voting. An explanation of the message of the film and the film's producer and Brenda Clubine was provided by B. Shaw, D. Jacroux, C. De Seguirant and E. Rodriguez. A special viewing of the film was arranged for all DVCC members who wish to see it for December 1st at 3:00pm at the Victim Witness Program office.

Motion carried with one opposition. M/S/C E. Rodriguez/D.Acosta

8. **Old Business:**

a) **Media Campaign:** (Mike Uppman) Report on CSUMB film dept. – are they interested in assisting us with a DV PSA. Item tabled.

b) **Update: First Impressions DVD approval from DOJ.** (M. Donnelly): M. Donnelly was able to copy onto a DVD with software. The cost for conversion is \$40 but the conversion will be low quality. Conversion at a higher quality would cost \$80. P. Patterson will view the DVD M. Donnelly copied, and if the DVD is not of a presentable quality, Pam will check with Julia Gross from the Monterey County I.T. Department for clarification on the possibility of conversion of the DVD and publishing to the DVCC website for \$80.00.

M. Donnelly mentioned that he has developed a PSA and is willing to show it to the DVCC for potential use in the future. The viewing will be done during the January meeting.

Guest Maria Echavarria offered assistance in developing radio PSA with Radio Bilingue.

9. **Information Sharing/Discussion:**

- B. Shaw announced that the last domestic violence related arrest on the Presidio was on May 17, 2009 (7 months without a domestic violence incident). The council asked whether this meant that domestic violence incidents have not occurred or are there domestic violence incidents that have not been reported. B. Shaw ensured the council that domestic violence incidences have not occurred.
- E. Mc Cleaf announced that the domestic violence court has been disbanded. Background: Domestic violence court was established in 1998. Public defenders have since papered every domestic violence case for biased judge. The public defender's letter to the court indicates that disbanding the domestic violence court is in the best interest of the defendant because they are allowed a fair and unbiased trial. Now all misdemeanor DV cases are going to any court. This process will now create inconsistencies with terms and conditions of the sentences. Kathy Fisher of Monterey County's Probation Department offered the following; These inconsistencies affect Probation Department's operations because

probation officers assigned to the defendant are likely to be non-domestic violence probation officers and do not have the necessary experience and knowledge to successfully monitor the defendants. Cases with private attorneys are still viewed by the domestic violence judge. Prosecutors evaluate and research each case to determine imminent danger and request a court protective order for a victim regardless if the victim is requesting the order. Public defenders object to these requests.

C. Munteer asked how agencies can best support the domestic violence prosecution team. A letter from an individual agency can be addressed to domestic violence Judge Robert Burlison and Presiding Judge Adrienne Grover..

- E. Rodriguez announced that his term as president of the Monterey County Law Enforcement Chiefs Association expires in December 2009. The new president will be Chief Paul Miller of Gonzales Police Department and the alternate will be Chief Tim Shelby of Monterey Police Department.

10. Correspondence: None

11. Next Meeting: January 27, 2010

12. Adjournment at 4:26pm

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto