

# Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 10.28.09

<b>Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present:</b> D. Acosta, J. Adams, M. Donnelly, J. Garcia, B. Glick, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, C. Mounteer, P. Patterson, E. Robinson, R. Rodriguez, R. Soto, B. Shaw, D. Smith, J. Teeter,
<b>Excused Absences:</b> D. Jacroux, P. Jimenez, L. Nichols,
<b>Unexcused Absences:</b> V. Barnes, M. Uppman, C. De Seguirant, E. Rodriguez,

**DATE:** October 28, 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 3:07pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes for September 30, 2009:** Correction- R. Rodriguez was present at the September meeting and was incorrectly marked as absent in the minutes. M/S/C J. Adams/C. Mounteer
- 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 via email and prepared agenda/minutes.
- b) Offender Intervention & Accountability** **J. Adams**  
J. Adams reported that the group is not scheduled to meet until December.
- c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee** **B. Shaw**  
B. Shaw reported that the status of the waiting room remains the same as previous months.
- d) Victims Services** **B. Glick**  
B. Glick reported that Monako Russell is now coordinator for DVRT.
- e) Medical Services** **S. Goldman**  
S. Goldman reported that a presentation is scheduled in January for NMC residents.

## **f) Annual Conference Committee** **S. Goldman**

P. Patterson reported that the conference was successful as a result of community effort. Thank you notes were received from Annie and Kristina. Evaluation results for 46 completed surveys were shared with the council. The most repeated comment was in regards to the size of the space being too small. The conference committee contacted Embassy Suites prior to the conference and asked that they please redirect potential conference attendees to Casa Munras. Embassy Suites left a voicemail message with N. Hatton, asking for the opportunity to meet and discuss the possibility of returning. Embassy Suites is willing to provide some flexibility and work with our budget constraints.

Other evaluation comments included;

- Concern that the conference was revictimizing and exploiting the victims. Council Response: all three survivors were thoroughly and extensively prepared and given counseling. All three insisted on being there together.

- Overall phenomenal. Council response: an attempt to sugar coat what the survivors went through would be demeaning.
- Was great to have such a variety of perspectives.
- Former officer: found it to be engaging.

Past conferences have been more prevention, education and clinically based. This year's conference highlighted a local case from an area where violence is rarely heard of.

Thank you letters were sent to Annie, Kristina and all conference volunteers. As a result of their presentation, conference attendees offered housing and a job opportunity.

**g) DV Ombudsman**

**Chief Rodriguez**

Chief E. Rodriguez was not present to report.

**h) Finance**

**N. Hatton**

N. Hatton reported that conference expense totals may reflect a loss estimated at \$759.96. The committee will seek funding to cover the deficit from CAPC.

A finance report for the third quarter was provided.

**7. Action Items:**

**a) Approve reduction of DVCC meetings for 2010.** A motion was made to approve the reduction of meetings by eliminating meetings for the months of June, July and December.

M/S/C C. Mounteer/J. Adams

**b) Approve the revised DV Questionnaire and it's posting onto the DVCC website.** A motion was made to approve the DV Questionnaire, which has been made available in both English and Spanish, and it's posting on the DVCC website. M/S/C J. Adams/C. Mounteer

**8. New Business:**

a) Membership: Martin Donnelly appointed by Supervisor Parker as the "appointed" Melissa Brand has resigned as the business community appointed representative. Item was acknowledged.

b) Thank you card from Annie and Kristina received: Item was acknowledged.

**9. Old Business:**

a) Media Campaign: (Mike Uppman) Report on CSUMB film dept. – are they interested in assisting us with a DV PSA. Item tabled to the next meeting due to M. Uppman's absence.

b) Update: First Impressions DVD approval from DOJ. Cost for conversion to web compatible file. P. Patterson reported that the cost for IT to convert the video and have it uploaded onto the website is \$80. The cost to convert and create a webpage would cost between \$240 and \$400. M. Donnelly may possibly be able to convert it, he will take a look at it and report back. A question presented was if the Attorney General requires us to protect the conversion so that others cannot copy or alter it? The approval we received only requires that we not charge for viewing.

**10. Information Sharing/Discussion**

**11. Correspondence:** A letter was received informing us of VINE for other counties, Monterey County remains on hold. A thank you letter was received from Harmony-At-Home. A thank you note was received from Martha Ellin.

**12. Adjourned:** 3:50pm

**13. Next Meeting:** November 18, 2009

*Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto*