

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 8/25/10

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, K. Adamson, S. Brunk, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, E. McCleaf, P. Miller, C. Munteer, P. Patterson, R. Rodriguez, R. Soto, D. Smith, J. Teeter

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences: D. Acosta, V. Barnes, J. Garcia, B. Glick, L. Nichols, B. Shaw, N. Shumpert, M. Uppman

Guest: Eladia Romero- DSES

DATE: August 25, 2010

TIME: 3:30pm

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

3:30-4:00

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by R. Soto at 3:34pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** Two items added: Item a) under New Business: Discussion of PC 1463.27; Item b) under New Business: District 2 DVCC newly appointed member.
- 3. Approval of Minutes for May 26, 2010.** Minutes approved. M/S/C Adamson/Teeter
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** Felipe Navarro, or a representative from Superior Court were expected to attend the meeting to discuss the victim waiting room under construction in the new courthouse. Unfortunately, no one showed.

4:00-4:30

6. Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee

R. Soto

R. Soto reported. Met and prepared agenda/minutes.

b) Offender Intervention & Accountability

J. Adams

J. Adams reported. There was a meeting last Wednesday. The providers are interested in this year's conference topic. There were no problems to report.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

P. Patterson

P. Patterson reported that Felipe Navarro was expected to attend today's meeting today, but unfortunately he was not present. She recently read an article in the Monterey Herald about the new courthouse waiting room and would like to know exactly who the room will be for, as the newspaper article reported "New area for children and families in juvenile dependency cases, drug testing for drug court cases and a jury assembly room." Nothing mentioned about "victim room." P. Patterson spoke to Navarro about the article and he assured her there will be a victim waiting room.

d) Victim Services

B. Glick

No report. B. Glick was not present.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman stated there is nothing to report at this time.

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that we need at least one more donation. She has spoken to the Diocese of Monterey and they are thankfully willing to pay for the three speakers that are expected to come from Homeboy Industries, but we still need a little more money. P. Miller stated he will make a donation request at the next chief’s meeting. J. Adams shared with the group how interesting the story is regarding Homeboy Industries and the story behind our interest in them to come to speak at the conference; contacting Homeboy Industries and Fr. Boyle. S. Goldman shared with the group that she had the idea after listening to Fr. Boyle speak about the program on NPR. Although she was unable to get Fr. Boyle to come, she has been able to secure one of their domestic violence counselors to speak and bring two homeboys with her. The maximum occupancy for the venue is 150. We still need more volunteers from DVCC because we need someone to be in charge of the vendor area. We usually have vendors come to the conference and set up tables where attendees can obtain resources.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief P. Miller

Chief P. Miller had no issues to report but encouraged everyone to let him know of any problems or complaints that we hear.

h) Finance

J. Teeter

J. Teeter provided the second quarter finance report. The only expense we had during the period was the post office box rental fee.

7. Action Items:

- a) Approve goals for DVCC for the upcoming year: A motion to approve the short term goal to expand the membership and update the DVCC by-laws was approved as written.

M/S/C Adams/Teeter

The motion to approve the long term goal to work with the county and courthouse administration to ensure the victim waiting room is built to include our \$20,000 in dedicated funding was not approved.

M/ J. Adams

The council discussed the history of the \$20,000 donation. The money was originally given to help with victim safety. E. McCleaf stated she remembers that it may have first been designated to go towards funding VINE, but was later modified to support a waiting room for victims in the county courthouse. E. McCleaf recommended that the executive board contact Bob Glick, as SOP was the source by which the money was originally entrusted to, and pursue other acceptable possibilities. The council agreed that the next step would be to research possible uses for the funding.

- b) Motion approved to revise Working Groups to: a) Executive Committee (including finance); b) Annual Conference Committee; and c) Membership, and also to revise our Reports to become: Agenda Item 7, a) Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) provider’s meeting; b) Victim Waiting Room; c) Victim Services; d) Medical Services; and e) DV Ombudsman.

M/S/C Adams/McCleaf

- c) Motion approved to name Rosemary Soto as chair and Shandell Brunk as vice-chair.

M/S/C Adams/Adamson

- d) Motion approved to reimburse Rancho Cielo \$200 for improvements already made to silhouette stands. The cost is for the supplies. C. Mounteer suggested we send a thank you letter.

M/S/C McCleaf/Adams

- e) Motion approved to contribute \$500 to the CAPC to help fund the free distribution of the “First Impressions” video throughout Monterey County with the goal of reducing the impact of domestic violence on children.

M/S/C Adamson/McCleaf

8. New Business:

- a) Discussion of 1463.27 PC: E. McCleaf passed out a copy of the penal code section and explained that this section was brought to her attention by ADA Terry Spitz. The section reads that the Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, authorize a fee of not more than \$250 dollars be imposed for 243(e) and 273.5 cases and such fees shall be used to fund a DV prevention program that focuses on assisting rural groups such as immigrants, refugees or those living in rural communities. If programs already exist, the funding can go to those already established programs. The Board of Supervisors must request a fund be so dedicated. E. McCleaf suggested the DVCC look into this matter and contact the Board of Supervisors. All advocacy agency representatives agreed.
- b) Rosemary Soto announced that Noah Shumpert has been named as the Appointed member to represent BOS District 4, replacing Martin Donnelly.

9. Old Business:

- a) Verification of brochure use by Monterey County's 15 law enforcement agencies: P. Miller stated that the officer he previously assigned to complete this task reportedly completed it, but has since left the department. P. Miller does request that anyone who becomes aware of an agency using outdated brochures to let him know and he will follow up. For this year, the verification has been satisfied.
- b) Update on PSA media campaign: M. Uppman and B. Glick were not present. P. Patterson suggested that we have met our obligation for awareness this year through our posting of the "First Impressions" DVD onto the DVCC website.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion: E. McCleaf shared that the structure of the court has changed in regard to the domestic violence calendars. There is now 1 felony DV court and 1 misdemeanor DV court. Both Judge Butler and Judge Culver, who are assigned to the domestic violence courts, have recently completed a two week training which included training on domestic violence issues. McCleaf suggested we invite both judges to the DVCC meetings and include them in the roster to receive agendas and minutes of the meetings. She also shared that Judge Butler is asking victims for identification when they appear in court to request the criminal protective order be modified to allow contact. Information was also shared that retired Justice Buckley is contacting various agencies to speak to providers and victims.

11. Correspondence: None.

12. Next Meeting: September 22, 2010, at the Quadrangle.

13. Adjournment: 4:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton