

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 9.30.09

Guest: CSUMB Intern for YWCA

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: D. Acosta, J. Adams, V. Barnes, J. Garcia, B. Glick, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, D. Jacroux, C. Mounter, P. Patterson, E. Robinson, E. Rodriguez, R. Soto, B. Shaw, D. Smith, J. Teeter, M. Uppman

Excused Absences: M. Brand, P. Jimenez, L. Nichols, R. Rodriguez

DATE: September 30, 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 3:35pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes for June 24, 2009, July 22, 2009, and August 26, 2009:** Correction- C. Mounter was not present at the July meeting. Minutes approved with correction. M/S/C J. Adams/C. Mounter
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None

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 reported that the group did not meet this month.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

B. Shaw

P. Patterson reported that we are awaiting the demolition and construction of the new courthouse.

d) Victims Services

B. Glick

B. Glick reported that DVRT is still in operation and is working with Michelle O'Brien with coordinating the program. The program can no longer be coordinated by a VISTA volunteer since the program has already been implemented. DSES has granted \$17,000 in funding for the program.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that Katherine Shaw is now part of her team. Monterey County's WIC program requested a speaker for domestic violence information and was referred to YWCA.

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

P. Patterson reported that the conference has exceeded capacity and registrations are no longer accepted. In past conferences, 50% of the attendees have been onsite registrations (registrations submitted on the day of). At this point any onsite registrations will have to be turned away. The low price and specific interest in the case has attracted more people this year. A press release will only be sent out with the purpose of seeking media coverage and not a community invitation to attend. POST accreditation and CEU's for MFT and LCSW have also been made available. There is a possibility that the conference will be recorded for those who are unable to attend and are interested in the conference. C. Mounter offered the use of her agency's recording equipment.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief Rodriguez

Chief E .Rodriguez had no report.

P. Patterson presented the revised DV questionnaire. The questionnaire will be translated and available in Spanish.

P. Patterson also presented an issue where victims have had difficulty accessing their crime reports. The specific case is where a survivor is receiving legal assistance from the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) to process the U Visa request for a fee of \$800. CRLA had previously provided this service at no cost. Catholic Charities also offers the service for a low fee. Central Coast Citizenship Project no longer offers this service. One of the requirements for submitting a U Visa application is to include a police report of the domestic violence crime.

According to DV Report Act 1999 indicates that there are no requirements and victims are entitled to a report. The question arose if there is conflict with the penal code that mandates that reports be kept confidential. Chief Rodriguez will consult with law enforcement chiefs and P. Patterson will consult with District Attorney Terry Spitz.

h) Finance

N. Hatton

N. Hatton reported that next month's financial report will show conference expenses and conference contributions including Salinas Valley Memorial Health Systems, Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, California Endowment and Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC). There is a possibility that additional CAPC funds will cover any potential deficit. The initial funding granted by CAPC will cover scholarships. Dr. Barnes expressed her concern that the low cost of the registration fee will cause the deficit and that the low capacity will discourage potential attendees for future conferences.

7. Action Items:

- a) **Ratify executive committee's decision to elect Shelter Outreach Plus as the beneficiary of the conference raffle proceeds.** M/S/C C. Mounteer/D. Jacroux
- b) **Approve the revised DV Questionnaire and it's posting onto the DVCC website.** Item tabled as it will be translated into Spanish.

8. New Business:

- a) **Board of Supervisors District 3: appointed Darlene Acosta as member and Alberto Camacho as alternate.** Appointee and alternate members acknowledged.

9. Old Business:

- a) **Media Campaign: (Mike Uppman) Report on CSUMB film dept. – are they interested in assisting us with a DV PSA.** M. Uppman will follow up with CSUMB and will also connect with Maia Carroll, Communications Coordinator for Monterey County.
- b) **Update: First Impressions DVD approval from DOJ. Cost for conversion to web compatible file.** Item tabled as more information is needed. It was suggested that perhaps the video is already posted on YouTube.
- c) **Raffle Baskets;** P. Patterson thanked those who brought their baskets to the meeting.
- d) **Reduction of DVCC meetings for 2010;** discussion concluded with an agreement on meeting only nine months in 2010. There will be no meetings for the months of June, July and December. The meeting time will remain at 3:00pm. The council will vote next month to approve this change.
- e) **Updated DV Questionnaire:** see items 6G and 7B.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion: P. Patterson announced that the councilmember welcome packet along with the bylaws is now available on the DVCC website. The grand jury reports will also be posted on the website once they are located.

R. Soto announced and distributed flyers for the Binational Health Week activities.

11. Correspondence:

12. Next Meeting: October 28, 2009

13. Adjournment: 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Soto